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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the number of FOI requests received by his department in 2016; the number of staff working in this section; the number that have been refused; and the number appealed. — Brendan Howlin. [11759/17]

2. To ask the Taoiseach the number of freedom of information requests received by his department in 2016; the number granted; and the number refused and appealed respectively. — Gerry Adams. [13985/17]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his department's recently published Strategy Statement 2016-2019. — Gerry Adams. [12044/17]

4. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to implement his strategic priorities as laid out in his recent Strategy Statement. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12132/17]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the supports his department provide to independent ministers of government, as outlined in his department's strategy. — Micheál Martin. [12054/17]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Prime Minister May on 9 March 2017 and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [13174/17]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation and discussions with Prime Minister May following the Northern Ireland Assembly elections. — Brendan Howlin. [13187/17]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the British Prime Minister, Ms Theresa May on 9 March 2017. — Gerry Adams. [13682/17]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Theresa May at the EU summit held on 9 March 2017. — Eamon Ryan. [13923/17]

10. To ask the Taoiseach the discussions he has had with Michelle O'Neill MLA and Arlene Foster MLA since the Northern Ireland Assembly elections. — Joan Burton. [13988/17]

11. To ask the Taoiseach the discussions he has had with Prime Minister Theresa May regarding any revisions in the timeline for the invoking of Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty by the United Kingdom government. — Joan Burton. [13989/17]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he held any bilaterals with any EU leaders at the 9 March 2017 EU Council meeting; and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [13175/17]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the outcome of the European Council meeting on 9 and 10 March 2017. — Brendan Howlin. [13188/17]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his department's preparations for the forthcoming European Council meeting in Rome. — Joan Burton. [13424/17]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if his attention has been drawn to the comments by President Hollande regarding the establishment of a two speed European Union; and if he has discussed this with President Hollande. — Joan Burton. [13425/17]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the informal meeting of European Union heads of state or government held on 10 March 2017. — Gerry Adams. [13683/17]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his trip to the USA to commemorate St Patrick's Day 2017; the bilaterals that were held; the issues that were discussed directly with President Trump; and if the Irish undocumented were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [13176/17]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with President Trump and his other engagements during his visit to the United States of America for St. Patrick's Day. — Brendan Howlin. [13186/17]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with President Trump in Washington. — Joan Burton. [13423/17]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United States of America. — Gerry Adams. [13681/17]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the outcome of his discussions with President Trump and with members of the US House of Representatives and Senate in relation to immigration reform. — Brendan Smith. [13876/17]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he had discussions with Irish representative organisations in relation to immigration reform during his recent visit to the US. — Brendan Smith. [13877/17]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United States of America and meetings with President Donald Trump and members of his administration. — Mick Barry. [13921/17]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his trip to the United States of America as part of his St Patrick's Day visit. — Eamon Ryan. [13924/17]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if discussions arose in his recent meetings in the United States in relation to the implications for the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement following Brexit. — Brendan Smith. [14183/17]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if discussions arose in his recent meetings in the United States in relation to the implications of Brexit for all of the island. — Brendan Smith. [14184/17]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meetings with religious leaders. — Ruth Coppinger. [13920/17]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on any recent meetings he has held with church leaders and faith communities. — Gerry Adams. [13987/17]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

29. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans on securing the long term future and viability of An Post, particularly in view of recent reports that wide spread closures are predicted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [14097/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he is pursuing in view of the difficulties faced by An Post; and the timeframe for the necessary changes to be made at the company and the implementation of the Kerr Report recommendations. — Brian Stanley. [14096/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to speed up the roll out of the national broadband plan; if there is a timeframe on the urgent points identified in the implementation programme on mobile phone and broadband access document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [14098/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will prioritise investment in the rehabilitation of the former mining sites around the Silver Mines; and if he will consider compulsory purchase orders for land within the proximately of the proposed hydroelectric plant. — Alan Kelly. [14229/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he plans to implement the motion regarding the North South interconnector that was passed by Dáil Éireann on 16 February 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [14228/17]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

34. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the mechanisms in place for inter departmental cooperation to achieve the implementation of the national mitigation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13941/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will investigate the possibility of Coillte transferring a single wind turbine in a location (details supplied) to local community ownership which could provide free electricity for residents in a five to ten mile radius of the wind farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [13289/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of jobs created in 2016 and maintained to date in County Kildare under the GeoScience Ireland

- Enterprise Ireland Business Cluster Initiative; his plans for this initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [13927/17]

37. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider the creation of a renewable electricity feed-in tariff for micro generation using Action 114 of the Action Plan for Rural Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [13697/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to improve Ireland's air quality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [13893/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he plans on announcing details of the next REFIT scheme; if PV solar energy will be included in this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [13896/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the implementation of the Fianna Fáil motion that was passed by Dáil Éireann regarding the North South Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13039/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of Ireland's national mitigation plan as part of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015; and his views on whether it will be sufficient for Ireland to meet its renewable energy and emissions targets. — Brian Stanley. [13888/17]

42. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of the tyre industry regarding the monopoly on collection and recycling and the issue of excessive costs. — Brian Stanley. [13887/17]

43. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to tackle broadband deficits in blackspots such as Legan and Ardagh, County Longford in the period while the National Broadband Plan is out to tender and before it is implemented, in view of the damage this deficit is causing to local businesses on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13184/17]

44. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which his plans have progressed to develop the alternative energy sector, in view of international trends and the extent to which dependency on imported fuels is likely to increase in the absence of a robust non fossil fuel sector; the degree to which reliance on foreign imports and costs associated therewith can be reduced significantly in the next ten years by way of the development of all viable alternatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13925/17]

45. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for further funding in 2017 in developing and enhancing infrastructure associated with angling (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13689/17]

46. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil an mbeidh maoiniú breise ar fáil faoin gciste caipitil Oibreacha um Fhorbairt na Slatiascaireachta cosúil leis an maoiniú a leithdháil a Roinn i gcomhar le hIascach Intíre Éireann an Nollaig seo caite; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Brendan Griffin. [13944/17]

47. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the discussions he has had with the Minister for Housing, Planning and Community and Local Government on new planning guidelines for wind turbines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [13895/17]

48. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the action which has been taken to address the concerns regarding the low level of prosecutions of big business polluters raised in the formal review of the EPA conducted by a person (details supplied) and the lack of accountability of the EPA resulting from its immunity from prosecution. — Mick Barry. [13932/17]

49. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the draft bio-energy plan; when he anticipates publishing this plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [13894/17]

50. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way the mobile phone and broadband task force plans to deal with the impact that Brexit will have on coverage and roaming charges for persons in border communities. — Brian Stanley. [13886/17]

51. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has had any contact or discussions with his US counterpart on the issue of climate change and targets contained in the Paris Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13930/17]

52. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the current projected commencement date and completion date for the national broadband plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13042/17]

53. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he has taken since the passing in Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann of Fianna Fáil Private Members' Motions in relation to the proposed North/South Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13890/17]

54. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the national broadband plan; his views on the latest ComReg report which highlights that only 7,623 households and businesses have a fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13935/17]

55. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures being taken to ensure efficient rollout of the national broadband scheme to rural areas in particular; if he envisages that current timelines will be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [13937/17]

56. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions he is taking to ensure, in the event of a nuclear accident related to the generation and storage of nuclear power in the UK, the safety of the public in view of the proposed exit of the UK from the Euratom Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [13943/17]

57. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the additional measures he has taken to increase the proportion of electric vehicles here;

and the measures taken to expedite the roll out of on street charging infrastructure. — Eamon Ryan. [13939/17]

58. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to promote the uptake of electric vehicles here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13933/17]

59. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of proposals to establish a gas pipeline in County Longford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13185/17]

60. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress he is making with the waste industry to ensure when proposed pay-by-weight charges for refuse collection are introduced later in 2017 they will not result in price rises for households, which occurred in July 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13693/17]

61. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the planned expansion and extension of broadband services has progressed in the past twelve months; the extra areas now in receipt of service; the priorities planned for the near future in this regard; when it is expected that all service black spots might be eliminated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13926/17]

62. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the policy on supporting stakeholders in the creation and maintenance of geoparks, such as the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, in view of the environmental and economic benefits of this UN designation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [13694/17]

63. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the effects he anticipates Brexit will have on Ireland's gas supply; and the measures he is taking to deal with this. — Brian Stanley. [13885/17]

64. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has commissioned an independent report incorporating international industry expertise as requested in the Fianna Fáil Private Members' Motions passed in Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13891/17]

65. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he first announced plans to introduce the awaited national broadband plan; the dates on which various ministers held press conferences to publicise it; the expected commencement and completion dates given at each of these press conferences; the current projected commencement date and completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13041/17]

66. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions taken to meet the objective of recognising angling as a key leisure and recreation pursuit, which is one of the key objectives of the National Strategy for Angling Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [13884/17]

67. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the implementation of the mobile phone coverage audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13040/17]

68. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is engaging with the private sector adequately to insure accessibility to broadband coverage in south County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13696/17]

69. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will fast track the legislation to introduce a permanent ban on the dangerous practice of hydraulic fracturing here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [13880/17]

70. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way the acquisition of a company (details supplied) by Bord na Mona will provide a sustainable solution for its horticulture business while maintaining employment at its Kilberry plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13695/17]

71. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way Ireland will meet its EU 2020 CO2 emission reduction targets; if it is expected that Ireland will not meet those targets, the amount it is anticipated the shortfall will be; the penalties that will be faced if these targets are not met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [13940/17]

72. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the implementation of the Dáil Éireann approved Private Members Business Motion on Rural Broadband of July 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13883/17]

73. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has satisfied himself that the oversight role of his department with regard to adherence to the revised codes of practice for State bodies 2016 is fit for purpose with particular regard to oversight of the national broadcaster RTÉ. — Clare Daly. [13881/17]

74. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of times, since 2007, Inland Fisheries Ireland have inspected a privately operated tailrace at Clohamon on the River Slaney; the number of salmon removed from this tailrace during that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [13687/17]

75. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has reached a decision on whether to grant permission for a company (details supplied) to purchase a media group; and his views on the concerns raised in the recent public consultation on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [13889/17]

76. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the actions in terms of the National Strategy for Angling Development for improving and developing angling for recreation and leisure in addition to the tourism potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13688/17]

77. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of his plans for the television licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [13038/17]

78. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to secure Ireland's energy future following the United Kingdom's decision to leave the EU. — Timmy Dooley. [13892/17]

79. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the implementation of the national broadband plan in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [13936/17]

80. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has been provided with information on the proposed closure of 200 post offices; the estimated effects this will have on jobs and postal services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [13928/17]

81. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on the forecast level for renewable energy generation in the heat, transport and power sectors by 2020; and the additional measures he is introducing to prevent future fines for failure to comply with the EU Renewable Energy Directive. — Eamon Ryan. [13938/17]

82. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the precise factors affecting salmon and eel stocks on the River Slaney; the reasons ten years after net fishing licences were suspended and the eel management plan came into place, these stocks have not improved to meet conservation limits; the actions he intends to take in order to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [13686/17]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*83. To ask the Taoiseach if he has held meetings with Ireland's religious leaders or orders recently. — Micheál Martin. [13177/17]

*84. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff that were employed in his department in 2015, 2016 and 2017. — Micheál Martin. [13179/17]

*85. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Freedom of Information requests received by his department that the Chief State Solicitor's Office has incurred expenses on dealing with for each of the past three years and in 2017 to date; and the amount of fees for counsel and other legal costs incurred respectively for each of the past three years and in 2017 to date. — Catherine Murphy. [12783/17]

*86. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons that travel from here to Northern Ireland in tabular form; and the number of persons that travelled from Northern Ireland to here to work in 2015 and 2016. — Charlie McConalogue. [12866/17]

*87. To ask the Taoiseach if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13347/17]

*88. To ask the Taoiseach the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided

services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14139/17]

*89. To ask the Taoiseach if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14570/17]

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

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her views on calls for the strengthening of the European Accessibility Act at European Parliament level to ensure the legislation protects the rights of those with disabilities to access goods and services across Europe including here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13491/17]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of visas that were applied for in 2014, 2015 and 2016; the categories under which; the waiting time for each category; her plans to reduce waiting times for each category; the reason the delays generally arise from; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13702/17]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the Registry of Deeds at Henrietta Street maintain a strict policy of no digital photos, which is contrary to the policy of the National Archives, the National Library, most universities and county council archives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13733/17]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated full year cost of setting up an agency comparable to the child maintenance service in Northern Ireland. — John Brady. [13854/17]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the method of calculation new wind farm developments are subject to in order to calculate the rateable valuation of the development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [13036/17]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her position in relation to the challenge by a person (details supplied) to the standard contractual clauses for the transfer of data from the EU to non-EU locations such as the US; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14080/17]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if the Data Protection Commissioner will be more vigilant than in the past regarding companies that use personal data for commercial purposes without consent, specifically taking into account the new regulatory context opened by the General Data Protection Regulation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14081/17]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will consider the installation of CCTV cameras on the bridges over the river Shannon at Tarmonbarry, Rooskey, Ballyleage and Lanesborough in counties Roscommon and Longford to help combat criminal gangs that are using these routes. — Eugene Murphy. [12784/17]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if her department or the Gardaí have any claim to the ownership in full or part to a golf club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [12812/17]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the role of Gardaí and immigration officials in the US pre-clearance process to ensure that in the exercise of their public functions, a person's rights under the Constitution, European Convention on Human Rights, EU law or international human rights law will not be violated. — Jonathan O'Brien. [12825/17]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a sports club (details supplied); if it has individual financial accounts; the way in which the club is financially accountable within the Gardai; if she has satisfied herself with the way in which the club has been run; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [12828/17]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the property and land the Gardai own in an area (details supplied); if the property and land has been rented or sold; and if so, the source of the funds received within the Gardai accounts. — Alan Kelly. [12829/17]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will meet with a person (details supplied) and respond directly to a matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12853/17]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if the interdepartmental working group preparing heads of bills and legislation on providing access for An Garda Síochána to the State's industrial relations structures contains any persons from the Garda representatives associations; if not, the reason for their exclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12870/17]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for a visa in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12872/17]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the reason third level degrees attained by members of An Garda Síochána over a period of more than four years are not accepted for the purpose of pay increments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12883/17]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if a business undergoing a revaluation for the purposes of commercial rates decides to appeal the results of the revaluation process could be subject to an increase in its valuation; if so, her views on whether it is unfair; and if she will review this matter. — Barry Cowen. [12897/17]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if further consideration has been given to bring forward the start of summer time to the last weekend in February; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [12940/17]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the proposed inquiry into allegations made by a person (details supplied) and which the government previously indicated would be the subject of an inquiry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [12943/17]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she or her office have received correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to the person's interaction with the Garda Síochána; and the actions that were taken in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [12973/17]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will respond directly regarding the current financial rules that apply to American retirees wishing to retire here (details supplied); her immediate plans to change the current requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [12983/17]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to close or move the training unit in operation in Mountjoy Prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [13001/17]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to increase the number of community Gardaí based at Lucan, Ronanstown, Ballyfermot, Leixlip and Clondalkin Garda stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13014/17]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if discussions have taken place with An Garda Síochána and the Garda Commissioner in relation to the importance of community Gardaí as a knowledge base for tackling drug related crime, identifying potential flashpoints and providing positive and trusted engagement with local communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13015/17]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to replace or upgrade the PULSE system (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13016/17]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the methodology used for awarding points to persons in a location (details supplied) to purchase food on the new on site supermarket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13075/17]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the amount a point used at the new on site supermarket in a location(details supplied) equates to in Euro currency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13076/17]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the person that sets the price for the items available at the new on site supermarket at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13077/17]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the independent review mechanisms and oversight in operation to monitor the prices set by the new on site supermarket at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13078/17]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the reason persons cannot be given a food allowance to buy their items in a supermarket of their choice instead of using a points system which only allows them to purchase items from the on site supermarket at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13079/17]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the investment plan for the training unit in Mountjoy Prison; and her plans for the unit and its long term role in the rehabilitation of prisoners. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13083/17]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a Garda station in Dromahair, in view of the national review of An Garda Síochána stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13097/17]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if all members of An Garda Síochána will receive diversity training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13125/17]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the contracts entered into by her department and its agencies with a company (details supplied); the nature of these contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13145/17]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the contracts entered into by An Garda Síochána with a company (details supplied); the nature of these contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13146/17]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the detail of the assets seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) in Cork city and county or assets located elsewhere but owned by persons in Cork city and county for each year since 2010; the details of such assets currently held by CAB; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13156/17]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of burglaries reported in Drogheda, Dundalk, Ardee, Dunleer, Laytown and Bettystown by quarter over the last 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [13164/17]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the percentage of the prison population made up of non nationals that currently are in prisons here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13229/17]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 53 of 16 February 2017 (details supplied), if each driver was convicted of just one offence of drink driving; the number of drivers that were convicted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [13280/17]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide an update on the establishment of a new fraud database as set out in the report of the Cost of Insurance Working Group and its 33 recommendations; if additional staff will be hired for this unit; the intended budget to be allocated; the way this information will be gathered and stored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9544/17]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of her department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13321/17]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí in the Louth division currently on long term leave or sick leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [13331/17]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will have the Dáil Éireann records corrected, with regard to the Parliamentary Question number 623 of 28 June 2005, in which it was incorrectly stated that it was in July 2000 as the storage site Clancy Barracks had been sold; and if she will correct the record to correctly state that the sale was completed on 26 March 2004. — Seán Crowe. [13376/17]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the Legal Services Regulatory Authority; if it will have a role in adjudicating on claims that currently involve the taxing master; if so if this role will be retrospective; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [13444/17]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when Part 7 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 relating to enduring powers of attorney shall be commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13449/17]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will expedite a join family visa application for a person (detail supplied) whose application for a visa was made on 29 February 2016 and is still pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13476/17]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will review a visa application for family reunification in the case of a person (details supplied); the correct procedure to be followed by the persons that wish to appeal the decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13489/17]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when a resident Garda will be provided in Rathdowney, County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [13502/17]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the total number of fixed charge penalty point notices that were issued to drink drivers detected at BAC levels between 50mg and 80mg in each of the years 2012 to 2016; the number of drivers that paid the FCN within the time limit; the number of drivers that were summonsed to court for failing to pay the FCN; the number of drivers that were convicted; the number of driver licence numbers recorded on conviction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [13508/17]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she has the final figures of the precise costs to the State in facilitating Prince Charles' visit here in 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13510/17]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for a join family visa in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13533/17]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her views on a matter (details supplied) with regard to the rise in crime in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13543/17]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding applications that are under appeal with the private security authority in respect of a private security licence; if

the applicant can operate until the appeals process is completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [13573/17]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the fact that persons whose work involves visiting different schools, for example a yoga instructor, has to undergo separate Garda vetting in respect of each school they visit; her views on whether this is a waste of public resources; if she will arrange to put a system in place whereby such persons can be Garda vetted once for visits to different schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13577/17]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide details of an IT fault at the Dublin offices of the Property Registration Authority; when the fault was first detected; when the fault is likely to be repaired; the number of applications that have been delayed processing as a result of the fault; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim Daly. [13584/17]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her role in setting down the claim limit that applies to the Small Claims Court; and her plans to increase this limit. — Róisín Shortall. [13701/17]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when it is proposed to begin the new round of community CCTV schemes as announced in budget 2017. — Brian Stanley. [13735/17]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed to apply for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13795/17]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in determination of application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13796/17]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied) whose initial application was refused due to previous offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13797/17]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the expected residency status in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13798/17]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); if his new address can be noted on his application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13799/17]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when a decision is likely to issue in respect of application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13800/17]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the average waiting time for cases to be heard at each of the country's coroner's courts in tabular form; the number of cases

currently awaiting hearing at each court; the number of vacant coroner positions in each coroner's court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [13815/17]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when she plans to introduce legislation to compel criminals to pay a contribution to their legal aid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13861/17]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she has commissioned an annual study of court efficiency and sitting times, benchmarked against international standards, to provide accurate measurements for improving access to justice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13862/17]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a family reunification application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13950/17]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in determination of eligibility pursuant to section 3(11) of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13951/17]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the position in respect of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13955/17]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in respect of an application for family reunification in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13956/17]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the total number of crimes reported in the Dublin 9 and Dublin 18 areas in the past 5 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13976/17]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if her attention has been drawn to an issue regarding incremental pay increases within An Garda Síochána (details supplied); if she will ensure that this irregularity is rectified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14049/17]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the cuts in grants for integration projects are down to €600 million by her department compared to €1,321 million in 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14053/17]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 113 of 23 February, if she will provide details with regard to each suspension in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14055/17]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the current wait times for applications for naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14100/17]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if all pathology cases conducted by a person (details supplied) in 2012 and 2013 will be reviewed; and if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Mick Wallace. [14109/17]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 76 of 16 February 2017, if the balance of refugees, 261 in total, to be resettled here from Lebanon by Autumn 2017 has been identified already or if the process is ongoing. — Seán Crowe. [14111/17]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the total amount spent externally by her department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to her department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14136/17]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will review the conditions for bail for those convicted of sexual assault offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [14145/17]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under her remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14568/17]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance if diagnosed severe autism will be included on the criteria for a primary medical cert. — Thomas Byrne. [12966/17]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans regarding the commencement of Section 46 Flat Rate Addition amendment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13276/17]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is legislation or rules on the number of bookmakers that can open in any town at the one time; the legislation there is on this issue at present; and his plans for new proposals in this area. — Niamh Smyth. [13761/17]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has explored the possibility of introducing a disability tax credit similar to the blind persons tax credit; if so, the estimated costs of setting up such a tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14040/17]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the State's national debt in tabular form; the interest rate and redemption date on each component of the national debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12794/17]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual interest rate of the debt he plans to redeem from the proceeds from the sale of a bank (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12795/17]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question numbers 235, 243 and 244 of 28 February 2017, if he will confirm, in respect of each financial institution involved in the Central Bank's tracker examination, the identity of the independent third parties overseeing the

internal review process within the institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [12807/17]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of audits conducted by the Revenue Commissioners in 2015 and 2016, by county, in tabular form; the average time in each county in each year for the audit process to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12843/17]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding VRT on imported cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12848/17]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the incapacitated child tax credit and the dependent relative tax credit; the conditions necessary for a person to apply and the amount available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12932/17]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have discretion to allow tax defaulters that have built up debts to some extent due to mental illness or addiction to alcohol or drugs but that are now recovering, subject to independent medical assessment and verification to be able to repay their liabilities to an agreed programme and timescale without necessarily being loaded with sometimes punitive levels of interest; if not, if he will examine this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13030/17]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the rights of mortgage holders in respect of the ownership or changed ownership of their mortgage; and the way in which a person may seek this information. — Róisín Shortall. [13090/17]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the uptake levels of the incapacitated child tax credit; his views on the need for a public awareness campaign to improve the uptake of this tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [13092/17]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the plan which he announced in budget 2017 to extend mortgage interest relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13124/17]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of credit unions that, as at 31 January 2017, have had their AGMs delayed by the Central Bank for more than 9 months. — Michael McGrath. [13153/17]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the Central Bank's power under section 78(4) of the Credit Union Act 1997 (details supplied), in view of the fact that a number of credit unions have had their AGMs delayed by the Central Bank for periods exceeding the maximum postponement period of nine months as stated in the Act. — Michael McGrath. [13154/17]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans regarding the proceeds of a proposed dividend from a bank (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13158/17]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount of the proceeds of the sale of the State's stake in Aer Lingus; and the use for which the proceeds of the sale were used. — Joan Burton. [13159/17]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons eligible for the help to buy scheme are paid in one lump sum by the Revenue Commissioners or on a phased basis through their tax; if so, the period over which; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13165/17]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the fact that commercial property investors are predominately international REITs and equity funds and that prime office rents increased by 14% in the fourth quarter of 2016; if his department conducted a risk analysis of a potential bubble in the commercial real estate sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13190/17]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank is currently investigating the incorrect disclosure in advertisements of annual percentage rates by certain financial institutions; the precise nature of the investigation; the institutions concerned, the period covered and the credit products involved; if the advertised APR understated or overstated the actual APR in each case; if the Central Bank is satisfied that consumers were actually charged the correct rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13215/17]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the amalgamations of credit unions; when approvals for amalgamations are expected to be completed; if credit unions involved in the process will be approved for costs incurred in the amalgamation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [13216/17]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have assessed the value of the overclaim of flat rate addition in the poultry sector between 2004 and 2016; and if he will provide a breakdown of these values by year for the period. — Mick Wallace. [13283/17]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners review of tax avoidance schemes in the poultry sector will be taken at processor level in addition to at farmer and grower level. — Mick Wallace. [13284/17]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the sector or sectors in which the mechanism of overclaiming flat rate addition is being operated; if it is exclusive to the poultry sector; and if he will order a review or investigation of other sectors based on the possible cost to the exchequer of flat rate addition overclaims in other sectors. — Mick Wallace. [13285/17]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the claim that the essential element in the overclaim of flat rate addition in the poultry sector is in fact not the farmer or grower but the processor that reportedly drives the process by artificially inflating feed prices. — Mick Wallace. [13286/17]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if farmers, growers and processors in the poultry sector that currently overclaim flat rate addition will be allowed to continue to overclaim flat rate addition while he waits for the Revenue Commissioners to continue its review of the sector. — Mick Wallace. [13287/17]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if farmers, growers and processors that to date have not overclaimed flat rate addition should now overclaim flat rate addition until such time as the Revenue Commissioners completes its review of the poultry sector and he reaches a decision on the way forward. — Mick Wallace. [13288/17]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance if each State supported bank offers in certain circumstances an interest rate to an existing mortgage customer which is outside of the advertised rates for that particular category of customer including, for example, in a situation in which a customer has informed the bank that it is switching its mortgage to another lender; if the Central Bank has a view on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13299/17]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Revenue Commissioners is adopting a position when dealing with self employed persons that are due a tax refund and farmers that are claiming VAT back on capital expenditure, that they deduct the property tax from this repayment, even though the persons had already signed up to a payment instruction to pay by monthly instalments on direct debit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13314/17]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13323/17]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the proposed legislation following the receipt of the submissions regarding public consultation on sugar sweetened drinks tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13335/17]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide using the most up to date economic and fiscal information available, an estimate of the final deficit as a percentage of GDP for 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13341/17]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide using the most up to date economic and fiscal information available, an estimate of the fiscal space for 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13342/17]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide using the most up to date economic and fiscal information available, an estimate of the debt to GDP ratio at the end of 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13343/17]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the most up to date economic and fiscal information available, an estimate of Ireland's contribution to the EU budget in respect of 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13344/17]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the flat rate addition which has been in the poultry industry whereby the cost of inputs are artificially inflated for the purpose of inflating flat rate addition and the normal VAT system in order to generate an excessive level of VAT recovery, might also be occurring in other sectors of the agricultural industry, such as the rearing of beef on a contractual basis for beef processors; if his attention has been drawn to such allegations; if an investigation or enquiry was carried out to determine if such was occurring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [13382/17]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to publish a stability programme update in April 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13387/17]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of taxpayers that have been prosecuted by reason of delivering to the Revenue Commissioners an incorrect income tax return when the taxpayer has a zero liability for income tax arising from this return since the enactment of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; the number of these prosecutions that have proceeded summarily in the District Court; the number of these prosecutions that have proceeded upon indictment in the Circuit Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13397/17]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies or officers of companies that have been prosecuted by reason of the company making an incorrect return in connection with corporation tax and in which this return attempted to correct an omission from a previous return of that company in connection with corporation tax since the enactment of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; the number of these prosecutions that have proceeded summarily in the District Court; the number of these prosecutions that have proceeded upon indictment in the Circuit Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13398/17]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies or officers of companies that have been prosecuted for delivering to the Revenue Commissioners incorrect accounts in connection with corporation tax whereby a period of six years has expired from the date of the delivery of these accounts to the date of the commencement of this prosecution since the enactment of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; the number of these prosecutions that have proceeded summarily in the District Court; the number of these prosecutions that have proceeded upon indictment in the Circuit Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13399/17]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown by county of the 297,800 mortgage accounts estimated to be in receipt of tax relief at source in respect of mortgage interest in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13412/17]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason an owner of a minimum approved retirement fund that cannot withdraw it until 75 years of age is not allowed freeze the account to prevent any further interest rates being applied (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13415/17]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm, in circumstances whereby the Revenue Commissioners deemed and directed an expenditure, in this case NPPR, as not an allowable expense and such expense is subsequently deemed to be allowable, that the statutory limit in such a case runs from the date of the confirmation that the expense is deemed an allowable expense and not the chargeable period to which the claim relates, in view of the fact that to have claimed within that period would have been futile as it would have been disallowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [13442/17]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 165 of 7 March 2017, the details of every occasion his department acted as guarantor in which facility deeds were entered into with the Central Bank; the names of the banks in question; the amounts of the facility deeds; the dates on which they were entered into and their duration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13465/17]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the review of the operation of the betting tax regime as part of the 2017 tax strategy group process, in particular the areas that affect on course bookmakers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13480/17]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a revised estimate of Ireland's gross and net debt to GDP ratio, in view of the publication by the Central Statistics Office of Quarterly National Accounts Quarter 4 2016 and Year 2016 (Preliminary) on 9 March 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13483/17]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the serious concerns of the hospitality sector in relation to the increasing costs of insurance; the measures he proposes to implement to reduce such insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13514/17]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a copy of the rule book of every Revenue Commissioner staff pension scheme commenced in the 1970s and 1980s which would affect staff currently retiring. — Thomas Byrne. [13529/17]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the total vehicle registration tax to be paid on a camper van (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13541/17]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance the details, including the aggregate value of such transactions if individual transaction values cannot be provided, of the list of NAMA loan or asset disposals, including disposals by a receiver appointed by NAMA, since the inception of the agency, whereby an open competitive sales process did not take place and whereby the disposal was made to a special purchaser, in tabular form; when NAMA's policy changed in respect of such off market disposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13542/17]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 104 of 9 March 2017, if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13545/17]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons availing of the incapacitated child tax credit for each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [13546/17]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a copy of all forms the Revenue Commissioners used in the 1970s and 1980s providing for opt in and opt out in respect of spouse and child pension provision for staff members. — Thomas Byrne. [13554/17]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the proportion of staff members in the Revenue Commissioners that have opted out of spouse and child pension provision. — Thomas Byrne. [13555/17]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the measure introduced in the last budget to charge VAT on training and development activities is having the effect of actively discouraging businesses from offering training and development opportunities to their staff; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the measure has led to training courses being cancelled, to the detriment of the business providing training and also the staff that would have benefitted from the training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [13559/17]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason an application for incapacitated child tax credit for a family (details supplied) was unsuccessful; if a new application can be submitted in this instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [13562/17]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to provide relief for holders of private pensions that were subjected to the government levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [13634/17]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the case of persons (details supplied); if they are eligible under the help to buy scheme; if not, the reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13678/17]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review and address concerns (details supplied) in relation to the help to buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13767/17]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if a newly developed graveyard becomes exempt from 13.5% VAT when it becomes 5 years old, the person or body that pays who pay's the 13.5% VAT on the grave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [13793/17]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if extra public car parking spaces will be provided at public offices, Hebron Road, Kilkenny; if appropriate plans for car parking will be put in place to accommodate the public and the employees that use the location for services and work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13840/17]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance if the tax benefit of the home renovation incentive scheme can be carried forward for more than two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13901/17]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether government policy is constraining the future potential of the credit union movement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [14020/17]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of new credit union branches that have been approved for opening in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [14021/17]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the process for new credit union branches to be approved and licensed by the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [14022/17]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications received by his department for the recent positions available on the Central Bank Commission; the number of these applications placed before him for his consideration; the completion date for all vacancies to be filled on this commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14050/17]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 158 of 23 February 2017, if he will provide details with regard to the two members of staff currently suspended in the Revenue Commissioners, in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14056/17]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reintroduce the home renovation incentive scheme which ceased at the end of December 2016; and if any other such scheme similar to this scheme is in place. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [14082/17]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14132/17]

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

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) has not been included as a DEIS school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13547/17]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the disparity between rents being charged in private purpose built student accommodation (details supplied) and the average rent which DIT estimate students currently pay, which is €348 per month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [14148/17]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated number of beds in purpose built student accommodation that are currently let to students in receipt of a partial or full student grant, students paying EU fees and students paying international fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [14149/17]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when new arrangements for the NCSE model for special education needs in schools will be released to primary schools in view of the fact the deadline was February 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12804/17]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the length of time a school building project (details supplied) has been at stage 2B, detailed design; the average time a new school construction project spends at stage 2B; the cause of the delay in this project build; when he envisages construction will begin on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [12850/17]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the name of the architect on a school building project (details supplied); the amount being spent on the architectural process; if the spend on architectural services for this project will run over the initial budget; if so, the amount by which it will run over; the justification for any overspend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [12851/17]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) can use their current teaching position in France as an NQT probation for the purposes of qualifying as a primary school teacher; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12855/17]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) classes in primary and secondary schools respectively in County Donegal; the number of ASD places in these classes in each category of school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [12860/17]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 484 of 2 February 2016, if he has made a decision on the matter; if not, when he expects to make a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [12871/17]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when an assessment by a child psychologist of the National Educational Psychological Service will be carried out in respect of a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [12874/17]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will ensure that the leaving certificate applied programme is made available to students for the 2017/2018 academic year in County Leitrim; if he will address the fact that the leaving certificate applied programme is currently not offered to a person (details supplied) in view of the fact an educational psychologist has recommended that the person should be enrolled for the programme; the efforts he is making to ensure the school runs the programme for the 2017/2018 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [12875/17]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the deficit in communication between Caranua and members of the deaf community regarding making available the terms of the scheme and guidelines for applications in Irish sign language; when a video (details supplied) will be posted on his department's website; and if he will ensure Caranua also post this video. — Clare Daly. [12888/17]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will examine the current position of the special needs allocation in a school (details supplied) in order to ascertain the need for additional SNA's for this school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12893/17]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the review on Caranua; and the expected date of completion for the report. — Thomas Byrne. [12896/17]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications for works submitted by schools (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [12950/17]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications for works submitted by schools (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [12951/17]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications for works submitted by a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [12952/17]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will allocate the appropriate staffing levels to a DEIS band 1 school (details supplied) which was recently upgraded from DEIS band 2 school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [12956/17]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a teachers parental leave can be transferred from siblings in a case in which there is a exceptional health requirement by one person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12982/17]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the annual breakdown between the number of female and male graduates in each of the years 2014 to 2016 in third level graduate courses in engineering, manufacturing, construction, science, technology and maths, in tabular form; the incentives and polices in place to fill the current shortage of qualified graduates here for vacancies arising in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12998/17]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which a person(details supplied) can continue education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13002/17]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the National Behaviour Support Service removed 50% of funding support for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13006/17]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) is not designated as a DEIS school. — Martin Kenny. [13008/17]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) will be able to open its extension by September 2019; and if approval to proceed to stage 2B will be forthcoming in order that a planning application can be submitted in the coming weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13012/17]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to rectify the situation whereby school secretaries not being employed directly by his department have generally not received a pay rise in many years with the exception of a single 1% increase; if a small increase in capitation grants to schools directed specifically towards the employment costs of non teaching staff will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13013/17]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for refusal of a special needs assistant for a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [13051/17]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 311 of 28 February 2017, when the review in question will take place; and when the decisions based on this review will be made public. — Róisín Shortall. [13087/17]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on proposals to transfer patronage of schools through reconfiguration (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergal O'Dowd. [13095/17]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will allocate direct once off funding to the Mayo Campus in Castlebar of Galway Mayo Institute of Technology, similar to the Killybegs campus in Donegal to the tune of €3 million, in order that the Mayo campus can invest in developing new courses. — Lisa Chambers. [13110/17]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will direct Galway Mayo Institute of Technology to consider not just the financial implications of cutting courses, but also the economic and social impact on the region which the campus serves (details supplied). — Lisa Chambers. [13111/17]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider issuing a directive that funding from the HEA to the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology must include a defined amount of money to be ring fenced for the Mayo campus, in order to allow greater certainty for that campus and greater autonomy. — Lisa Chambers. [13112/17]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will investigate the possibility and viability of the Mayo campus of Galway Mayo Institute of Technology becoming a stand alone entity, separate from the Galway campus, with its own autonomy in decision making and its own budget. — Lisa Chambers. [13113/17]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received the supplementary tender report regarding a school (details supplied); if final approval has now issued to sign contracts for

construction of the new school; when construction will commence; the construction timetable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13117/17]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the design team for a school (details supplied) have submitted the stage 2B submission, including a review arising from changes in public work contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13118/17]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has received the tender documents and stage 2B documentation for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13119/17]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the enrolment to the Irish medium Aonad at a school (details supplied) for September 2014, 2015 and 2016 demonstrates sufficient viability for the establishment of the gaelcholáiste for north Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13121/17]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the Dún Uí Neill barracks site at Cavan town is no longer intended as an extended campus facility for Cavan Institute; his plans for this site; the main anchors of the alternative use now planned; the alternative arrangements that will now be made to facilitate Cavan Institute's floor space needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [13139/17]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question numbers 222, 223, 224, 225 and 226 of 7 March 2017, if his attention was drawn to breaches of policy in relation to intellectual property policy in higher education institutions since 2010, by year and institution, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13173/17]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of money owed to University College Cork. — Jonathan O'Brien. [13198/17]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure greater opportunities and courses are provided to train teachers to teach through the Irish language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13210/17]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the current levels of demand for places in gaelcholáistí across the country; the extent to which his department's recent demographic analysis took into account the demand for places in gaelscoileanna and gaelcholáistí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13211/17]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions he is taking to ensure more communities are provided with access to gaelscoileanna and gaelcholáistí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13212/17]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 116 of 7 March 2017, the regulations and guidelines in place for teenage international students arriving here that live with a host family and attend secondary schools for an academic term or complete school year without the presence of their parents or legal guardians within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim Daly. [13214/17]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 74 of 26 January 2017, if he will arrange for the information sought to be provided. — Michael McGrath. [13219/17]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) has any rights with regard to the FTC in 2010 including maternity leave cover, job sharing and so on. — Timmy Dooley. [13224/17]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) leaves the ASTI, the way in which they can make themselves available to his department to go back into the Haddington Road Agreement. — Timmy Dooley. [13225/17]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions his department is taking to promote STEM third level education amongst female secondary level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13236/17]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions his department is taking to promote entrepreneurship among female secondary level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13237/17]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to a survey (details supplied) which listed Ireland 47th out of 80 countries for studying abroad; his views on this rating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13238/17]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the percentage of the funds allocated to third level institutions that is set aside for legal defence against student complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13248/17]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department allows funds meant for education to be spent on legal expenses in view of the importance of the core service provision across third level institutions; if there are rules and regulations to the type of defence that can be funded from core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13249/17]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new secondary school for the Malahide and Portmarnock areas of County Dublin as announced in November 2015; if he has identified locations for these proposed schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13250/17]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new secondary school for the Swords area of County Dublin as announced in November 2015; if he has identified locations for these proposed schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13251/17]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of a new site for a school (details supplied) as announced in November 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13253/17]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will reply to a person following a meeting with him (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [13281/17]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13324/17]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding an application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [13334/17]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the total number of DEIS schools throughout counties Sligo and Leitrim over the past five years; the number planned; the number of unsuccessful applications; the status of any past or future review likely to address issues of concern for various education authorities seeking DEIS status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13352/17]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which the school building programmes at primary and second level in counties Sligo and Leitrim continue to proceed as planned having particular regard to the urgent requirement for school places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13353/17]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he has received communications from various primary school authorities throughout counties Sligo and Leitrim regarding the provision of new facilities and buildings to meet requirements; the extent to which he expects to be in a position to respond in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13354/17]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which primary school places and class requirements in counties Sligo and Leitrim have been and continue to be met; if class sizes in those counties fall within the national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13355/17]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which primary and secondary level teaching posts have been approved in respect of primary and second level schools in counties Sligo and Leitrim; the extent to which this is expected to favourably impact teaching conditions in the schools in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13356/17]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of places for special needs students available at primary and second level schools throughout counties Sligo and Leitrim; the extent to which further improvements are required in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13357/17]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which adequate school places are available at primary and second level for children with autism in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13358/17]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which adequate SNAs are available throughout both primary and second level schools in counties Sligo and Leitrim; the extent to which it is expected to address specific deficiencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13359/17]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to continue to monitor special needs teaching requirements of teachers and SNAs at primary and second level in all schools throughout counties Sligo and Leitrim; the extent to which he expects to be in position to meet the increased demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13360/17]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the degree to which children with autism continue to have ready access to primary and second level school places in counties Sligo and Leitrim; the extent to which any difficulties have arisen in meeting the ongoing requirements in both counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13361/17]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to continue support for smaller urban or rural schools with a denominational ethos in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13362/17]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to ensure the education system at all levels is in a position to meet the skills demand in the workplace with regard to counties Sligo and Leitrim; the extent to which apprenticeships are likely to impact on the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13363/17]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools in counties Sligo and Leitrim likely to benefit from refurbishment or replacement in 2017; the extent to which adequate budgetary provisions have been made in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13364/17]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he will augment the career guidance service throughout second level education in counties Sligo and Leitrim; his views on whether there will be an improvement in the short and medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13365/17]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of higher education grant applications received, pending, approved and refused for the current academic year in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13366/17]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to ensure adequate resource teachers remain available throughout all schools in counties Sligo and Leitrim; his plans for augmentation in specific areas of particular need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13367/17]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of available substitute teachers in County Kildare; his plans to address the serious shortage of available substitute teachers nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13406/17]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) in County Kildare has been notified of the removal of DEIS status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13407/17]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department is responsible for informing the Department of Social Protection of increased pupil numbers in primary schools that are in receipt of school meals programme funding; the way in which this information is supplied to the Department of Social Protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13416/17]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13441/17]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the names of schools in counties Longford and Westmeath that applied for DEIS status or for enhanced DEIS status; the reason these applications were refused; and the appeal mechanism open to them. — Robert Troy. [13443/17]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if special consideration can be given to the family of a person (details supplied) in order to allow payment of the July provision for 2017 to be approved for home tuition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13469/17]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an Educate Together school will be built in the Whitehall area of Dublin north west; if so, the timeframe set out for the building of the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13474/17]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools which, following amalgamation, have received reduced DEIS related supports, that is not full DEIS status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13512/17]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his department's reasons for proposing to withdraw supports from a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13513/17]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13522/17]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding special needs assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [13523/17]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cases in which taxis are engaged to transport children to schools; the number of school children involved; and the amount spent annually per county. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13528/17]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the assessment process for an application for a school (details supplied) will be complete; when moneys are likely to be granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13537/17]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a detailed breakdown by religious order of the money and assets transferred to date to the State in respect of the agreement between the State and the religious orders to share the cost of redress for the victims of abuse in certain institutions; the amount of a contribution that was promised from each such religious order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13539/17]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) was not included on the recently announced rural DEIS schools list; if he will reexamine this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13553/17]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of appeals received by SUSI in each year since the authority was introduced in 2012; the number of these appeals which were

successful in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13566/17]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of appeals received by the student grant's appeals board in each year since SUSI was introduced in 2012; the number of these appeals which were successful in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13567/17]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a person (details supplied) who has submitted a completed SHF1 form regarding service as a part time teacher may expect to have service history transferred to WWETB for the purpose of pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13572/17]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons whose work involves visiting different schools, for example a yoga instructor, has to undergo separate Garda vetting in respect of each school they visit; his views on whether this is a waste of public resources; if he will arrange to put a system in place whereby such persons can be Garda vetted once for visits to different schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13578/17]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) was not approved for DEIS status; the criteria used to make the decision; the reason the school did not meet the various criteria thresholds; if he will accept an appeal to the decision by the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13582/17]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) was not approved for DEIS status; the criteria used to make the decision; the reason the school did not meet the various criteria thresholds; if he will accept an appeal to the decision by the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13585/17]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to progress in talks between Waterford Institute of Technology and Carlow Institute of Technology regarding the proposed merger of the two third level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13586/17]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of assessments that have been carried out by NEPS for each class level for primary school pupils, that is junior infants, senior infants and so on, or alternatively by year of age, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13587/17]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of psychologists in each NEPS office in tabular form; the total number of schools the office covers; the vacancies in each office; the administrative support in each office; the area covered by each office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13588/17]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the total amount of payments per annum by NEPS to the SCPA panel over the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13589/17]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if any of the 900 additional resource teachers recruited to implement the new resource allocation model will form part of the Inclusion Support

Service; the number of same that will form part of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13590/17]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process for schools that wish to access supports for children with special educational needs under the inclusion support service; the range of supports that will be available; if additional resource hours will be available under the service; the criteria to avail of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13591/17]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the supports that will be available to schools under the new resource allocation model in cases in which a child receives a diagnosis after the allocation is received by a school or additional complex needs are identified by the school subsequent to their allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13592/17]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if details of the resource allocation for each school will be published; the date on which; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13593/17]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an appeals mechanism will be available for parents under the new resource allocation when they are of the view their child is not receiving sufficient supports; if he will outline this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13594/17]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of additional resource hours that have been allocated to schools under the new resource allocation model; the number of schools that received additional hours under the new model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13595/17]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional provision has been made for SEN co ordination under the new resource allocation model, as recommended by his department's inspectorate in relation to the review of the pilot; if schools are expected to provide this from within their resource allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13596/17]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce any mechanism of oversight in relation to the way in which resource hours are used in schools as part of the new model; if this was a recommendation of the NCSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13597/17]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase the employer's contribution to higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13598/17]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated costs of recruiting a retention officer for each higher education institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13599/17]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the records that must be provided in order for SNAs to avail of incremental credit for previous relevant work experience; the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused incremental credit for one of their past employers despite significant past experience; the reason they have not yet had a decision on their appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13600/17]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reasons a school (details supplied) was refused an application for funding under the summer works grant; if he will reconsider this decision; if his attention has been drawn to the issues in respect of overcrowding due to projected enrolment as raised as an issue of concern by the inspectorate during a recent whole school evaluation; if he will make additional funds available to the school to rectify this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13601/17]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 339 of 28 February 2017 (details supplied), if it is expected that the likely provision can be made to facilitate a special class in any other school in a five mile radius; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13606/17]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on contacts his department has had with the board of management of a school (details supplied) which provides education facilities for children with special needs regarding their SNA allocation; if the school will be permitted to hire four more SNAs in order to cater for the needs of the children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13607/17]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the department circular 76/2015 in relation to pay increases for school secretaries is binding; if so, if all schools affected are implementing the pay increases according to the circular; if schools are not, the actions his department is taking or will take in such cases; the assistance available from his department to the affected secretaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13660/17]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to the reply to parliamentary question number 149 of 8 March 2017, the number of staff still in place nationwide under the 1978 scheme referred to; if the ancillary grant scheme has any involvement in the payment of school secretaries; if provision for pensions for secretaries exists or is permitted under the use of the capitation grant to pay school secretaries; if he plans any further engagement with unions to resolve outstanding matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13661/17]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application to his department by a school (details supplied) for an extension to include new classrooms and a hall in view of the fact that the application is with his department for some time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13671/17]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when work on the new school buildings for a school (details supplied) will commence; the status of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13704/17]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the next phase of the school building for a school (details supplied) will commence; the status of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13705/17]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason funding was refused by the HSE to supply a nurse to a person (details supplied) who has been out of school since February 2017. — Pat Buckley. [13712/17]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of colleges providing courses for apprentice mechanics; if all colleges charge the apprentices for courses provided or if there are

different rates depending on the college; if his department pays the colleges for any aspect of such courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13717/17]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the procedure that should be followed under the new resource allocation model when a child with special needs transfers to a new school; if the resource hours allocated to the child transfer with them to the new school or if an additional application is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13718/17]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if further schools will be added to the DEIS programme in the coming 12 months; the process timeframe for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13727/17]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the reevaluation of schools that had applied for DEIS status will be completed; if schools previously excluded from DEIS will now have an opportunity to be reevaluated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [13731/17]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department's circular 0017/2017 concerning appointment of additional teachers in primary schools has any element of flexibility or appeal mechanism attached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [13736/17]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools in which enrolment will increase in September 2017 but not by an additional 25 students compared to 2016 will be eligible to appoint an additional teacher; if he has considered the fact that the implication for the intake of schools at infant level will be greater than his department's recommended class size; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [13737/17]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a primary school (details supplied) in County Mayo is deemed ineligible for urban and rural DEIS status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [13738/17]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) can appeal allocated hours and receive more hours with regard to the new system of special educational needs support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13759/17]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for additional space made by a school (details supplied) in County Tipperary; when a decision will issue on this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13778/17]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his department has a policy regarding the use of sports halls as classrooms in schools; if officials in the building unit have been advising principals to use the sports halls as classrooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim Daly. [13782/17]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13788/17]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the inclusion of a school (details supplied) for DEIS status, taking into account the socio-economic profile and marginal geographic location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13790/17]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) is still awaiting to fill positions for special needs assistants despite the board of management attempting to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13804/17]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the lengthy delay in coming to an agreement with a club and school (details supplied) on a land swap that will benefit the club, the school and the wider community. — Seán Crowe. [13871/17]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will clarify the position of the DEIS programme in view of recent errors being discovered in the DEIS list. — Thomas Byrne. [13897/17]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the recently discovered error with the DEIS list was first discovered. — Thomas Byrne. [13898/17]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to make further revisions to the DEIS list. — Thomas Byrne. [13899/17]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the revised methodology he is using to assess schools to enter the DEIS scheme; and the way it differs from the original methodology. — Thomas Byrne. [13900/17]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will clarify the response to parliamentary question number 118 of 1 March 2017 and indicate if the research document referred to in that question was considered by his department in producing the criteria upon which applications for DEIS would be evaluated (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13905/17]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools serving the 51 areas designated under the RAPID programme not designated as DEIS schools; and the name of those schools. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13906/17]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) can continue to remain in their position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13907/17]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 217 of 29 November 2016, when a response will issue from the NCSE (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [13913/17]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there will not be a reduction in the number of teachers allocated to a school (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [13954/17]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) will be permitted to remain teaching past their 65th birthday; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13958/17]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reasons teachers employed on a full time basis for two years or more under a fixed term contract fulfilling a job share post are not eligible to

apply for a contract of indefinite duration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [13963/17]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) can be provided with an additional four SNAs to make up the allocated numbers to alleviate the workload of the 14 SNAs currently in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [13980/17]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the precise criteria used by his department to evaluate the DEIS supports to be made available to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13982/17]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all ASD units at primary level will employ a special education teacher to ensure that the appropriate skills are available in these units; the number of special education teachers that are currently employed by his department at primary level; the policy in relation to the employment of special education teachers at primary level; his views on whether the need to have special education teachers available in all primary schools is a vital element in the education of all students with special needs attending mainstream; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14047/17]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of employees across his department and each agency or organisation under the aegis of his department that are suspended from work without prejudice and on full pay pending an investigation; and if he will provide in the case of there being one or more employee in this situation details with regards to the suspensions, in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14064/17]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14130/17]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the disparity between rents being charged in private purpose built student accommodation (details supplied) and the full maintenance grant, which is less than one quarter of the annual rent charged for such purpose built student accommodation; his views on whether this will be a further impediment to access third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [14150/17]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on policies on the appropriate usage, utilisation and measure of forced absence sanctions or punishments, suspensions and expulsions at second level school should be. — Imelda Munster. [14200/17]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the relevant departmental sections and State agencies charged with overseeing and managing the employment and implementation of forced absence punishments or sanctions, suspensions and expulsions at second level and that are charged with examining and correcting any evident overuse at individual school level. — Imelda Munster. [14201/17]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will examine summary information concerning forced absence sanction or punishments at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [14202/17]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the enquiries and investigations he will initiate further to summary information concerning forced absence sanction and punishments at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [14206/17]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) will not lose a teacher for the year 2017/2018; if this school will retain its existing allocation of teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [14208/17]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a request for additional funding (details supplied) will be given urgent consideration, in view of the fact the present reduced allocation for 2017 is not adequate to meet ongoing financial commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14209/17]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14565/17]

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

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on a matter (details supplied) with regard to the ongoing review of the wind farm planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13411/17]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he will publish the new setback distances for wind turbines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13455/17]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the actions he will take to assist persons affected by shorter setback distances from wind turbines on existing developments when the new, more substantial setback distances are published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13456/17]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the percentage of property tax that is retained by each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13497/17]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if there are schemes managed by his department from which a person (details supplied) can apply for part funding for the re-thatching of a listed thatched building at the same address; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13979/17]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of adapted units that will be allocated to housing persons during phase 2 and phase 3 respectively of a development (details supplied); the estimated time of completion of both phases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12805/17]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of local authorities that had a water metering policy for new house builds prior to the establishment of Irish Water; the number of water meters installed by local authorities during that period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [12832/17]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if, as part of the approval of a planning application for a new house build by a local authority, that a water meter had to be installed as part of approval prior to the establishment of Irish Water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [12833/17]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the total number of valid commencement notices lodged with the building control management software since 1 March 2014, by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [12858/17]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of valid commencement notices which included a completed optout declaration lodged with the building control management software since 1 September 2015, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [12861/17]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department is providing funding to Dublin city council for the north city arterial watermain as part of the S2S footway and cycleway interim works scheme at Clontarf, Dublin 3; the level of funding being provided; if difficulties have been notified to his department in relation these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [12891/17]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if there are grants available for the removal of asbestos roofs from community centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [12927/17]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to commence the national differential rents framework provided for in section 31 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009; his plans to exclude family income supplement and disability payments for local authority rent assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [12985/17]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on whether local authorities have become significantly more reliant on revenues from commercial rates in view of the fact that revenues sourced from this category constituted 29% of total revenues in 2010 but in 2015 constituted 38% of total revenue; his further views on whether local authorities should diversify their revenue income sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [12991/17]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he has analysed the optimum mix of social and private housing dwellings in large scale developments such as strategic development zones in terms of social cohesion, the tipping point for private buyers to purchase in such schemes, the average income levels sufficient to attract retail and other pull services; if his attention has been drawn to international evidence in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13020/17]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to review the 10% social mix in housing developments provided for under current legislation; his plans to facilitate ancillary schemes such as shared ownership as an additional option (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13021/17]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the total number of on site inspections carried out by local authorities on construction projects entered onto the building control management software since 1 March 2014 that were deemed to be covered by valid commencement notices, by each local authority area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [13059/17]

*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 355 of 28 February 2017, if he will consider further amending the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 to allow for towns with a population of over 5,000 persons to be considered for designation as rent pressure zones in their own right, rather than the present system whereby the whole local electoral area is looked at (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13120/17]

*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of potential development sites in each local authority that are publicly owned or controlled; the total area size in hectares of these sites; the potential number of bed spaces or housing units that could be constructed on these sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13122/17]

*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the rules and flexibility applying to the tenant purchase scheme in relation to the amount that can be paid by way of a lump sum in conjunction with the portion that is liable by way of mortgage; the length of time a member of a household must be named on the tenancy before their income can be taken into account in the purchase of the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [13123/17]

*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will request that empty houses in County Kildare owned by Waterways Ireland will be either taken out of dereliction or given to the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13126/17]

*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the cost of HAP in County Kildare in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13127/17]

*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons on the housing lists for County Kildare in each of the years from 2010 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13128/17]

*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when a project (details supplied) under the Limerick regeneration programme can proceed to construction now that the tender phase has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [13132/17]

*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government is the position regarding a tenant that is being moved to the HAP scheme but wishes to remain on the social housing list for a home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13135/17]

*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department has undertaken an analysis of the costs of operating the commercial rates system; the

estimated cost of centralising the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [13142/17]

*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the annual support from his department to each local authority to the housing capital programme in each of the years 2000 to 2016, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [13143/17]

*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 65 of 23 February 2017, if the application of the rent pressure zone scheme to the rental accommodation scheme, housing assistance payment and social housing current expenditure programme leases was intentional or accidental. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13155/17]

*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13197/17]

*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of the estates in County Galway (details supplied) on his department's unfinished housing estates list that remain unfinished. — Anne Rabbitte. [13200/17]

*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans for homes that are affected by pyrite but have been left out of the current remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13255/17]

*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to extend and expand the pyrite remediation scheme for homes that failed to reach the high thresholds set down under the previous government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13256/17]

*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of the boundary extension from County Waterford into south Kilkenny (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [13260/17]

*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the actions he will take to promote the acceptance by landlords of the HAP scheme in order that they will be more inclined to accept tenants availing of this benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [13263/17]

*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department has received an application for funding under the traveller accommodation programme from Galway city council in respect of a two bed extension of a property in Galway city (details supplied); when a decision will be made in relation to this application in view of the fact that the application for a housing extension was made to Galway city council over a year ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13274/17]

*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason Meath fire services are not being dispatched to assist the ambulance and paramedic services in County Meath (details supplied). — Shane Cassells. [13282/17]

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the estimated amount it would cost to adequately upgrade the infrastructure in the wastewater plants

in the 38 agglomerations across the State that are deemed to be in breach of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13292/17]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 160 of 8 February 2017, the reason HAP was denied to homeless families for a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [13316/17]

*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government further to parliamentary question number 160 of 8 February 2017, if he will report on the examination his department is taking into Part 4 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 regarding HAP payments and regeneration areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [13317/17]

*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13325/17]

*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to assist families that have out grown their affordable homes and cannot sell without clawback or rent them out to move to bigger homes for fear of being penalised; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this has caused untold and undue hardship for some persons in view of the fact it does not take cognisance of families growing or circumstances changing. — Seán Crowe. [13372/17]

*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department regularly inspects homes rented under the housing assistance payment scheme to check if they are fit for purpose and up to standard. — Seán Crowe. [13373/17]

*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will make all leases of buildings taken out by councils and government departments transparent and post them online. — Seán Crowe. [13374/17]

*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some local authorities publish the details of the companies that win their tenders, while others do not due to the fact they state it is commercially sensitive; and if he will instruct all local authorities to publish the details of the companies that win their tenders. — Seán Crowe. [13375/17]

*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when is it likely to have a new revised tenant purchase scheme in place that takes into account savings that persons that are retired might have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [13384/17]

*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when the assistant principal officer position in his department, previously held by a person (details supplied) will be filled; and the name of the senior official in his department that is now responsible for liaising with a group (details supplied) of affected homeowners in County Donegal. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13385/17]

*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when the report of the expert panel examining problems that have emerged in the concrete blockwork of certain dwellings in counties Donegal and Mayo will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13386/17]

*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will undertake a review of the Register of Electors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13421/17]

*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he consider a submission by a residents' association (detail supplied) to his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [13475/17]

*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if a person (details suppld) can have essential maintenance performed on their council home. — Mick Barry. [13496/17]

*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to introduce a scheme to assist those persons working but earning a low income to secure housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13550/17]

*447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the level of funding provided by his department or agencies under its remit to individual local authorities for the provision of life saving equipment such as lifebuoys, defibrillators and safety signage, in tabular form for each of the past six years; the level of funding sought by local authorities over the corresponding period; his plans in relation to this area of safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [13580/17]

*448. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the original budget planned for a project (details supplied); the final amount spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [13637/17]

*449. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will provide a monthly housing completions recorded on the building control management systems from March 2014 to date in 2017, broken down by county and indicating one off, estate housing, apartments, local authority, approved housing bodies and private sector, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [13669/17]

*450. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to amend the new housing assistant payment website www.hap.ie to make explicit that families that take part in the HAP scheme can be assured they will not lose their place on the housing list, in view of the fact that the absence of this information is giving rise to confusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13679/17]

*451. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the criteria used to allocate funds to local authorities under public participation networks; the scheme the funds for this scheme are allocated from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13700/17]

*452. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of residential units that will be commenced in County Kildare in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13719/17]

*453. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of voids in Kildare county council that are currently under refurbishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13720/17]

*454. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the current turnaround time for voids in each of the local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13721/17]

*455. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the level of funding that has been approved for Kildare county council for the construction of houses in 2017 in respect of specific housing schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13722/17]

*456. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the allocation to Kildare county council under the repair and leasing scheme announced recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13723/17]

*457. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the timeframe for any forthcoming legislation to reform the commercial rates system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13724/17]

*458. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the position in relation to the ability of a landlord to increase the rent by more than the rent pressure zone limit of 4% per annum in respect of a rental property situated within a rent pressure zone in a circumstance in which the existing rent on the property is below the market rent in the area; if the landlord is allowed to bring the rent up to the market rent if this means exceeding the 4% increase limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13740/17]

*459. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the funding scheme a rural water programme liaison officer's salary, rural water programme group water scheme subsidy payments and recoupment of lost income from rates on water infrastructure are funded from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13781/17]

*460. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a 2013 European Court of Justice decision in relation to planning (details supplied); the consequences this ruling has on planning law here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [13824/17]

*461. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to review the boundaries for the next local elections; if he will introduce changes to the new districts established by the last reform initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13826/17]

*462. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount of money spent by his department on the Waterford Kilkenny boundary report; the amount of money spent by Waterford and Kilkenny county councils in preparing their respective inputs to the process; if the figures include the number of man hours worked by all parties involved in the process; if not, if he will quantify this cost; and the next steps in the process and the time frame for a final decision. — John McGuinness. [13839/17]

*463. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when the first bundle of 520 new social housing homes across six sites, which had approval granted by the then Minister on 13 October 2015 and are to be developed through the PPP programme, will advance to planning and construction; the timeline for this project; when he expects all 520 units to be constructed and ready for occupation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13868/17]

*464. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason for the delay in progressing a housing scheme (details supplied) from stage 1 approval in Q2 2015 to stage 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13869/17]

*465. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the body or person to which An Bord Pleanála is responsible; the number of An Bord Pleanála's decisions which were overturned by judicial review in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [13949/17]

*466. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the need to increase and enforce health and safety regulations in respect of houses that are being converted for the rental market; if his attention has been further drawn to the number of houses that are being converted without planning permission and with little regard to the existing planning regulations; the remit under which the enforcement of existing regulations fall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13953/17]

*467. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on the fact that only 4.6 % of households spend more than 40% of their disposable income on housing, which is the fourth lowest in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13972/17]

*468. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on the application to his department by a person (details supplied) for part funding for the re-thatching of a listed thatched building at the same address; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13978/17]

*469. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of mortgage to rent applications granted since its introduction, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14029/17]

*470. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the date of publication of the legislation transposing the provisions of Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment into national legislation; the proposed date for commencement of the legislation; if he will issue guidance, including consideration of the transitional arrangements for projects subject to EIA, that are already underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [14084/17]

*471. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14131/17]

*472. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on the CSO figures which highlight the decline in home ownership in Dublin; his further views on the number of renters in the capital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [14143/17]

*473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14566/17]

Chun an Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Social Protection.

*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the jobsplus scheme; the number of hours a person has to work before the employer can avail of this scheme; if a person can retain their medical card while on the scheme; the period for which this will be; if they will lose their medical card at the end of that period and have to reapply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12928/17]

*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a marriage (details supplied) has not been allowed to proceed; when a decision will be made on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [13205/17]

*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will, in the case of permanently disabled persons that employ full time or part time carers, make them exempt from PRSI and employer contributions in view of the fact that in most cases they are employing these carers from an exhaustible fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13396/17]

*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff on temporary contracts in the social welfare offices in Carrick-on-Shannon for each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; the reason staff have been left on long term temporary contracts which resulted in no vacancies in County Leitrim under the recent recruitment of permanent clerical officers for the civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [13498/17]

*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the funding that has been made available in 2017 per county for a specific project; and the person or body that is the manager of three specific centres (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [13583/17]

*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated total additional annual cost of ensuring via social welfare increases that all household types currently in receipt of a weekly social welfare payment are brought into compliance with the minimum income standards developed by an organisation (details supplied). — John Brady. [12798/17]

*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of index linking payments (details supplied) to inflation over the next five years. — John Brady. [12799/17]

*481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of index linking all weekly social welfare payments to inflation over the next five years. — John Brady. [12800/17]

*482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of index linking all social welfare payments to inflation over the next five years. — John Brady. [12801/17]

*483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual additional cost of ensuring via social welfare increases that all household types currently in receipt of a weekly working age social welfare payment are brought into compliance with the minimum income standards developed by an organisation (details supplied) and index linking weekly State pension rates to inflation over the next five years. — John Brady. [12802/17]

*484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the social welfare rights of survivors, widows and widowers under 60 years of age in view of the fact that those over 60 years of age can retain household benefits if their deceased spouse was in receipt of them, whereas those under 60 years of age cannot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [12806/17]

*485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments by county that have been made to families by the community welfare officers as top ups to the rent supplement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [12816/17]

*486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which he has been alerted to the possibility of the reduction of benefits to various pension fund subscribers throughout either the public or the private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12830/17]

*487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of funding for elderly persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12852/17]

*488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the recent decision to suspend jobseeker's payment with a view to reinstatement in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12859/17]

*489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if basic supplementary welfare will issue to a person (details supplied). — Bernard J. Durkan. [12862/17]

*490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Wexford can claim under the partial capacity benefit scheme retrospectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael D'Arcy. [12917/17]

*491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a renal diet allowance was reduced by €5.00 a month in respect of a person (details supplied); and if it will be restored. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12933/17]

*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a rent allowance payment will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12955/17]

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will make illness benefit MC1 applications available online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12964/17]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) was in receipt of care's benefit and if they received PRSI credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [12990/17]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if plans are in place to securely share information in real time within INTREO and related departments in order that hours of individual staff productivity are not wasted requesting the same information repeatedly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13027/17]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are discretionary payments available for families with wheelchair users that need access to a suitably adapted car in view of the fact that this would save on taxi fares in the long term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13028/17]

*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the financial hardship on those in coordinated occupational pension schemes that have retired early, in many cases through ill health, and whose pension has reduced by up to €1,000 per month on reaching 65 years of age in view of the fact they will not be entitled to a state contributory pension until they are 66 years of age and are not entitled to jobseekers benefit; and his plans to rectify this situation. — Clare Daly. [13085/17]

*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and percentage of bank refusals of proposals put forward by mortgage advisors within the Abhaile, PIPs and ISI schemes. — Róisín Shortall. [13091/17]

*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if forthcoming legislation on ending the compulsory retirement age will extend to those taking part in community employment schemes. — Róisín Shortall. [13093/17]

*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) still has to attend Turas Nua to complete the programme, even though they will be signing off jobseeker's allowance and starting full time employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13109/17]

*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans regarding the youth guarantee; if there are plans for targeted initiatives; if he will be drawing down further funding for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13150/17]

*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason illness benefit is no longer paid to working widows in receipt of the widow's pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [13157/17]

*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will clarify media reports regarding the centralisation of the MABs and CIS services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13217/17]

*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary question number 325 of 7 March 2017, (details supplied), if by the logic contained therein, the national average supervisor participation ration will need to increase to 25:1 before a scheme is approved for an assistant supervisor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13227/17]

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any

such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13326/17]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if arrears due to a person (details supplied) in relation to their claim for family income supplement will be paid out immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [13346/17]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13419/17]

*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications made for exceptional needs payments between January 2014 and December 2016; the number and percentage of those applications which were successful; the total number of such applications between January 2014 and December 2016 which related to assistance with exceptional needs due to serious illness; and the number and percentage of those applications which were successful. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13436/17]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications between January 2014 and December 2016 which related to assistance with funeral, burial or cremation costs; and the number and percentage of those applications which were successful. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13440/17]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount paid in relation to all exceptional needs payments approved between January 2014 and December 2016 relating to assistance with exceptional needs due to serious illness. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13438/17]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount paid in relation to all exceptional needs payments approved between January 2014 and December 2016 relating to assistance with exceptional needs due to funeral, burial or cremation costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13439/17]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the procedure followed by his department if a traffic accident occurs whereby an employee of a community employment scheme is driving their own vehicle for the purpose of work and is not covered by insurance for such incidents which happened during the course of work; if his department has had such cases; if it covered the costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13453/17]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to his recent meeting with district representatives, the progress that has been made in the relocation of a department agency to Ballybay in addition to the retention of the 30 plus jobs that were lost to the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13454/17]

*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of temporary staff that are being employed at each office local and divisional office throughout the country, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13460/17]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of employing temporary staff at local and divisional offices throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13461/17]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for carer's benefit for a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [13462/17]

*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13463/17]

*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently participating in the jobpath scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13477/17]

*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of complaints made against the two companies charged with operating the jobpath scheme; the nature of such complaints; the steps taken by his department to address issues raised by participants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13478/17]

*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if jobpath will form part of the review to be carried out by his department of activation programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [13479/17]

*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will expand the level of dental services available in view of the concerns of dental care professionals regarding the levels of oral health (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13485/17]

*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (detail supplied) will receive a reply to a lone parent application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [13527/17]

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's allowance in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13549/17]

*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal on a decision on a carer's allowance in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13557/17]

*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when payment will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13569/17]

*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost per annum of extending entitlement to child benefit up to a person reaching their 19th birthday provided they are still in secondary education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13571/17]

*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a jobseeker's allowance payment will issue in the case of a person (detail supplied) who is awaiting payment for nine weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13575/17]

*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a jobseeker's allowance payment will issue in the case of a person (details supplied), who is awaiting their payment for a number of weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13579/17]

*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13620/17]

*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13622/17]

*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget allocated to Seetec Ireland in each of the past three years, in tabular form; the total money budgeted for allocation for 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [13624/17]

*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of service users referred by his department to Seetec in each of the past three years, in tabular form; the outcomes for each person, specifying the employment which was gained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [13625/17]

*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13632/17]

*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for an invalidity pension for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13635/17]

*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13641/17]

*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) that has lodged an appeal against a decision to grant them a disability allowance will have the appeal decided; the reason for the delay with the appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13646/17]

*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an injury benefit application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13652/17]

*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Donegal had their partial capacity benefit reduced despite having supplied his department with a signed declaration as evidence of their child dependant continuing in third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13664/17]

*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Kerry was refused disability allowance; if their case is open for further medical evidence to be submitted for consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13668/17]

*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount paid in relation to all exceptional needs payments approved between January 2014 and December 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13680/17]

*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person registered with Turas Nua cannot take part in a community employment scheme which could lead to full time employment; if so, the reason for this rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [13742/17]

*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a carer’s benefit appeal by a person (details supplied); when the appeal was registered; the date the relevant departmental papers and the comments by or on behalf of the deciding officer were sought; the date they were received; when this appeal will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13745/17]

*543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the first date when a person (details supplied) was allowed rent supplement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O’Loughlin. [13748/17]

*544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13756/17]

*545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the figure he gave to Dáil Éireann on 7 March 2017, estimating the cost of reverting to the State pension rate bands that existed prior to the changes introduced in 2012 of approximately €60 million if introduced in January 2018, included the increase in the State pension rate in 2017; and, if not, if he will provide an updated figure. — Thomas Pringle. [13773/17]

*546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans in place to centralise the operation of the Money Advice and Budgeting Service and the Citizens Information Service; the reason for this change; his views on concerns in relation to such a merger over fears that a number of offices will close; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13779/17]

*547. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the carer’s allowance section of his department will send a file to the appeals office for a person (details supplied) who is appealing a decision made on their carer’s allowance application. — Pat Deering. [13783/17]

*548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will have a decision on a review of their carer’s allowance. — Pat Deering. [13801/17]

*549. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider granting an extension to a person (details supplied) participating in a community employment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [13806/17]

*550. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of reinstating the full payment of €193 for those aged under 26 in receipt of jobseeker’s allowance, supplementary welfare allowance and the back to education allowance. — John Brady. [13844/17]

*551. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of exiting the jobpath contract early. — John Brady. [13845/17]

*552. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year financial implications of ceasing to direct jobseekers to jobpath. — John Brady. [13846/17]

*553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of an increase in funding required by the local employment service to facilitate a referral increase of 5%. — John Brady. [13847/17]

*554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of an additional 4,000, 5,000 and 10,000 community employment places. — John Brady. [13848/17]

*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of an additional 500 rural social scheme places. — John Brady. [13849/17]

*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of restoring the back to school clothing and footwear allowance in full. — John Brady. [13850/17]

*557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of allowing lone parents in employment whose children are aged between seven and fourteen to receive both the jobseeker's transition payment and family income supplement if they meet the qualifying criteria. — John Brady. [13851/17]

*558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of making jobseeker's transitional payment and the SUSI grant payable to lone parents regardless of the age of the youngest child or whether the family is in receipt of rent supplement. — John Brady. [13852/17]

*559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing child benefit by €3, €5 and €10 for children aged 12 and over. — John Brady. [13853/17]

*560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing family income supplement by 10%. — John Brady. [13855/17]

*561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of raising the cut off age of the one parent family payment to 12 years and increase the earnings disregard to €120. — John Brady. [13856/17]

*562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the living alone allowance by €10 per month. — John Brady. [13857/17]

*563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of restoring the State pension band rates to their pre September 2012 position. — John Brady. [13858/17]

*564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of extending the family income supplement payment to those engaged on job activation schemes. — John Brady. [13859/17]

*565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing carer's allowance and carer's benefit by €3, €5 and €7. — John Brady. [13860/17]

*566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of re-instating the household benefits package in full. — John Curran. [13875/17]

*567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will assess the feasibility and costs for the provision of a nationwide database that would co ordinate services providers both public bodies and community organisations that provide community services, most especially to the care of the old and vulnerable, in order to properly identify and inform on persons that need help, the help that is required and the body which can and will provide that help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13910/17]

*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can be released from their obligations to Turas Nua; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13912/17]

*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if disability benefit will be approved for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [13914/17]

*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the entitlement to a State pension for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13971/17]

*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the hours carers can study or work while in receipt of social welfare from 15 to 20 hours per week. — John Brady. [14032/17]

*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing disability allowance by €5, €10 and €20. — John Brady. [14033/17]

*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the respite care grant by €100, €250 and €325. — John Brady. [14034/17]

*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of extending the fuel allowance payment by three weeks and by five weeks. — John Brady. [14035/17]

*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of introducing a bereavement grant of €500, €700 and €1,000. — John Brady. [14036/17]

*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of reinstating the State pension transition payment. — John Brady. [14037/17]

*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the blind pension payment by €2, €5 and €10. — John Brady. [14038/17]

*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the fuel allowance payment by €3 and €5. — John Brady. [14039/17]

*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary question 260 of 23 February 2017, if he will provide details with regard to the five members of staff currently suspended in his department, in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14057/17]

*580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the survey he has issued to a number of self employed persons in relation to extending social welfare entitlements to the self employed; the number of recipients of this survey; the way in which the participants were chosen

to participate; the reason for sending this survey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14099/17]

*581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14138/17]

*582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [14158/17]

*583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a full time employee with a third level college that is due to reach the age of 65 in March 2017 and therefore faces mandatory retirement in September 2017 will be able to agree an extension of their employment contract for an additional period; and the flexibility which exists for the extension of such public sector employment contracts in advance of the expected change of the rules regarding mandatory retirement ages. — Eamon Ryan. [14168/17]

*584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a community group (details supplied) can expect to receive a response from Pobal to correspondence it sent to the body in which it queries the funding options available for the appointment of a project administrator through the community services programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14197/17]

*585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14569/17]

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

*586. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding contributions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12808/17]

*587. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans in reaching the recommended target of 0.7% GDP towards poverty overseas aid in view of the current figure Ireland contributes which stands at 0.36%; his further plans on working towards meeting this target; when he plans to meet this target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13259/17]

*588. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12963/17]

*589. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken in the Diaspora policy to engage and support the Irish LGBT plus community abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [12974/17]

*590. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a law passed by the Israeli government which will ban entry of foreigners that call for the boycott of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13232/17]

*591. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the fact that the US administration has failed to name a new US Ambassador to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13233/17]

*592. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13327/17]

*593. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there is an expenses grant to assist students that have been selected for a one week Iveagh scholarship with his department as part of their transition year work experience at secondary school for accommodations and expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13417/17]

*594. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps Ireland is taking to encourage Ethiopia to lift the state of emergency and to encourage the Ethiopian government to address the grievances of protesters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13446/17]

*595. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action he is taking to ensure that development assistance is reaching the most vulnerable Ethiopians, regardless of their political affiliation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13447/17]

*596. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the average waiting time for passport express applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13507/17]

*597. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Bahraini government revoked the nationality of a person (details supplied) on 20 June 2016; and if he will raise the case with his Bahraini counterpart. — Seán Crowe. [13516/17]

*598. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which a submission to the inter departmental committee on the Irish abroad can be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13734/17]

*599. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to parliamentary question number 138 of 2 March 2017 and in view of the fact it is claimed that these birth certificates were not returned from the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service, the avenue open to these persons in view of the fact the original birth certs were issued in South Africa and it can take up to two years to obtain a replacement original. — Pat Deering. [13794/17]

*600. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish passports issued outside the State in each of the years 1997 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [13903/17]

*601. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when passports for the children of a person (details supplied) will issue; if any outstanding documentation is remaining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13964/17]

*602. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the referendum taking place in Turkey in April 2017, which could give President Erdoğan more powers; his further views

on the future relationship with Turkey if the referendum passes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13973/17]

*603. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to parliamentary question 268 of 23 February 2017, if he can provide details with regard to the one member of staff currently suspended in his department, in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14058/17]

*604. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount Ireland spent on overseas development assistance in each of the years 2007 to 2016; and the percentage of gross national product the spend represents in each year. — Seán Crowe. [14112/17]

*605. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount he expects Ireland to spend on overseas development assistance in 2017; and the percentage of gross national product he expects this spend to be. — Seán Crowe. [14113/17]

*606. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount he expects Ireland to spend on overseas development assistance in 2018; and the percentage of gross national product he expects this spend to be. — Seán Crowe. [14114/17]

*607. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if consideration will be given to banning goods produced in Israeli settlements in Palestine, in view of the fact these settlements are illegal under international law and the continued human rights violations that these illegal settlements create. — Seán Crowe. [14115/17]

*608. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14133/17]

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

*609. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW is providing funding to Dublin city council for the flood defence project as part of the S2S footway and cycleway interim works scheme in Clontarf, Dublin 3; the amount of funding to be provided; if difficulties have been notified to his department regarding these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [12889/17]

*610. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total number of State assets sold since 2011; the use of the proceeds of these sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13160/17]

*611. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of pension restoration for retired public servants; if retired public servants in receipt of a public service pension will be engaged as part of the Public Service Pay Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12787/17]

*612. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has been consulted by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding potential proposals to provide financial assistance to An Post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12789/17]

*613. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has been consulted by the Minister for Health or the HSE on the cost of the deal made between the HSE and the IMO for the restoration of the living out allowance for non-consultant doctors and on proposals to fund the deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12791/17]

*614. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount already allocated and the initiatives and programme's implemented with regard to the €5 billion extra funding allocated for capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12792/17]

*615. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the mid term capital review will be open to public submissions; if so, the date of the deadline for submissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12793/17]

*616. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the ownership of a golf club (details supplied); and his plans for same. — Alan Kelly. [12809/17]

*617. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason community employment supervisors were treated differently from CDP workers that were employed by community projects in relation to their pension entitlements. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12939/17]

*618. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether it is required in the public spending code that projects included in the Capital Investment Plan should have undergone at least a preliminary business case analysis. — Robert Troy. [12960/17]

*619. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Rosscullane Road, Castlemaine County Kerry (details supplied) will be refurbished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13009/17]

*620. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to discontinue the public service pension reduction; and if so, when will it be discontinued. — Alan Kelly. [13011/17]

*621. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Public Service Pay Commission will be published; and when a decision will be made to reverse the cuts in pay and allowances to PDFORRA members of the Defence Forces. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13049/17]

*622. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full year cost of unwinding FEMPI cuts for all public sector workers currently earning less than €65,000 gross per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13052/17]

*623. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full year cost of unwinding FEMPI cuts for all public sector workers currently earning more than €65,000 gross per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13053/17]

*624. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full year cost of pay equalisation for post 2011 entrants into the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13054/17]

*625. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full year cost of making the public sector a living wage employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13055/17]

*626. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full year cost of making the civil service a living wage employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13056/17]

*627. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated full year saving as a result of reducing all TD salaries to €75,000 and all Senator's salaries to €60,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13057/17]

*628. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the full year cost of increasing gross pay of all public sector workers under €30,000 by 1%, 2%, 3% and 5%, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13058/17]

*629. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason for the delay in the OPW formally approving the lower Morrell River flood relief scheme and the funding of same in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [13116/17]

*630. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to parliamentary question numbers 479 and 480, if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [13167/17]

*631. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13328/17]

*632. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects recruitment in specific vital areas of the public sector to become a policy initiative in the future, especially in areas such as counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13351/17]

*633. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the outcome of the arbitration between his department and the CPSU in relation to the integration of the staff officer and executive officer roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13459/17]

*634. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of all State properties sold in County Kerry between 2011 and February 2017; and the valuation of each at the time of sale. — Martin Ferris. [13642/17]

*635. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of properties currently owned by the State in County Kildare or under long term lease to the State that are currently vacant; the attempts that are being made to fill them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13716/17]

*636. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the OPW's discussions on the refurbishment of a Garda station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13744/17]

*637. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a fish counter will be provided as promised by IFI and the OPW on the river Nore, Kilkenny city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13828/17]

*638. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to parliamentary question 270 of 23 February 2017, if he will provide details with regard to the one member of staff currently suspended in his department, in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14059/17]

*639. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to parliamentary question number 270 of 23 February 2017, of the reason he requested answers to the question from each department except the Departments of Health and Education and Skills. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14062/17]

*640. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the Civil Service spouses and children's superannuation scheme was introduced by way of circular letter P18/12/67, dated 18 May 1984; if the Minister had the authority to issue such a circular; the reason membership of the scheme is obligatory on all civil servants, regardless of their health, family circumstances or other circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14083/17]

*641. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14137/17]

*642. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if it is standard practice for a private consultant to be used to recruit for non-commercial State employment vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [14261/17]

Chun an Aire Ealaíon, Oidhreachta, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Arts, Heritage; Regional; Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

*643. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason not for profit community childcare centres are not permitted to apply for LEADER funding under the current rural development programme; her plans to include community childcare centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13521/17]

*644. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her views on the report submitted by Dublin Zoo to the National Parks and Wildlife Service, which detailed that the zoo had over 100 animal deaths in the space of two years between 2014 and 2016, including a number of animals on loan from other zoos; her further views on whether this will damage the zoo's reputation; if international comparisons have been sought for best practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [14146/17]

*645. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her plans to increase the amount of national parks here (details supplied); her views on whether more national parks would have a positive effect on the environment, wildlife and tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14182/17]

*646. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the extent to which the built environment continues to be protected for the benefit of present and future generations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14272/17]

*647. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs when the NPWS will make available the conservation rangers reports, vet reports and hare capture reports for the 2016/2017 hare coursing season. — Clare Daly. [12877/17]

*648. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she has considered the implications of increasing powers to Water Ways Ireland as proposed in the Heritage Bill 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [12878/17]

*649. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the process by which an association (details supplied) can have the Ardagh Chalice put on display in the village of Ardagh as part of its itinerary of commemorative events being planned for 2018 to mark the 150 year occasion of the discovery of the Ardagh Chalice in Ardagh, County Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12968/17]

*650. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason for the delay in providing already approved compensation to a person (details supplied) and others in similar situations that have given a commitment to cease cutting of turf on sensitive sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13022/17]

*651. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the steps she has taken to identify and ameliorate the primary issues hindering rural development, especially in regard to counties Sligo and Leitrim, with particular reference to the need to maintain a viable rural population and the recently announced Action Plan for Rural Development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13096/17]

*652. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the extent to which she continues to encourage the promotion and development of the arts, with particular reference to the maximisation of employment opportunities arising therein, especially in regard to counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13098/17]

*653. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the extent to which various at risk heritage sites and buildings within counties Sligo and Leitrim continue to be protected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13099/17]

*654. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the extent to which she is engaged in the restoration of major historical or cultural sites in counties Sligo and Leitrim at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13100/17]

*655. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the extent to which she continues to provide funding for the arts at local and community levels within counties Sligo and Leitrim, directly or indirectly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13101/17]

*656. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the extent to which local community based festivals within counties Sligo and Leitrim have benefitted from EU grant aid, directly or indirectly, with particular reference to the specific grant aid for festivals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13102/17]

*657. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the extent to which her support for the arts sector continues to result in continued activity and employment, especially in regard to counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13103/17]

*658. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will make an audit of all historical buildings, including those of architectural and cultural interest, especially in regard to counties Sligo and Leitrim; the degree to which alterations have been made in the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13104/17]

*659. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if the arts sector continues to attract philanthropic support; the extent to which this support occurs; if she will provide a breakdown on the destination of philanthropic funds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13105/17]

*660. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs when the 2017 town and village and renewal scheme be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13147/17]

*661. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the action she is taking to support the Irish language; the initiatives she will enact to make use of the Irish language more commonplace; the action she will take to further promote the use of the Irish language in the EU as Brexit approaches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13213/17]

*662. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs his plans to reestablish the All Party Consultation Group on the Decade of Commemorations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13268/17]

*663. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the details of the charge to the exchequer of a 10% increase to the arts budget of her department. — Peadar Tóibín. [13278/17]

*664. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her plans to pay compensation to any farmer that has designated land which they cannot sell; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [13279/17]

*665. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if the National Museum of Ireland, Museum of Country Life in Castlebar has the necessary funding and resources to remain open to the public and provide a high quality of service for the next five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [13322/17]

*666. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of her department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13329/17]

*667. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the steps she is taking to preserve, support, maintain and promote heritage sites throughout counties Sligo and Leitrim and the country as a whole, with particular reference to the importance of ensuring that nothing is lost with regard to preservation for future generations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13349/17]

*668. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the extent to which she encourages internationally the use of Ireland and particularly counties Sligo and Leitrim as a film location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13350/17]

*669. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will provide details on local authority contributions to the arts including their definition of arts funding and a breakdown of proportional expenditure; and the breakdown between capital and current expenditure by each local authority, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13400/17]

*670. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the details of each artist funded by Culture Ireland in 2014, 2015 and 2016 either via grant or sponsorship, in tabular form; the amounts received in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13445/17]

*671. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason that €3.8 million of the capital carryover from 2016 into 2017 arising from an underspend on the decade of centenaries 1912-1922 has been allocated to other purposes in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13647/17]

*672. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason the €0.5 million of capital carryover from 2016 into 2017 arising from an underspend on the Gaeltacht support schemes has been allocated to other purposes in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13648/17]

*673. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the details of the criteria under the built heritage investment scheme; if a historical site (details supplied) would qualify for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13672/17]

*674. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs when local authorities will receive funding under the Structures at Risk Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13673/17]

*675. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will provide details of employment within her department including the number of persons that are employed in each office or sector, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13674/17]

*676. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the number of staff employed by the Arts Council. — Peadar Tóibín. [13675/17]

*677. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the amount her department has spent on external consultant reports since 1 January 2011, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [13676/17]

*678. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her views on the application to the Heritage Council by a person (details supplied) for part funding for the re-thatching of a listed thatched building at the same address; if there are other schemes managed by her department from which funding could be sourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13977/17]

*679. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the total amount spent externally by her department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to her department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14126/17]

*680. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs further to parliamentary question number 236 of 1 March 2017, if her department's observations dated 13 May 16 requested by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on an application (details supplied) are based on a thorough examination and robust scientific assessment of the application and its supporting documentation as a whole; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14151/17]

*681. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs further to parliamentary question number 236 of 1 March 2017, if she has satisfied herself that her department has properly advised the public and the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on an application (details supplied) when officially consulted in March and April 2016 by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, in view of the concerns raised by 555 public submissions and an organisation's observations on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14152/17]

*682. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs further to parliamentary question number 236 of 1 March 2017, if her views on whether her department's observations remain appropriate in view of the 555 submissions which include a submission from an organisation (details supplied) as stated in her reply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14153/17]

*683. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will provide a list of all the in combination issues that were considered by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in its observations dated 13 May 2016 requested by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14154/17]

*684. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the progress made in discussions between Irish Rail, Fingal County Council and her department in relation to the provision of a pedestrian and cyclist route along the railway across the Broadmeadow Estuary (details supplied) . — Eamon Ryan. [14171/17]

*685. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason a decision was made to appoint a director of the National Gallery of Ireland on a permanent basis rather than a contractual basis; and her views on whether this was an appropriate decision. — Niamh Smyth. [14175/17]

*686. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the reason the Public Appointments Service was not used when appointing a director of the National Gallery of Ireland and the director of Creative Ireland. — Niamh Smyth. [14176/17]

*687. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if her department has received any application under the built heritage investment scheme or the built heritage jobs leverage scheme from Cork County Council to support work at a location. (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14192/17]

*688. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if there have been on site inspections of a site (details supplied) since the fire in 2016, in order to ascertain its structural safety; if so, the conclusion; and if not, her views on whether that would be positive and useful. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14193/17]

*689. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she has received an application under the Structures at Risk Fund to enable conservation works to heritage structures, in both private and public ownership, that are protected under the Planning and Development Acts, for a location (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14194/17]

*690. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she has provided any financial assistance to Cork county council in support of protecting a site (details supplied) since the significant fire in 2016. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14195/17]

*691. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under her remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14561/17]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*692. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) with regard to part time home help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12876/17]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the person or bodies at all levels that will be held accountable for the Grace case and the findings of the subsequent Devine and Resilience reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [12936/17]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the fact that any statement, admission or document given or sent to a commission of investigation is not admissible as evidence against a person in any criminal or other proceedings except proceedings regarding an offence under section 18; if this will apply to the proposed Commission of Investigation into the Grace case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13191/17]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the actions of an organisation (details supplied) that has been openly advertising and distributing abortion pills at various locations here contrary to the provisions of the Protection of Life during Pregnancy Act 2013; the measures he is taking to address this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13401/17]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all confiscations and seizures of illegal abortion inducing pills over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13402/17]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on fluoride in water here and the research the government relies upon that justifies the use of fluoride in water. — John Lahart. [13504/17]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Ireland is not in the majority of countries that continue to use fluoride in their drinking water systems. — John Lahart. [13505/17]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of the deal reached between the HSE and the IMO for the restoration of the living out allowance for non-consultant doctors; the source from which this money will be allocated; if he or the HSE consulted with the Minister for Public

Expenditure and Reform in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12790/17]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently waiting for ophthalmology assessment in the Mater hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12796/17]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for cataract operations at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; the current waiting times for cataract patients without admission dates for cataract assessment and cataract operations, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12797/17]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork can expect to have an assessment of need carried out. — Michael McGrath. [12810/17]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12813/17]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health his plans on publishing the primary eye care services report; if he will be publishing a national strategy to deal with the unacceptable levels of ophthalmology waiting lists, particularly in relation to diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration and cataract which are among the worst waiting lists in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [12814/17]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will have an assessment of need; the number of persons currently ahead of them on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [12827/17]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to grant automatic qualification to a medical card for children in receipt of domiciliary care allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [12831/17]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a service which had been available to a person (details supplied) for a number of years is no longer available; and if he will arrange to have this service reinstated without delay. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [12834/17]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12837/17]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if home help will be provided to a person (details supplied) who is urgently in need of same. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [12841/17]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money spent by the HSE in settling legal claims, that is, the total amount of combined settlements; the total amount spent on legal costs regarding incidents at Mayo General Hospital in each of the years 2014 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12844/17]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is not being provided with a nurse on call service; his views on whether it is acceptable that the person has remained in hospital for 13 months ready to be discharged but for the availability of the nurse of call hours; if he will compare the cost of keeping a person in hospital for 13 months with the cost of providing adequate home based nurse on call support; the total amount of funding for nurse on call services

for each year from 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the number of persons in receipt of home help hours; the number of hours provided to those persons for each year from 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [12845/17]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [12854/17]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health if the practice of face down restraint is permitted in HSE run mental health inpatient units; and if records are kept and collated as to each instance in which face down restraint is used. — Clare Daly. [12857/17]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health if a person that is ordinarily resident here but is currently a student in Hungary can qualify for a medical card; the reason a person studying in Hungary may no longer qualify for a medical card; the frequency with which this person must return home to be considered as ordinarily resident by the Health Service Executive; if it is sufficient to be here approximately five months of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [12865/17]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the lotto funding available through his department that a centre (details supplied) can make an application for; the way this application can be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12867/17]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the funding made available from his department and the HSE to a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12868/17]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to revisit the decision to cease the public health nurse based in Tipperary town, County Tipperary from calling weekly to a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [12869/17]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has to wait 15 months to see an occupational therapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [12873/17]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the negotiations his department is conducting with the relevant stakeholders for the provision of the respreeza therapy for persons suffering from the alpha one deficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12880/17]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health when the new emergency department will open with regard to University Hospital Limerick; his plans for the recruitment of staff for this unit; the number of staff that will be employed in this unit.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [12881/17]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on whether to add the free style libre flash glucose monitoring system to the reimbursement list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12884/17]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card ceased in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [12885/17]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [12886/17]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is eligible to receive a transfer to Mallow General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [12892/17]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been support systems made available to persons (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [12894/17]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Donegal that have been referred to the northwest radiotherapy unit at the Altnagelvin Area Hospital in Derry to undergo treatment in 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [12895/17]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health if an Irish citizen currently studying in an EU/EEA state can use their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for medical treatment here; if in Hungary dental treatment is available under the state system, if an Irish citizen's EHIC covers medicines post treatment here and in Hungary whilst studying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [12899/17]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if an Irish citizen currently working in an EU/EEA State can use their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for medical treatment here; if an Irish citizen's EHIC covers medicines post treatment here and in Hungary whilst the person is working in Hungary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [12900/17]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds and procedure beds in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12901/17]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient hospital cancellations and the number of the procedures cancelled for the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12902/17]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons outsourced and the procedures for which the persons were outsourced; and the locations the persons were outsourced to from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017 for the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12903/17]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on trolleys in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12904/17]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for each hospital department in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12905/17]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department attendances for the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12906/17]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the capital spend for the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12907/17]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the operational spend at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12908/17]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the total agency staff spend at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12909/17]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient appointments before cancellations at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12910/17]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the did not attend rate in percentages per year at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12911/17]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health if the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital implements the SDU and HSE guidelines for did not attends. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12912/17]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health if the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital operates or plans to operate a text alert to persons in advance of outpatient department appointments. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12913/17]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of theatres and the number operational at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12914/17]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the age profile of persons attending the emergency department and the reasons for attending at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital from 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12915/17]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that were patients of the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital that were placed in nursing homes, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [12916/17]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to grant an importation licence for medical cannabis containing THC for a person (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [12922/17]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of social workers that have been investigated and prosecuted to date for operating with the title of social worker, but without being registered with CORU since registration became mandatory in 2013. — Clare Daly. [12924/17]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE managers that have been disciplined or sanctioned since 2013 as a consequence of a discovery that a social worker or social workers operating under them were not registered with CORU. — Clare Daly. [12925/17]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health when surgery will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [12934/17]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the further measures he is taking to ensure the safety of vulnerable children and adults in the care of the State in day care settings and residential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [12935/17]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite surgery for a person (details supplied) at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [12938/17]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an orthopaedic appointment in respect of a person (details supplied) at University Hospital Waterford. — Mary Butler. [12941/17]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will be issued with an appointment to be assessed for hip replace surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [12947/17]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been approved home help or a home support package but are currently on a waiting list to receive either, due to a lack of available staff, by county. — Thomas Byrne. [12948/17]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health if he will schedule an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [12949/17]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not had their xrays read and was informed they would not be looked at any time soon. — Niamh Smyth. [12953/17]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the change in the type two diabetic test strips reimbursement. — Robert Troy. [12954/17]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the absence of certain equipment and training to the National Ambulance Service in County Cork which is critical to the implementation of the clinical practice guidelines in place (details supplied); the steps he will take to rectify this anomaly in the interests of public safety and to allow the staff of the National Ambulance Service to provide the level of care expected by the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [12959/17]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include Crohn's disease and epi pens under the long term illness scheme. — Robert Troy. [12962/17]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health if a clinical director for maternity services has been appointed for the South/South West Hospital Group; the name of that person; if the role is clearly defined with a delegation order or other such official designation; if the role has managerial autonomy in relation to budgetary matters with a clear and distinct operating budget within the South/South West Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [12969/17]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that there is no recorded data of the number of foetal anomaly scans for pregnancies within the SSWHG and that not all pregnant women presenting to CUMH have access to such scans; and his further views on whether the lack of scanning services and allied datasets presents risks in terms of patient outcomes. — Sean Sherlock. [12970/17]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with cataract surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [12971/17]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the capital investment allocated into specialised equipment for diagnostics for pregnant women in the CUMH over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [12975/17]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health when his attention was drawn to the requests for specialised diagnostic maternity equipment for the CUMH; the actions that were taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [12976/17]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for improvement of mental health services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [12979/17]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [12984/17]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his department has not provided correspondence between him and a person (details supplied) and any other person regarding plans for, discussion of, submissions and the eventual publication of the independent clinical review of provision of a second catheterisation laboratory at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12986/17]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health if it is it normal practice for a Freedom of Information request to be three months overdue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12987/17]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the average turnaround time for a Freedom of Information request sent to his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12988/17]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory obligations that pertain to FOI requests and their delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [12989/17]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12995/17]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health the annual running costs of the mobile MRI scanner unit at south Tipperary general hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12996/17]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of all alliance medical mobile MRI scanner units situated in hospitals in the south east; the annual running costs of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [12997/17]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for orthodontic treatment. — Barry Cowen. [13000/17]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of the orthodontic treatment waiting lists with the Health Service Executive Offaly division. — Barry Cowen. [13005/17]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to liaise with the Ministers for Finance and Social Protection regarding penalties or programmes for otherwise healthy persons that cost the State money by repeatedly clogging up accident and emergency services through multiple cases of injuries and incoherence arising out of intoxication, which is leading to a reduced service for other more vulnerable persons; if such penalties could include the docking of a portion of social welfare payments or an increased income tax surcharge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13023/17]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the dates and the criteria that will be followed for a person (details supplied) waiting for two hip operations. — Pat Deering. [13061/17]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health if there is data available on patient waiting list numbers and waiting times for a number of procedures (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [13062/17]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health if there is data available to support a matter (details supplied) in terms of the number of persons that receive a negative diagnosis from a biopsy, having tested positive with the initial blood test. — Louise O'Reilly. [13063/17]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health if there is data available on the number of diagnoses of coeliac disease that are confirmed in the absence of such a biopsy, in view of the need to standardise testing and diagnosis protocol. — Louise O'Reilly. [13064/17]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidelines are still the agreed protocols in place for medical management of coeliac disease diagnosis; if so, if there is audit data available on compliance with this best practice approach; and if there are agreed training programmes in place for medical professionals to follow these guidelines. — Louise O'Reilly. [13065/17]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a national screening programme for coeliac disease, in view of the potential positive impact that proper diagnosis can have on both the patient and the health service and that potentially one third of persons with coeliac disease have not been diagnosed. — Louise O'Reilly. [13066/17]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health if a national screening programme is not under consideration, if a targeted programme will be considered in view of the fact that the likelihood of having coeliac rises to one in ten for blood relatives of those with a positive diagnosis. — Louise O'Reilly. [13067/17]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health if there are tools and resources in place to collect, analyse and evaluate data in terms of both patient compliance post diagnosis, for example, diet, annual testing and so on and the consistency of post diagnosis aftercare from medical professionals. — Louise O'Reilly. [13068/17]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health if there are figures available that can quantify the cost to the health service of patient care for those living with coeliac disease, in terms of direct management of those diagnosed as well as the level of potentially avoidable hospital admissions and out patient treatments in cases in which the primary diagnosis was coeliac disease. — Louise O'Reilly. [13069/17]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to an assessment of the long term value to the health service of establishing a national screening service for coeliac disease for all children (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [13070/17]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a plan in place to develop educational supports within junior and senior schools possibly under the CSPE curriculum to support needs (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [13071/17]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review funding or the appropriateness of managing funding for persons with coeliac disease within the disability section of a service rather than a more relevant area such as health and wellbeing (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [13072/17]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the total saving achieved per annum by removing the cost of gluten free products from medical cards since the cut was introduced in 2012; and his plans to review this policy. — Louise O'Reilly. [13073/17]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria for funding voluntary day care centres; if it is per number of service users or percentage of running costs; if there is a national standard for funding; if not, if there is regional variations; if he has a formal policy for the funding of voluntary day care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13080/17]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant neurologists currently employed and serving the north west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13082/17]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made in respect of a medical card application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13084/17]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the status of orthodontic treatment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Andrew Doyle. [13086/17]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the number of monthly meetings of the HSE's national performance oversight group which have taken place to date and the dates of such meetings. — Róisín Shortall. [13088/17]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions on which any senior manager or CEO of any hospital or hospital group has been brought before the HSE's national performance oversight group for under performance. — Róisín Shortall. [13089/17]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults that have been waiting less than three months, between three and six months, between six and nine months, between nine and eighteen months, and greater than eighteen months for occupational therapy with occupational therapy services in County Sligo, in tabular form. — Eamon Scanlon. [13094/17]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 March 2017; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — Billy Kelleher. [13115/17]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds and their location in County Kildare for persons with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13129/17]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy in County Kildare; the length of time the children have been waiting; if measures will be taken to deal with the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13130/17]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of the Alzheimer's day care centre for south Kildare which is currently being housed in Moore Abbey; if there are plans to move this specific service to Drogheda Street, Monasterevin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13131/17]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for a three year delay in patients being seen by the weight management multi disciplinary team in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13134/17]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health the status of negotiations between his department and pharmaceutical companies to secure an agreed price for the drug savitex (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [13166/17]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of regulation for the sale and supply of hearing instruments and hearing assessments; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13169/17]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children currently on HSE waiting lists, by region and county, for hearing assessments and or the fitting of a hearing aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13170/17]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's plans to reduce waiting lists for hearing assessments and the fitting of hearing aids for both adults and children; if these plans will include a public competitive tender whereby qualified personnel will be a prerequisite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13171/17]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the addition of the drug questran light to the GMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13172/17]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the introduction of the anomaly scan at Cavan General Hospital; if it will be available full time at the hospital; the number of days per week it will be available at the hospital; the date for introduction of this service in the last quarter of 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13189/17]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment. — Barry Cowen. [13193/17]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a national coeliac disease register to identify external contributing factors or to establish possible causation in diagnosis, in addition to any regional variations in the figures for testing, diagnosis and post diagnosis supports based on availability of resources, financial or medical (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [13201/17]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the EU Cross Border Healthcare Directive which allows Irish citizens obtain treatment in other member states, in 2016 cost the HSE €2.2 million, an increase of €500,000 on 2015; the detail of the services that were approved since the directive started; the amount that was allocated to mental health under the directive and in particular to residential addiction treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [13206/17]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment and treatment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13207/17]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 524 of 7 March 2017, the details of the mechanism by which inflation in construction costs from 3% to 9% accounts for a cost increase for the new children's hospital from €404 million in 2012 to over €1 billion currently. — Clare Daly. [13208/17]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 524 of 7 March 2017, the reason the €605 million estimate for the cost of the children's hospital calculated in 2015 was cited in that response and not the original estimate from 2012, of €404 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [13209/17]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be provided with a wheelchair which they applied for in January 2017. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13218/17]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health when a full medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13222/17]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is only one child psychologist employed by the HSE in Cork south that has to deal with over 200 referrals per year (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [13223/17]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the public health centre in Knockanana, County Wicklow which has been unused for a number of years; the prospects of it being used for community purposes as proposed by persons (details supplied) who donated the land to the Eastern Health Board for the construction of the health centre in the 1980's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [13228/17]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that 73% of respondents to a research study by an organisation (details supplied) are of the view that drinking to excess is part of Irish culture; the actions his department will take in view of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13244/17]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health the details of general practitioners in the Ballybrack and Shankill area that have a GMS list and are still accepting new patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13257/17]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital beds per 1,000 of the population; if there is data relating to these figures in a comparable context in respect of other OECD countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13265/17]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of needs assessments by assessment of needs officers in areas (details supplied) in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [13277/17]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health when the national review of cardiac services will be undertaken; when the terms of reference will be published; the person or body that will be carrying out the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [13293/17]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health when the national review of cardiac services is undertaken if it will be an independent review or an internal HSE review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [13294/17]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health if cardiologists in the south east will be consulted prior to the completion of the national review in relation to the national review of cardiac services and specifically in relation to UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [13295/17]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE plans to implement the Herity Report in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [13296/17]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that persons living in the south east cannot avail of cardiology services at the weekend and after 5pm in the evening until 9am in the morning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [13297/17]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that it is impossible to get from UHW to CUH in 90 minutes by car or ambulance within the 90 minute timeframe for successful intervention for cardiac arrests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [13298/17]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health when the planned national review of primary PCI will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13301/17]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health if the national review into PPCI services will be an independent clinical review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13302/17]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health if he has identified the person or persons that will conduct the national review of PPCI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13303/17]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health if the option of having two distinct PPCI centres here namely a 24/7 service or a 9 to 5 service as per the model of ACS services will remain in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13304/17]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health if there are grounds upon which emergency PPCI services will cease at UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13305/17]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health if he will rule out ceasing limited PPCI services at UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13306/17]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons to be treated and the length of time a mobile cath lab will be in place at UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13307/17]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health if a terms of reference will be drawn up for the national review of PPCI here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13308/17]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health the national guidelines that will underpin a national review of PPCI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13309/17]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health the consultations that will take place in respect of a national review of PPCI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13310/17]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health if the national review of PPCI services is regarding the way to implement the recommendations of the Herity Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13311/17]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health if a national review into PPCI is being undertaken by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13312/17]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health if an effective catchment population or the actual population of the southeast will underpin the national review of PPCI services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13313/17]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13330/17]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a MRI scan for a person (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [13332/17]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that a person (details supplied) is immediately admitted to the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore to have a procedure carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [13345/17]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health if he has satisfied himself that the various initiatives taken addressing overcrowding at accident and emergency departments throughout the country and especially in counties Sligo and Leitrim are adequate and sufficient to address the issue at present and in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13348/17]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the standing orders of the regional health forums across the State; the frequency of their meetings; and if he will prioritise a national meeting of regional health forums. — Seán Crowe. [13369/17]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff that have been removed from employment following reviews of services or assessment of practices since 2010. — Seán Crowe. [13370/17]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Tusla staff that have been removed from employment following reviews of services or assessment of practices since 2010. — Seán Crowe. [13371/17]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health the designated number of health and social care professionals allocated to the East Galway City Primary Health Centre, Doughiska, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [13377/17]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient services that are available for older persons at the East Galway City Primary Health Centre, Doughiska, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [13378/17]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent staff positions that have been approved for the East Galway City Primary Health Centre, Doughiska, Galway; the number that are actually in position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [13379/17]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the catchment area served by outpatient services for older persons by the East Galway City Primary Health Centre, Doughiska, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [13380/17]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the take up rate for services offered by the East Galway City Primary Health Centre, Doughiska, Galway to older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [13381/17]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to have a person (details supplied) admitted to the rehabilitation unit in Mullingar, County Westmeath, for necessary rehabilitation treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [13383/17]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists employed by the HSE that are providing services in Dublin north west and Dublin north central; his views on whether this number is adequate in view of the large waiting list for speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13389/17]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of vacancies in the HSE that are based in Dublin north west and Dublin north central. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13390/17]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, both public and private, currently waiting for MRI scans, x-rays, CT scans and PET scans in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital in tabular form; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13391/17]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently waiting on gynaecological referrals in the Rotunda Hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13392/17]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently waiting for gynaecological surgeries in the Rotunda Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13393/17]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include, by statutory instrument, persons with severe chronic pain and persons that suffer spasticity from cerebral palsy in accessing medicinal cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13395/17]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the actions his department can employ to prevent the dissemination of illegal abortion pills here; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation (details supplied) has been distributing these pills at various locations here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13403/17]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the targets in place for reducing outpatient waiting times in Naas General Hospital in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13404/17]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been refused access to their first choice of general practitioner service for children under six years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13405/17]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health if the policy of charging cancer patients car parking fees in Naas Hospital will be abolished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13409/17]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13410/17]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on a medical card application by a person (details supplied); if he will take into consideration the urgency in processing this application due to the fact that the person is applying on a discretionary basis due to their medical condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13418/17]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in Dublin 7 will receive an appointment for speech and language therapy. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13422/17]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a new pilot scheme for an MS drug; the procedure to get on such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13426/17]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health the current registered nurse to patient ratios and doctor to patient ratios respectively; the safe levels required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13427/17]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of implementing the national maternity strategy; the current funding allocated for same; the funding earmarked to implement it across the next couple of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13428/17]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health the current standard (details supplied) for midwifery staffing; the cost of bringing the current Irish levels in line with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13429/17]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health the current international and best practice standards for consultant obstetricians and gynaecologists; the cost of bringing the current Irish levels in line with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13430/17]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the orphan medicinal products regulation; if his attention has been drawn to the monopoly that pharmaceutical companies can hold for orphan medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13431/17]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of abolishing prescription charges; the estimated cost of lowering the drug payment scheme threshold in €20 intervals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13432/17]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health the current average cost of a GP visit card; the current average cost of a GP visit card for under 6 years of age; the current average cost of a GP visit card for over 70 years of age; the current average cost of a GP visit element of medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13433/17]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a person (details supplied) will be transported to Galway university hospital for an emergency procedure if not by the HSE national ambulance service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13434/17]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a concluded review on the HSE's ambulance service handling a 999 call on 28 October 2010 (details supplied) will not be published by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [13435/17]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health if he will encourage the HSE to support the innovative plan put together by the general practitioners in Thurles County Tipperary to maintain the patient list of a retiring general practitioner (details supplied) as a separate practice, in view of the fact the general practitioners are unable to facilitate the HSE's plan to divide the patient list with the other general practitioners in the town due to over capacity in their practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13448/17]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in the sourcing of a replacement general practitioner for the retiring general practitioner in Cappawhite, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13451/17]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made in negotiations with general practitioners that will see the problem of replacing retiring rural general practitioners resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13452/17]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing a single property to accommodate a children's health facility, at which a school age team would deliver services, at the HSE's preferred location in Roscommon town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13457/17]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health the current cost of accommodating children's health services in Roscommon town at the multiple sites in which services are currently being delivered by school age teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13458/17]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to add pain amplification syndrome and chronic fatigue to the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [13466/17]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health the resources he is providing to assist persons with Prader-Willi syndrome and their carers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13467/17]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of mental health teams to assist persons with Prader-Willi syndrome (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13468/17]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to involve persons with Prader-Willi syndrome in service planning (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13470/17]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the provision of medical cards for persons with Prader-Willi syndrome (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13471/17]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide more specialist dietetic services for persons with Prader-Willi syndrome (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13472/17]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide specific residential care places for persons with Prader-Willi syndrome (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13473/17]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [13481/17]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a primary healthcare centre (details supplied) in Dublin; the timeline for its construction and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [13482/17]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health if he will have a long term stay bed made available to a person (detail supplied) in County Cork. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [13486/17]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the proposal from general practitioners in Thurles, County Tipperary to replace a general practitioner that is due to retire very soon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [13488/17]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there has been no physiotherapist in a school (details supplied) since September 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [13490/17]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health if he has met with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, including representatives of individual companies, in the past year; if the Cannabis for Medicinal Use Regulation Bill 2016 was discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13492/17]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the consultations he has had on the development of MRH Portlaoise emergency department; the consultations he has had regarding 24/7 mental health cover, including CAMHS, to MRH Portlaoise emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [13493/17]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken (details supplied) to resolve the respite issues of disabled children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [13495/17]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided to an organisation (details supplied) in order to allow it to recruit a person, who was appointed pending funding, for the position of enhanced homecare support officer in the north west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13503/17]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE is now requesting weekly travel receipts from students that are attending third level overseas (details supplied) in the assessment of their medical card application, in view of the fact that they remain citizens of the State and return home outside of term time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13511/17]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health his views regarding the logic to developing the new children's hospital, without ensuring the co-location of the new maternity hospital, in view of the scientific evidence which exists of the need to co-locate and the particular unsuitability of the St James's site for those purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [13515/17]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can access an appointment with an occupational therapist to assess accommodation needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13526/17]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13530/17]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health further to the meeting that took place on 6 December 2016 with a person (details supplied), if he will contact the person directly and outline any steps that have been taken since the meeting took place in relation to the primary medical certificate assessment criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [13531/17]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) with regard to grant funding for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13532/17]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health the number of allegations of sexual abuse made to the HSE or the previous health boards by persons that were fostered or by their families in respect of time spent at a foster home, with the exception of the specific home in the south east which is now the subject of a commission of investigation for each year since 1990; when the allegation was made for each case; the action that was taken; if the allegation was referred by the HSE or health board to the Gardaí; the outcome of any internal HSE or health board investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13540/17]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange to have an urgent date provided for a medical procedure in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [13548/17]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time persons have to wait from general practitioner referral for an appointment for initial examination and breast screening check at the Mater Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [13558/17]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a grant available to help persons with sight issues to purchase equipment (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13574/17]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding that has been provided by his department or agencies under its remit to individual local authorities for the provision of life saving equipment such as defibrillators, in tabular form for each of the past six years; the level of funding sought by local authorities over the corresponding period; his plans in relation to this area of safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [13581/17]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve funding for a person (details supplied) that has been accepted into a facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13602/17]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for a medical card by a 21 year old full time student living at home with their parents is assessed on household income or only on the income of the student; his plans to revise policy in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [13603/17]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take regarding insurance companies refusing to provide cover for neurological paediatricians prescribing medicinal cannabis; the way he will deal with this matter in new legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13615/17]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health if any person that has applied to his department regarding the new cannabis legislation succeeded in getting the required drug to treat epilepsy or Dravet syndrome; if so, the name of the consultant involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13616/17]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health if the sponsorship of nursing and midwives third level education initiatives is still available within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13618/17]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request that SIVUH refer a person (details supplied) for treatment in a private hospital via the NTPF once the next funding initiative to the hospital has been sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13626/17]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the next appointment for surgery will take place in respect of a person (details supplied); and the way the person can receive priority surgery. — Joan Collins. [13627/17]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health when the next initiative of NTPF funding will be made available to SIVUH, Cork for persons listed on the inpatient day case ophthalmology waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13631/17]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the NTPF €5 million funding that has been provided to the South-South West Hospitals Group for the day case waiting list; the number of patients that have had procedures from this hospital; the amount of funding provided to this hospital

that is remaining and of the excess of 2000 daycases across the country managed through this process; the number that are patients from SIVUH and of these the number that are ophthalmology patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13633/17]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [13636/17]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13640/17]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health when a comprehensive CAMHS service will be provided to a person (details supplied); the provision made to ensure that all young persons requiring urgent and comprehensive services are provided with them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13649/17]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of public money spent in each of the past five years in respect of treatment in hospitals by the HSE (details supplied); if these hospitals have entered contracts with the NTPF for taking patients off waiting lists; the other funding that has been given to this hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13650/17]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of all State funding allocation in relation to AIDS/HIV prevention to LGBT and non LGBT organisations over the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [13651/17]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the growing waiting times in Naas Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13655/17]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide medical assessment records in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry, in view of the fact person has experienced difficulty accessing their own records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13662/17]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to have a decision made in respect of their medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13663/17]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have surgery. — Pat Deering. [13666/17]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 446 of 13 December 2016, if he will ensure that a final reply is issued as soon as possible in view of the fact no response has been issued from the HSE despite several requests to his office. — Róisín Shortall. [13670/17]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health when the position of the sarcoma specialist at St. Vincent's Hospital will be filled; the current status of the recruitment process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [13703/17]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13709/17]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding was refused by the HSE to supply a nurse to a person (details supplied) who has been out of school since February 2017. — Pat Buckley. [13711/17]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided by the HSE for each of the years 2011 to 2016, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13725/17]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the reason long term illness benefit is cut off at 16 years of age for mental illness but not for other illnesses; the reason the medical card is withdrawn for persons suffering from mental illness at the age of 16 but not for other illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13730/17]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have surgery arranged. — Pat Deering. [13741/17]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to alter the living donor reimbursement scheme in order that stay at home parents would be compensated for childcare costs which will ensue as a result of their recuperation from their operation and therefore ensure that there is not a financial disincentive with such activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [13743/17]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13749/17]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent hospital appointment in the neurology department will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13751/17]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the 33 residential centres run by St John of God for persons with disabilities that are currently deemed by HIQA to be non compliant with regulations, in tabular form. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [13752/17]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken by the HSE to ensure that the 33 residential centres run by St John of God for persons with disabilities are operated on a basis that is compliant with HIQA regulations. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [13753/17]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that has been provided in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017 by his department and the HSE to St John of God to provide services to persons with disabilities. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [13754/17]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health the dementia services available for the under 65s nationally and specifically in the Dublin south west constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13755/17]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be admitted to hospital for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [13757/17]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health if any adult CF patients were accommodated in wards within UHL other than in the CF unit since the unit opened; if so, the length of time they were in the non CF unit; if there was a room available in the CF unit at the time; the breakdown of CF

versus non CF patients in the unit at the time; if adult non CF patients have been admitted to the CF unit ahead of CF patients since the opening of the CF unit; if adult CF patients been moved out of the CF unit; if so, the reason they were moved; if there was accommodation in the adult CF unit when they were moved; and if their room or bed in the adult CF unit was taken by a CF or non CF patient. — Alan Kelly. [13760/17]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health if the works to be carried out at a health centre (details supplied) are significant; if it will affect the services provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13763/17]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding making translarna available through the GMS scheme following additional data which has been given to the HSE; the position regarding the drug being made reimbursable following submissions of additional data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [13770/17]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in implementing the recommendations contained in chapter five of the review of the nursing home support scheme and, specifically, work done in implementing recommendations 7 to 9 that deal with additional charges imposed by private nursing homes on fair deal residents. — Thomas Pringle. [13772/17]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which a person (details supplied) in County Sligo has access to a medical card to cover costs associated with treatments prior to March 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13792/17]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women that have availed of the screening for cervical cancer in each the years 2010 to 2016. — Lisa Chambers. [13803/17]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health the age groups that receive the free meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine; his plans to extend the free meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine to all children; if his attention has been drawn to the fact the vaccination costs up to €270 to receive it outside the public health care system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [13811/17]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health when a €75 public charge was introduced for an appointment for necessary chemotherapy treatment; and if this is a policy of any hospital that provides this necessary public health service. — Joan Collins. [13812/17]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question numbers 499 and 500 of 14 February 2017 the reason Our Lady's Hospital, Navan and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda do not submit their inpatient cancellation data to the NTPF; the reason Our Lady's Hospital, Navan and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda do not submit their outpatient cancellation data to the NTPF; if Our Lady's Hospital, Navan and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda collect data relating to inpatient and outpatient hospital cancellations; if not, the reason; the barriers to the collection of this data; the proposed plans to start collection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13817/17]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health the number and which hospitals do not collect inpatient and outpatient cancellation data; the reason this data is not being collected; if there are plans to start the collection of this data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13818/17]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health the information relating to waiting lists which exists for Our Lady's Hospital, Navan and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in view of problems with data collection at these hospitals; the types of data currently being recorded in respect of inpatient and outpatient lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13819/17]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health the IT systems in use at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; the waiting list and data collection systems in use at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; if the systems currently in use at these hospitals are up to modern standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13820/17]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all meetings between his department and Nursing Homes Ireland from 2011 to date, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13821/17]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all meetings from 2011 to date between the National Treatment Purchase Fund and Nursing Homes Ireland in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13822/17]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all meetings from 2011 to date between the National Treatment Purchase Fund, Health Information and Quality Authority and Nursing Homes Ireland, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13823/17]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allocate funding to service providers that accommodate children with disabilities moving into adult services; if so, when this funding will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13825/17]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Suzie Long Project planned for St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; if the HSE plans to provide funding for the project; the section within the HSE that is tasked with the delivery of the project; if he has a timeframe in place within which the project will be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13834/17]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health if angiogram services will be provided at St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny, in view of the number of persons from the area that must travel to Dublin for the service and the poor public transport system available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13837/17]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health the current status on the provision for a second cath lab at WUH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13838/17]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding made available to each local and regional drug task force for each year from 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13863/17]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement the Irish Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism's recommendation that an eight bed national centre for patients suffering and living with IF be established at St. James's Hospital at an annual estimated cost of €3.9 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13867/17]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an operation, having had it cancelled twice already; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [13873/17]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health if he will schedule an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13902/17]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health when two assessments will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13904/17]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health the reason legislation has not been put in place with regard to HIQA (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13908/17]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health the position with regard to a closed respite house in Listowel County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13909/17]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health when the gratuity payment due to certain home help workers will be made in lieu of pensions payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [13915/17]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national steering group established to develop policy on a major trauma system for Ireland; if any of the proposals include closing emergency departments, diminishing services or to close or remove trauma services from any hospital; if so the identity of those hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [13916/17]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with disabilities in receipt of home support services in each LHO for each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the number of applications for such a service for children with disabilities received in each LHO in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Timmy Dooley. [13947/17]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged 6 or under 6 years of age with life limiting conditions in receipt of home support services in each LHO for each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the number of applications for such a service for children under 6 years of age with life limiting conditions with disabilities received in each LHO in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Timmy Dooley. [13948/17]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the business case of IRSPEN (Irish Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism) with the HSE; when same is likely to be progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [13957/17]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13965/17]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health if he will permit two children (details supplied) to attend their choice of general practitioner under the GMS scheme; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that no consultation was made with the family in question and that the circumstances of this family are exceptional. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [13966/17]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the benefit of the single market applies throughout all European countries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13967/17]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health if, as an interim measure, he will take steps to recommend the immediate establishment of a single dedicated eight bed national centre for patients living with IF to be located at St. James's Hospital, sufficient to meet the needs of 50% of the national requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [13983/17]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Republic of Ireland is one of the few countries in which its health care system fails to provide a specialist service for IF or HPN patients (details supplied); the steps he will take to remedy this serious situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [13984/17]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding that was allocated to respite services for persons with disabilities in County Louth in budget 2017, as per commitments made by the Minister of State with special responsibility for Disabilities (details supplied); the location and type of additional respite beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [14016/17]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 1113 of 16 September 2016, the progress that has been made regarding the provision of emergency respite in County Louth for adults and children with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [14017/17]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding allocated to the Mo Shaol initiative in County Louth in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [14018/17]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that had been on a compassionate based programme of a drug (details supplied) can now no longer access same; if he will ensure a mechanism is put in place to ensure access is continued for those persons in receipt of the drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [14023/17]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health the status of negotiations with a company (details supplied) further to the decision made not to reimburse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [14024/17]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for a CT angiogram at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14025/17]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health if, in a case (details supplied) whereby there is a lien on a home in lieu of medical bills and the person dies but there are still relatives in the house, it normal practice by the HSE to insist on the property being sold, thus rendering the relatives homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14026/17]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the disused health centre in Shillelagh, County Wicklow; the avenue for submitting a proposal for its future use as a community facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14027/17]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the public health centre, Millbank, Shillelagh, County Wicklow which has been unused for a number of years; the future proposed for it, in view of the request from community groups to use the building for community services in this isolated rural area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [14028/17]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14030/17]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health the exact annual cost of leasing a new premises for the HSE (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [14031/17]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to find a residential placement for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14051/17]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health the supports, financial or otherwise, that are in place for a family to take a person (details supplied) home to Ireland from England; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [14054/17]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health the number of employees across his department and each agency or organisation under the aegis of his department that are suspended from work without prejudice and on full pay pending an investigation; and if he will provide in the case of there being one or more employee in this situation details with regards to the suspensions, in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14063/17]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health the way the HPRA is funded; the proportion of that funding which is from pharmaceutical companies; the measures taken by his department to prevent undue influence by the pharmaceutical industry on HPRA decisions on drug policy and appointments to the HPRA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14076/17]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health if the HPRA has met with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry or other interested parties to discuss the Cannabis for Medicinal Use Regulation Bill 2016; if there are minutes of these meetings; if so, the outcomes of such meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14077/17]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health the funding for HSE and other voluntary agencies which is provided for residential care for persons with disabilities; the way the level of service is agreed with these agencies; the way these agencies are accountable for keeping to service level agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14078/17]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health the indirect State funding, through tax deductible medical expenses, including health insurance or other tax breaks, on building or developing health facilities which was made available to private sector healthcare providers, including a group (details supplied); the information which is collected by his department on these private sector healthcare providers’ staffing, bed numbers and health outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14079/17]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons persons with private health insurance are now charged for using emergency departments in public hospitals; the reason for this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14085/17]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the minor injuries unit at Louth County Hospital can only treat persons over the age of 14; his plans to enable the unit to treat persons below age 14; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [14087/17]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgical beds located in Louth County Hospital; the number of surgical procedures which have been undertaken in Louth County Hospital in 2016 and to date in 2017; the operating times of the theatre at Louth County Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [14088/17]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health if oncology outpatient treatment is available at Louth County Hospital; if not, if he will consider introducing oncology outpatient clinics at the hospital for the administration of anti cancer medications and other treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [14089/17]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for each relevant hospital for MRI scans under the public system. — Dara Calleary. [14090/17]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health if governance issues have been resolved regarding the proposed new national maternity hospital at a site owned by a religious group (details supplied); his views on whether Holles Street Hospital may be eliminated as an independent entity if it has no role in governance at the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14091/17]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the paediatric and maternity services at Portlaoise Hospital; if they are to be downgraded, the locations these services will move to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [14092/17]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health if he, or officials of his department, have met with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry or other interested parties to discuss the Cannabis for Medicinal Use Regulation Bill 2016; if so, if there are minutes of these meetings; if so, the outcomes of such meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14093/17]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the efforts undertaken to date to raise awareness concerning the dangers of meningitis with particular reference to ongoing or planned vaccination programmes and the plans to address any deficiencies in this particular area in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14101/17]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the electroencephalogram service has been reduced from a four day to a two day service in Sligo University Hospital since May 2016; his plans to return it to a four day service and to increase it to a five day service, in view of the fact that this hospital is servicing the west Mayo, north west regions and the border counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat The Cope Gallagher. [14106/17]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14134/17]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health when an application with the NMBI will be finalised for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14155/17]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for home help in counties Laois and Kildare; and the length of time they are on those lists. — Brian Stanley. [14157/17]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any policy or procedural item which prevents a first response responder paramedic working with the ambulance service in Northern Ireland from providing treatment, such as sutures to wounds and injuries, to persons when dispatched to attend to calls here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14198/17]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the costs of the fair deal scheme in 2017 or 2018; if the scheme can be expanded to include care being provided in the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [14199/17]

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

*1010. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if methane emissions can be reduced or capped without harming the agricultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [14141/17]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Ireland will be represented at the Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon being held in Rome under the auspices of the FAO (details supplied). — Eamon Ryan. [14264/17]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) who applied for installation aid in 2003 did not receive it; if their application will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12835/17]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment under the GLÁS scheme will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Galway; the reason for the delay in issuing this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12838/17]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment under the GLÁS scheme will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; the reason for the delay in issuing this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [12839/17]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who is requesting compensation for forestry that was burnt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12856/17]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [12863/17]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [12898/17]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for and the consultation process behind the decision to legislate to allow Northern Ireland registered vessels access to fishing within the six mile limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [12921/17]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons under 40 years of age with a green certificate that started farming between 2000 and 2008 and did not draw installation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12929/17]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons under 40 years of age with a green certificate that started farming between 2000 and 2008 that received payments under the BPS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12930/17]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average payment to farmers under 40 years of age with a green certificate that started farming between 2000 and 2008 under the BPS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [12931/17]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to introducing legislation to provide for a licence for those selling pets irrespective of the number of pets sold which would include a requirement for licensed sellers of pets to display their licence number when advertising, regardless of the means used to advertise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [12942/17]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of each of the sub sectors of agriculture to which the Common Agriculture Policy 2014 - 2020 is allocated; the associated amounts allocated to each sub sector; the amount of matching funding made available in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [12944/17]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of Irish draw downs of the agri food processing investment scheme; the number of persons that availed of the scheme in increments (details supplied) in 2014, 2015 and 2016; the total amount that could have been drawn by Ireland in each of these years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [12945/17]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the other subsectors within farming that have received allocations from the European Commission for each of the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019; the sub sectors in which co-financing is also available with regard to the European Commission's announcement in July 2016 that it would support Irish farmers affected by the livestock crisis with €11.1 million and relaxed state aid rules in order that the national exchequer could co-finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [12946/17]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the figures highlighted in a presentation by an organisation (details supplied) with respect to Ireland's percentage area of EU waters and the percentage of fish caught and landed in Irish waters pre and post Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [12965/17]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in receipt of GLAS 1 and GLAS 2 that have received 85% of their total 2016 payment, by county, in tabular form; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting their 2016 payment; the total number of GLAS recipients that have yet to receive payment, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [12980/17]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that applied for AEOS that have received their total 2016 payment, by county, in tabular form; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting their 2016 payment; the total number of AEOS recipients that have yet to receive payment, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [12981/17]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Irish Greyhound Stud Book is the property of the State; the annual revenue it generated from 2000 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [12994/17]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the organisation responsible for the nomination of each of the current members appointed to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (ALAB); the date on which they were nominated; the panel in which that organisation is included according to both section 23 of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 and associated regulations; the date on which they were last appointed or reappointed by him to ALAB; if he will identify any panel in respect of which there is an outstanding appointment to ALAB; the date on which he requested nominations from each of the organisations in that panel; the associated organisations in that panel that have submitted nominations in respect of that panel and the date on which those nominations were received by him; if a decision has been made not to appoint those parties nominated; the reason no appointment has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13060/17]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will increase the level of funding available for the cashflow support loan for farmers following reporting from banks due in mid March, in view of the level of applications already submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [13114/17]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in counties Cavan and Monaghan that have received GLAS payments since the start of 2017, in tabular form; if they received GLAS 1 or GLAS 2 payments; the number of persons in both counties that were deemed ineligible; the number of persons that remain to be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13137/17]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of all Coillte owned sites in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the previous occasion investment took place at these sites; the amount of investment in these sites since 2010, in tabular form; his plans to invest in these sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13140/17]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will investigate a GLAS issue (details supplied) and make the required changes to the mistakenly inaccurate GLAS application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13192/17]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an AEOS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13195/17]

*1036. 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. [13199/17]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address matters (details supplied) with regard to the European Commission's figures on direct payments for 2015. — Martin Kenny. [13202/17]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of persons in county Tipperary that have not received 85% of the total 2016 payment for GLAS 1, GLAS 2 and AEOS; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13220/17]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the government will increase its funding to an organisation (details supplied) to assist the organisation in tackling animal cruelty and allow it to employ inspectors to monitor animal welfare across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13245/17]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding negotiations with the EU Commission on specific measures (details supplied); and when he expects these schemes to be rolled out. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [13258/17]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) will qualify for a top up from the national reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13261/17]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13273/17]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if due to the demand for the low cost loan scheme which resulted in all moneys being allocated within four weeks, he will make more funding available to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13388/17]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive their outstanding 2016 AEOS payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13394/17]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address calls from an organisation (details supplied) and its 6,000 membership for representation on the EU monitoring committee for the rural development programme in order that the needs of small family farms are heard and met through the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13414/17]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive their AEOS 2 payment. — Michael Ring. [13420/17]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if persons that have given long service as temporary veterinary inspectors with his department will have public service pension entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [13450/17]

- *1048. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 703 of 19 July 2016, the status of a TAMS application by a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that it has been some time since they applied for this grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13464/17]
- *1049. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive the final year AEOS 2 payment. — Michael Ring. [13506/17]
- *1050. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on a review of a GLAS 2 application submitted by a person (details supplied) in County Galway; when a decision will issue in relation to this review; the reason for the delay in issuing a decision on this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13509/17]
- *1051. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which Coillte has fully complied with all of its own consultancy processes and procedures in respect of a development of Coillte land at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [13519/17]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte has a full and accurate list of all farmers and other landowners that are likely to be materially affected by a proposed development at Coillte land at a location (details supplied); the steps he plans to take to ensure that all relevant consultation processes and procedures are fully followed by Coillte in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [13520/17]
- *1053. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are proposals to be considered under the CAP negotiations which would suggest that persons on pensions should not receive farm payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [13536/17]
- *1054. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied). — Michael Ring. [13552/17]
- *1055. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13556/17]
- *1056. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if persons that use sludge for the growth of energy crops can still qualify for quality assurance in view of the fact the crop does not enter the food chain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13560/17]
- *1057. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which a small farm (details supplied) may engage with the FDA agency in the United States with a view to pursuing export opportunities. — James Lawless. [13564/17]
- *1058. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that applied to the basic payment scheme, single payment scheme, disadvantaged area scheme and areas of natural constraint scheme had payments deducted as a result of any inspections conducted by his department for each of the years from 2011 to 2016 and date in 2017, by county, in tabular form; the number that received penalties of less than 20%, 50% and maximum penalties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13609/17]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that applied for the basic payment scheme, single payment scheme, disadvantaged area scheme and areas of natural constraint scheme that sought an internal review of and findings of his department by county for each of the years from 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; the number that received penalties of less than 20%, 50% and maximum penalties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13610/17]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that applied for the basic payment scheme, single payment scheme, disadvantaged area scheme and areas of natural constraint scheme that sought to appeal the findings to the Agricultural Appeals Office by county, in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; the number that received penalties of less than 20%, 50% and maximum penalties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13611/17]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that applied for the basic payment scheme, single payment scheme, disadvantaged area scheme and areas of natural constraint scheme that have made any kind of application to the High Court to review or appeal any decision of his department for each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13612/17]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of decisions of the Appeals Office that have been appealed by his department for each of the years 2011 to 2016 and date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13613/17]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of appeals brought before the Agricultural Appeals Office that dealt with the basic payment scheme for each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13614/17]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received in the latest tranche of the GLAS scheme; the number of these that have been or will be admitted to the scheme; the starting date for these persons in the scheme; the cut off score in terms of points allocated to be successful in joining the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13643/17]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that have not yet received their first payment for 2016 under the GLAS scheme, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13644/17]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total payment under the GLAS scheme each year since its inception including to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [13645/17]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13656/17]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will rectify a records anomaly in the context of GLAS in respect of persons (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13665/17]

- *1069. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13667/17]
- *1070. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the fit out costs for the newly designed containment laboratory at the Backweston facility in County Kildare are included in the declared costs; if the fit out costs are not included, the projected costs for this fit out which is due to be handed over in May 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13706/17]
- *1071. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the original contractors were not held liable for the faults in the original works in 2005 when the high containment laboratory was built; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13707/17]
- *1072. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are other expenditures involved in the redesign, build and commissioning of the high containment laboratory at the Backweston facility in County Kildare that have not been provided. — Eamon Scanlon. [13708/17]
- *1073. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an AEOS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13710/17]
- *1074. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 538 of 21 February 2017, when payments will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [13714/17]
- *1075. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 529 of 21 February 2017, when payments will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [13715/17]
- *1076. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of outstanding GLAS 1 and GLAS 2 payments to be paid in County Kildare and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13726/17]
- *1077. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the criteria for entry to the national reserve has changed recently; his views on whether the new criteria discriminates against young farmers presently enrolled on green cert courses due to finish after May 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [13728/17]
- *1078. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2016 basic payment scheme and young farmers payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13732/17]
- *1079. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13746/17]
- *1080. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13747/17]

- *1081. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in counties Cavan and Monaghan and throughout the country awaiting a GLAS payment, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13764/17]
- *1082. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cases of mycoplasma bovis that have been brought to the attention of his department for each year since 2007 by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [13775/17]
- *1083. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his department's strategy for containing the mycoplasma bovis disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [13776/17]
- *1084. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that his department provides to farmers that discover mycoplasma bovis disease within their herd; if his department offer preventative guidance to farmers in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [13777/17]
- *1085. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive a GLAS payment. — Michael Ring. [13787/17]
- *1086. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will receive a GLAS payment. — Michael Ring. [13814/17]
- *1087. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive an AEOS payment. — Michael Ring. [13870/17]
- *1088. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the preparation of maps for the areas of natural constraints scheme review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13918/17]
- *1089. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be an appeals mechanism available to farmers when the revised maps are produced for the area of natural constraints scheme review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13919/17]
- *1090. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will receive a GLAS payment. — Michael Ring. [13952/17]
- *1091. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is possible for a person (details supplied) to submit a late basic payment scheme application for 2015 and 2016 in view of their payments for 2013 and 2014 only now issuing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13961/17]
- *1092. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in County Westmeath that have not received 85% of their total 2016 GLAS 1, GLAS 2 and AEOS payment; the reasons for this delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [13968/17]
- *1093. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in County Westmeath enrolled in the areas of natural constraint scheme; his plans to update the process of reviewing qualifying areas for the areas of natural constraint scheme; if his department has completed the mapping exercise in County Westmeath; when the maps will be published; the

consultation which will be undertaken with farmers in County Westmeath on the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [13969/17]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13981/17]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 393 of 23 February 2017, if he will provide details with regard to the one member of staff currently suspended in his department, in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14060/17]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reintroduce the growing of sugar beet and the manufacture of sugar therefrom here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14116/17]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14125/17]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 210 of 22 February 2017, if he will review the case of a person (detail supplied). — Anne Rabbitte. [14187/17]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision was made that inspections being carried out by the Revenue Commissioners on behalf of his department under the geographical indicators scheme would be carried out on an annual basis; the reason that the scale of fees charged does not relate to the size of distillery involved; his plans to revise these fees to encourage the development of micro distilleries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14189/17]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the review of replacement capacity requirements under the sea-fishing boat licensing policy will be completed; when the conclusions of the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14190/17]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason he did not impose some percentage claw back on leasing of entitlements without land to help fund the national reserve, as was agreed with 8 other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14210/17]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the government sought permission from the EU to not impose clawback on leasing of entitlements without land that it had agreed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14211/17]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) with regard to ANC payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14258/17]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) with regard to the funding of ANC payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14259/17]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a suggestion with regard to the payment rates of ANCs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14260/17]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Mayo will receive a GLAS payment. — Michael Ring. [14265/17]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14560/17]

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*1108. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a final agreement will be reached in relation to bin charges; the measures that will be put in place for families throughout the country with sanitary waste that are being penalised with the pay by weight system through no fault of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [12978/17]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which his attention was drawn to Inland Fisheries Ireland not having the power to prosecute offences under the Fisheries Acts (details supplied); his plans to amend this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13180/17]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there will be a price set and some form of price regulation put in place to allow persons assess the economic viability of the investment before they proceed with respect to persons that invest in bio digesters and the resultant gas production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13561/17]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether the increase to €1 on the price of a postal stamp will deter persons using stamps and further affect revenue at An Post; his further views on whether it will help revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13766/17]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if proposals to provide financial assistance to An Post have been provided to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; if he has consulted with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12788/17]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of plans to extend broadband cover to a location (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [12811/17]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of plans to run a gas pipeline through Longford; if he has been in contact with Gas Networks

Ireland recently regarding the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12926/17]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason the Beaulieu area in County Louth has been overlooked with regard to having a fibre broadband cabinet when there are cabinets installed in Drogheda and as far out as Aston village, Termonfeckin and Clogherhead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [12993/17]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has contacted ComReg regarding the decision by some mobile phone companies not to make available to their customers all the benefits with regard to data that should accrue with the new EU roaming charges due to come into effect in June 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13138/17]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which his attention was drawn to Inland Fisheries Ireland not having the power to prosecute offences under the Fisheries Acts, in view of a communication issued by his department to that agency (details supplied); the legal advice with which he has been furnished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13182/17]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of legal cases which have already been determined by the courts but for which an appeal against the ruling has been taken by the defendant, in view of a communication issued by his department to Inland Fisheries Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13183/17]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason window replacement is not covered in the better energy warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13241/17]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if consideration will be given to a grant for the replacement of windows that provide energy savings for homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13242/17]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the government has participated in an energy efficiency audit on buildings owned by the State in an effort to save money on energy bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13243/17]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the availability of fast broadband to Lynn Cross, Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Peter Burke. [13267/17]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason for the removal of an ambulance call centre (details supplied) from a new and revised contract agreement which had previously been stipulated as a designated centre for the purpose of service provision; if the terms of this revised document do not require the contracted party to retain the centre as part of the agreement; if he will consider amending the revised contract with a view to have the centre included as part of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13318/17]

- *1124. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13339/17]
- *1125. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans for the longwave mast at Clarkestown, County Meath; the nature of its functions; if it will be decommissioned; and if there will be measurement of its emissions. — Peadar Tóibín. [13484/17]
- *1126. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he envisages the roll out of fibre broadband to the area of Hollymount, Ballinrobe, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [13608/17]
- *1127. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the specific criteria used in designating specific geographic areas either blue or amber in the national broadband roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13619/17]
- *1128. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the full details of a new initiative launched on 13 March 2017 to crack down on illegal dumping that will include the greater use of smart technology and more community engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13762/17]
- *1129. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address the concerns of persons in counties Cavan and Monaghan that are of the view that the increase in the price of the postage stamp to €1 will be the death of sending the Christmas card and letters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13769/17]
- *1130. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if an exemption can be granted to a society (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13780/17]
- *1131. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his assessment of the value and range of services which post offices provide to local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13785/17]
- *1132. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the funding of €5 million per annum for five years associated with the national angling plan launched over 12 months ago has been put in place; the amount of funding spent to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13827/17]
- *1133. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of protection staff assigned to the river Nore and Nore estuary, Kilkenny; if vacancies created by retirement have been filled; the number of cases of illegal fishing prosecuted relative to the Nore, Kilkenny; the action taken by his department arising from local media reports on illegal fishing at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13829/17]
- *1134. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to fund the works required on the river Nore, Kilkenny to remove blockages along the river for the safe passage of fish; the work programme and locations along the Nore at which funding will be

spent to improve the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13830/17]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a compensation package will be put in place for eel fishermen that can no longer fish for eel due to restrictions for conservation purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13831/17]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount of money collected by IFI relative to fishing licences; the number of fisherman paying the extra €25.00 to support conservation measures; the amount collected to date; the amount spent to date and the details of that spend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13833/17]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the provision of a compensation package to buy out snap net fishermen on the river Nore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13835/17]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a fish counter will be provided as promised by IFI and the OPW on the river Nore, Kilkenny city. — John McGuinness. [13874/17]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a low cost option for persons telephoning government departments and offices from mobile phone networks could be instituted by his department, in view of the fact that mobile phone ownership is far more extensive than landlines including among the poorest sections of society. — Mick Barry. [13291/17]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there are any plans in place to bring in a waste disposal relief scheme for those families and carers that look after young persons and adults that need to use incontinence pads and adult nappies on a long term basis, to help relieve the added financial burden that the disposal of these items will take on them once the pay by weight disposal scheme comes on line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [8831/17]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the achievements in the promotion of angling resources in terms of developing its tourism potential, which is one of the core objectives of the National Strategy for Angling Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13690/17]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the counties in which his department or its agencies have conducted groundwater mapping investigations; and if the data and information gathered is assisting other public agencies in protecting groundwater and drinking water supplies. — Peter Burke. [13691/17]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there will be any changes to the current criteria of the SEAI's better energy homeowner scheme which may cause an increase in the costs of the associated works for homeowners that avail of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [14019/17]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors

firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14128/17]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if it is expected that the spending increase on prevention of illegal dumping will be continued into future fiscal years; the amount of the added expense that will be offset by the revenue from fines collected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [14142/17]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the strategic environmental assessment of the draft National Bioenergy Plan, which was drafted in 2014 and has remained in draft form ever since, will be published and put to public consultation; the reason this information was not available before the recent consultation on a renewable heat incentive, which is one of the proposals in the draft plan; and the analysis which has been carried out of the sustainability of large scale importation of biofuels and solid biomass, which seems to be envisaged by the draft plan. — Eamon Ryan. [14172/17]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the roles he envisages in national climate policy for a number of provisions (details supplied); and his plans to redirect the resources currently being used to support peat fired electricity to achieve a just transition for sustainable employment in the Midlands. — Eamon Ryan. [14173/17]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will report on current plans to progress a low carbon economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14177/17]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the Environmental Protection Agency has plans to act upon calls from interested stakeholders regarding reducing supermarket packaging; and his views on whether this is an area in which Ireland could be a leader, similar to the plastic bag levy. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14179/17]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the health risks of spreading dog faeces on fields (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14181/17]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures being taken to offset the effects of climate change with particular reference to the encouragement of the use of non fossil fuels in the domestic heating sector, road transport and agriculture; the extent to which the use of reliable alternatives are being encouraged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14266/17]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his priorities under the headings of communications, climate action and the environment; the extent to which targets are being met; his plans for the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14267/17]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which improvements have taken place in the quality of mobile telephone service with particular reference to areas in which complaints have been made continuously over the last number of years; if the relevant service providers have been approached by the regulator or his department with a

view to a dramatic improvement in the standard, quality and availability of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14268/17]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress in relation to the provision of high quality and high speed broadband in all areas throughout the country with particular reference to facilitating the increasing number of persons working from their homes and as a result eliminating road traffic congestion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14269/17]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the guidelines or regulations appertaining to the dumping of various forms of waste at landfill facilities throughout the country; the way a threat to the environment is determined in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14270/17]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which procedures to restore disused or exhausted quarries are in force having particular regard to the need to ensure public safety, the reduction of pollution threat and the need to protect the environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14271/17]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress in the provision of adequate mobile telephone service and broadband throughout the country with a view to ensuring that all areas have access to the highest quality service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14273/17]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which complaints continue to be made to the regulator in respect of poor quality mobile telephone service; the action taken as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14274/17]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress to date in the meeting of international targets and agreements on carbon reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14275/17]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which he remains satisfied that adequate measures continue to be taken to ensure environmental protection with particular reference to pollution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14276/17]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which the levels of air pollution continue to be monitored; if the results are in keeping with best practice and international requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14277/17]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14563/17]

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

*1163. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has consulted the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform regarding potential proposals to provide financial assistance to Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12786/17]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the decision to include the revised Metro North project in the government's Capital Investment Plan 2016 to 2021 is not fully consistent with the public spending code guidelines on project appraisal (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [12961/17]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has waived all traffic costs on military flights; if so, when this decision was made; and the cost to the exchequer as a result of this decision. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13043/17]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of removing slip road tolls upon entry and exit to towns across the State. — Imelda Munster. [13074/17]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has studied the proposed plans in Norway and the Netherlands to ban conventional vehicle sales in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13975/17]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has analysed the recent decision of the Austrian Federal Administrative Court in relation to a proposed third runway at Vienna airport (details supplied); and if so, his views on the implications of this decision for the proposed third runway at Dublin Airport, in view of the obligations in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 and the Paris Agreement. — Eamon Ryan. [14174/17]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has proposed amending legislation to allow electric cars utilise preferential public parking and pay reduced parking fees on public metering in towns and cities, for example in order to promote environmentally friendly modes of transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14178/17]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if possible restrictions to diesel fuel motor vehicles could come into effect here, as seen in continental Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14180/17]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if proposals to provide financial assistance to Bus Éireann have been provided to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; if he has consulted with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [12785/17]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if CIÉ accepted a €3 million facilitation fee in 2016 in order to grant consent to the assignment of a development agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [12815/17]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the proportion of rents and or capital receipts CIÉ has received since a development agreement (details supplied) was executed; if he has satisfied himself that it amounts to the agreed 17.5% that falls under the heading of additional rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [12818/17]

- *1174. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the M3 motorway was not constructed as far as Cavan town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [12887/17]
- *1175. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department or the National Transport Authority is providing funding to Dublin city council for a cycle track as part of the S2S footway and cycleway interim works scheme at Clontarf, Dublin 3; the level of funding being provided; if difficulties have been notified to his department in relation these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [12890/17]
- *1176. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide funding for local improvement schemes for rural roads in view of the fact that the Minister for State for Regional Economic Development has offered to contribute funding from the CLÁR programme for these roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [12918/17]
- *1177. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the proposed M4 from Mullingar to Longford and onto Sligo due to the significant need and demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12923/17]
- *1178. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding that has been allocated to progress the Metro North project since the publication of the capital plan. — Robert Troy. [12957/17]
- *1179. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether one of the critical assumptions of lower passenger demand adopted in the Fingal North Dublin Transport Study (details supplied) still stands up to scrutiny, in view of the higher levels of projected employment and population growth and subsequently passenger demand than when the study was undertaken; and his further views on whether the redundancy of this lower demand assumption could mean that the decision to include the optimised project rather than the original project in the capital investment plan is misguided. — Robert Troy. [12958/17]
- *1180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will arrange a review of safety issues in a location on a national primary route (details supplied) with a view to improving safety in this location for motorists. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [13007/17]
- *1181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will expedite the scheduling of a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13010/17]
- *1182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of funding for the Lucan swimming pool project; if draft architectural plans have been received and a final timescale given for the delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13017/17]
- *1183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the government policy regarding the provision of public transport infrastructure along existing transport corridors designated as strategic for the development of future housing (details supplied), in order that these lands can be sustainably developed and public transport solutions put in place alongside the first housing provision; if this policy has been clearly communicated to the semi-autonomous agencies and State companies charged with ensuring the deliverability of such a network; if these agencies will

provide a timeline for same as part of any public consultation process for such developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13018/17]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to calls for a nationwide audit of sports facilities and the benefits of providing same in terms of more efficient use of resources and targeting of facilities in areas of real demand; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that some local authorities have already made efforts to obtain such information in their own areas; if such information could be obtained and made publicly available in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin Boxer Moran. [13019/17]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question numbers 1518, 1519 and 1520 of 17 January 2017, which confirm the mandatory use of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), the reason Sligo County Council does not adhere to DMURS for roads in urban areas with speed limits of 60 kilometres per hour or less in relation to the removal of parking bollard obstructions to previously derelict residential properties (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [13106/17]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question numbers 1518, 1519 and 1520 of 17 January 2017, if he will expedite the removal of parking bollard obstructions to previously derelict residential properties on a road (details supplied) in Sligo town which comply with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [13107/17]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide information on vehicular collision data to a bridge (details supplied) located in Sligo town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [13108/17]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the development agreement Coras Iompar Éireann have entered into regarding Tara Street Station with a company (details supplied); the nature of the proposed development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13149/17]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount paid to CIÉ by way of licence fee on lands being developed under licence from CIÉ in the past 20 years per annum and by site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13151/17]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the money allocated to date for the construction of a road (details supplied); when further funding will be allocated for the next phase; when he envisages the project will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [13152/17]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 308 of 1 March 2017, the conditions under which a business case for a pre clearance facility at Cork Airport would become a realistic possibility. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [13161/17]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an agreement Coras Iompar Éireann entered into for a Spencer Dock site that expires in 2018 contains a clause allowing a further two year extension, provided certain conditions are met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13163/17]

- *1193. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to change the driver licence criteria for those over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [13204/17]
- *1194. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt an tionscnamh ‘Metro North’ i ndiaidh a bheith bogtha chun tosaigh, an aontaíonn sé gur chóir ainm Gaeilge a thabhairt ar an tseirbhís iompair nua seo, mar a rinneadh leis an tseirbhís ‘Luas’ roinnt blianta ó shin. — Catherine Murphy. [13221/17]
- *1195. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attentions have been drawn to the comments made by a person (details supplied) in relation to ladies football and camogie coming under the GAA umbrella; his views on such a measure; if he will propose this to the GAA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13239/17]
- *1196. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is legislation in place to enforce sporting bodies to employ a certain number of women in senior positions or risk losing funding; if not, his plans to implement such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13240/17]
- *1197. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the provision of the Metro North from Dublin city centre to Swords/Lissenhall, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [13252/17]
- *1198. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will amend regulation 31 of the Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicles) Regulations 2015 in relation to the age of SPSVs in order that the driver of a standard taxi that is nearing retirement can continue to use their vehicle which is over ten years old for a further period of time; the reason for this regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [13264/17]
- *1199. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will make the necessary funding available to carry out specific works (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [13266/17]
- *1200. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will meet with a person (details supplied) in Waterford city the next time he visits the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13269/17]
- *1201. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the legal basis for licences not being granted to taxi drivers whose vehicles are over ten years old; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [13275/17]
- *1202. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address the growing problem of uninsured drivers on roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9545/17]
- *1203. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will review a matter (details supplied) and bring it to the attention of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII); if he will request TII to improve the lack of signage and road markings at the dangerous junction on the N2 in Monaghan; if he will intervene in this matter in view of the fact that a number of serious and some fatal accidents have occurred here; if he will address the concerns of local persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13315/17]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13338/17]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a junction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13340/17]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there are train stations in south Kildare that are being considered to become unmanned stations. — Seán Crowe. [13368/17]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has examined international practice, specifically the Dutch model, whereby the vast majority of children, before they start secondary school are required to pass a cycling test and whereby motorists are also trained for interaction with cyclists as part of their driver training when applying and testing for a driving licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13413/17]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount that was spent on the Interconnector, DART Underground, project which did not proceed; the percentage of the project that can be reused in a scenario whereby a redesign is proceeded with; if redesign work is underway; if so, the stage at which it is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13499/17]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps Fáilte Ireland and his department took to ensure compliance with the terms of the grant scheme for large tourism projects 2016-2020 and relevant EU and Irish planning, state aid and competition law, in respect of the proposed funding of a tourism development project in the Dublin mountains at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [13517/17]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps Fáilte Ireland is taking to ensure that any tourism development project in the Dublin mountain area is fully compliant with all relevant planning and state aid rules and is also fully compliant with the relevant Irish and EU Law in regard to environmental impact assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [13518/17]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide information on the project to extend the DART to Balbriggan, also serving the Skerries, Rush and Lusk and Donabate stations; the action taken in advancing this project thus far; the works which will be required to bring this project to completion; the timeframe for the necessary works at each stage and for the completion of the overall project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13534/17]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the action he will take to improve transport services and connectivity to and from the city centre for commuters, in view of capacity issues which exist at rush hour for rail transport serving the Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush and Lusk and Donabate stations and bus services connecting these communities to the city centre and in view of the often long journey times on a number of the bus services for these localities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13535/17]

- *1213. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department can fund the Buncrana to Rathmullan and the Greencastle to Magilligan ferries in County Donegal to build on the potential of the Wild Atlantic Way. — Imelda Munster. [13544/17]
- *1214. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has met with an organisation (details supplied) since assuming office; and if not, his plans to meet this organisation. — Robert Troy. [13563/17]
- *1215. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a capital sports grant application by a club (details supplied); when an announcement of funds allocated is expected under the sports capital programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [13565/17]
- *1216. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of funding provided by his department or agencies under its remit to individual local authorities for the provision of life saving equipment such as lifebuoys, defibrillators and safety signage, in tabular form for each of the past six years; the level of funding sought by local authorities over the corresponding period; his plans in relation to this area of safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [13576/17]
- *1217. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will expand on recent reports to introduce testing for tractors over four years of age with regard to road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13604/17]
- *1218. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [13623/17]
- *1219. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of personnel working for the Coast Guard indicating whether workers are volunteers, part time workers or full time workers. — Imelda Munster. [13628/17]
- *1220. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to put the Coast Guard on a legislative footing; when the heads of Bill can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [13629/17]
- *1221. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [13630/17]
- *1222. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be provided for a road junction (details supplied) in view of the fact there has been an increase in road traffic accidents in this area. — Denise Mitchell. [13639/17]
- *1223. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the provision of funding of a bypass (details supplied); the discussions he has held with the local authority involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13654/17]
- *1224. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of increases in licences for routes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13657/17]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to ensure that paramedics working with the Coast Guard shall be offered the opportunity to undergo further up skill training to advanced paramedic level or equivalent and to incorporate this training as part of the employees' professional development and therefore permitting these paramedics to administer life saving drugs, medicines and pain relief to persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13658/17]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will meet with officials from the Department of Health to examine the possibility of ensuring that, irrespective of the person's location or the mission call out number, that in every instance whereby it is believed that transporting a person to hospital can be achieved faster via air than via road using an ambulance, then the closest helicopter to the person shall be deployed to respond to such emergency medical calls (details supplied); his views on the benefits which such a protocol may yield both in terms of improving patient outcomes and its potential to save lives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [13659/17]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 711 of 31 January 2017, if he will publish the finalised scoring and weighting system for the allocation of funding under the 2017 sports capital programme with the precise details of the level of each weighting under each criteria heading. — Róisín Shortall. [13771/17]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the policy he is pursuing or implementing relative to Bus Éireann and public transport services for rural Ireland; his plans to have a public transport system that gives connectivity throughout the country thus expanding rather than reducing the existing service; his views on the reduction of services through Castlecomer, County Kilkenny and the intention of Bus Éireann to close the services through south Kilkenny, at Thomastown and Callan; the cost to the State of the public service obligation, the school transport scheme and the free travel scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13832/17]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of taxis currently licensed and in use that are over 10 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13864/17]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the proposed NTA plans to improve the public transport system with a network of park and ride sites; if he will identify these sites; the time frame for them to become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13865/17]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the specific initiatives he plans to introduce to address the issue of serious disimprovement in road safety in 2016; the timeline for the introduction of these new initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13866/17]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce NCT/MOT testing for tractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13917/17]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to the contents of the NTA's Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035, if he will provide a timeframe for the extension of the LUAS from Broombridge to Finglas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14048/17]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the detail of the types of fuel used by Irish Rail; the steps Irish Rail has taken to adopting a more environmentally friendly fleet; if Irish Rail uses ultra low sulphur diesel fuel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14075/17]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of taxpayers' money that Sport Ireland has spent on legal fees in 2016 to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14086/17]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 421 of 23 February 2017, if he will ensure that the internal report by the Olympic Council of Ireland into ticketing arrangements at the Rio Olympic Games is completed; the costs to date regarding the Olympic Council of Ireland internal report; if he has consulted with the new president of the Olympic Council of Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14107/17]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the compulsory purchase order documentation has been published in relation to a specific realignment scheme in County Cork (details supplied). — Kevin O'Keeffe. [14110/17]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14140/17]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if members of the Civil Defence units are precluded from assisting in directing public traffic or assisting local authorities with events requiring traffic management under existing road traffic legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14156/17]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has analysed the recent decision of the Austrian Federal Administrative Court in relation to a proposed third runway at Vienna airport (details supplied); and if so, his views on the implications of this decision for the proposed third runway at Dublin Airport, in view of the obligations in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 and the Paris Agreement. — Eamon Ryan. [14159/17]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to go ahead with his stated intention to transfer functions of noise regulation to the Irish Aviation Authority; and the reason he considers it acceptable to create a conflict of interest for the Authority in view of the fact that it derives revenue from a levy on aviation and consequently has a financial interest in maximising the number of flights. — Eamon Ryan. [14160/17]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will implement the Maastricht Recommendations on Promoting Effective Public Participation in Decision-making in Environmental Matters prepared under the Aarhus Convention in any possible new regulatory regime for aviation noise. — Eamon Ryan. [14161/17]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the public consultation he will undertake in relation to his stated intention to transfer functions of aviation noise regulation to the Irish Aviation Authority; and if that consultation will explain the reason he considers it acceptable to create a conflict of interest for the Authority in view of the fact that it derives revenue from a

levy on aviation and consequently has a financial interest in maximising the number of flights. — Eamon Ryan. [14162/17]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress on implementation of the national cycle policy framework received from local authorities and other stakeholders in 2013 and 2015. — Eamon Ryan. [14163/17]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress which has been made in considering a ban on the movement of HGVs on routes to schools and other specific routes with mixed traffic between 08:30 to 09:30 and 15:00 to 17:00, in pursuance of policy 2.4 of the National Cycle Policy Framework. — Eamon Ryan. [14164/17]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress which has been made in carrying out a study in relation to bicycles, ferries and ports, in pursuance of policy 8.9 of the National Cycle Policy Framework. — Eamon Ryan. [14165/17]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps which have been taken to encourage employers to provide cycling parking facilities at existing developments, in pursuance of policy 7.3 of the National Cycle Policy Framework. — Eamon Ryan. [14166/17]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the support which has been provided for introduction of emergency hotlines in all local authorities to enable the public to report potholes and inadequate reinstatement of roads, broken glass on the road and so on, in pursuance of policy 5.5 of the National Cycle Policy Framework. — Eamon Ryan. [14167/17]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of submissions on hand with the Commission for Rail Regulation from Iarnród Éireann which have not yet had a decision made on them; the outline of the nature of each submission; when they were received by the Commission; when it is intended to make a decision in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14191/17]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of successful applications of the most recent capital grants scheme for large tourism projects administered by Fáilte Ireland; the names and addresses of each successful project; the funding amount allocated in respect of each such successful application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14196/17]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of delays to commuter and DART services in Dublin between 2014 to 2017 to date due to signal faults or failures; and the initiatives underway to ensure that public transport runs as efficiently as possible to encourage it as a transport means. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14263/17]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the failure of the DAA to provide the community liaison group with the longitudinal measurements of noise over their homes; if all relevant information can be made available to residents as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [14278/17]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the impact of the cuts sought by Bus Éireann management on rural connectivity. — Mick Barry. [11745/17]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the person or body that has been appointed to review the preclearance agreements in respect of Dublin and Shannon airports. — Gerry Adams. [8553/17]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will ensure full completion of the national sports complex in Abbotstown; the timeframe for doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [14279/17]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the national physical activity plan; his views on whether it has been effective; and the further actions and initiatives that are planned under this programme. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [14280/17]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his general policy when it comes to funding traffic calming measures at schools; if there are proposals being considered by his department at present to enhance funding in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14004/17]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14571/17]

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

*1259. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when the Companies Accounting Bill 2016 will be enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [12992/17]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the reason there has been a delay in the enactment of the Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016; when it will be enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [13791/17]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the total annual running costs of the Low Pay Commission. — John Brady. [13810/17]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the reason for the delay in the enactment of Directive 2013/34/EU and the Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016; and the timeframe for implementation of the Directive. — Jonathan O’Brien. [13813/17]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when the Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016 will be enacted (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13911/17]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if the Bill that includes new rules regarding Financial Reporting Standard 105 (FRS105) has been enacted; the details of the rules for small businesses to meet the criteria set out in the FRS105; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14123/17]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of a manufacturing industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [12803/17]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12826/17]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of meetings she has had with British companies that wish to retain access to the single market after Brexit and wish to relocate to another member state; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [12846/17]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of jobs that have been created in the Enterprise Park, Kilmallock, County Limerick since 2014. — Tom Neville. [12882/17]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the review of the work permit for a person (details supplied); if assistance will be offered taking into account the specialised need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [12919/17]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when she envisages the Companies (Accounting) Bill 2016 will be enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [13144/17]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of an application for a work permit by a person (details supplied) whose services are required urgently by a medical facility in the North West region; if this application will be processed in view of the fact that the person cannot apply for a work visa until the work permit has been granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [13194/17]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of meetings and engagements she has had with the Industrial Development Agency, Enterprise Ireland and InterTrade Ireland from June 2016 to date in 2017. — Maurice Quinlivan. [13196/17]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of legislation in relation to a general scheme of copyright approved by government (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [13230/17]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the actions her department is taking to increase the levels of female entrepreneurship here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13234/17]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the low level of female entrepreneurship here according to a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13235/17]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she has read a report on Brexit (details supplied) which indicates that Ireland is among two countries whose GDPs will suffer the biggest drop as a consequence of Brexit as indicated in pages 7, 8 and 10 of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13247/17]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of her department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees

and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13333/17]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if her department has a record of any employer making an enquiry regarding employing and sponsoring the residency of a person (details supplied) on the basis of their skills. — Mick Barry. [13494/17]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will ensure more regulation in the beauty industry (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13538/17]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if there is grant assistance or other supports available for SME companies in the services sector towards the cost of helping them with the cost of the required training courses when employing new staff (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13551/17]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff employed within her department for each of the years from 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; the number of staff recorded as on sick leave or absent during each of these years, in tabular form; the number of days lost in each of these years as a result of sick leave or other non holiday absences; the grades most affected; the provision in place for such absences of staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [13750/17]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the drop in the number of students applying for third level courses in engineering and technology; her further views on the future impact it will have on the economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Rock. [13974/17]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation further to parliamentary question number 308 of 8 March 2017, the number of workplace inspections and total amount of wages recovered in 2016 for the childcare sector alone; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14065/17]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the contact she had with the owners and or management of a company (details supplied) in Nenagh over the past 18 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14117/17]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when her attention was drawn, either orally or in writing, to the planned job losses at a company (details supplied) in Nenagh; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14118/17]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to support the retraining of those staff members that have recently lost their jobs at a company (details supplied) in Nenagh; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14119/17]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will establish a specific jobs task force for north Tipperary in view of the recent job losses at a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14120/17]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she has contacted the Department of Social Protection requesting it to provide advice to the staff of a company (details supplied) on their entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14121/17]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if Solas has been requested to provide guidance to the staff of a company (details supplied) regarding training and skill needs to seek other jobs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14122/17]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the total amount spent externally by her department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to her department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14135/17]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if it is standard practice for a private consultant to be used to recruit for non-commercial State employment vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [14262/17]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under her remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14567/17]

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

*1293. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a community group (details supplied) can apply for funding and support to her department in the provision of a community creche and playschool which will consist of an extension to the existing community hall; the programmes they can apply under; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13500/17]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12824/17]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding early years education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [12842/17]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will review the single affordable childcare scheme with a view to allowing a subsidy for those in part time care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [12879/17]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding early years education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [12920/17]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the financial supports available to parents that return to work regarding childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [13246/17]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if consideration will be given to the circumstances of a person (details supplied) who now falls outside of the criteria outlined in the early years preschool regulations and her department's childcare programmes qualification requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [13254/17]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under

the control of her department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13336/17]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her department has been notified of changes in circumstances in a school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [13408/17]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there are any schemes that a community group (details supplied) can apply to for funding and support to her department in the provision of a community creche and playschool which will consist of an extension to the existing community hall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13501/17]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding arrangements for a group (details supplied) post July 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [13570/17]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if early years practitioners working in government funded early years settings are entitled to claim flat rate expenses in the same manner as teachers from primary to tertiary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [13617/17]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the constitutional right to privacy of the birth parent will be affected by the commencement of the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016. — Anne Rabbitte. [13739/17]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there is grant aid available to a scout group (detail supplied) to assist them in acquiring some land or the use of some land to further their activities. — Mick Barry. [13802/17]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on her visit (details supplied); the assurances she gave during the visit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13816/17]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the volume of cases handled by the Irish foster care association for 2016 has seen a substantial increase in calls from Waterford; her views on the fact that the highest volume of calls from Waterford relate to allegations and child protection concerns; her plans to address the fact that 62% of the concerns expressed relate to poor communications with social workers; if she has satisfied herself that concerns from families providing foster care are being dealt with adequately; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13836/17]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on her visit to a community centre (details supplied); the detail of the assurances she gave during the visit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [13960/17]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there is funding available through her department for a one off build for new premises for a playgroup (details supplied); if funding can be sought for such a project through alternative sources; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [13970/17]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 815 of 28 February 2017, if the specific issue of the initial non response of Tusla to the complaint lodged by a person (details supplied) to them will be explained. — Mick Barry. [14052/17]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question 463 of 23 February 2017, if she will provide details with regard to the seven members of staff currently suspended in Tusla, in tabular form (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14061/17]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the total amount spent externally by her department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to her department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14127/17]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on policies on the appropriate usage, utilisation and measure of forced absence sanctions or punishments, suspensions and expulsions at second level school should be. — Imelda Munster. [14203/17]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the relevant departmental sections and State agencies charged with overseeing and managing the employment and implementation of forced absence punishments or sanctions, suspensions and expulsions at second level and that are charged with examining and correcting any evident overuse at individual school level. — Imelda Munster. [14204/17]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will examine summary information concerning forced absence sanction or punishments at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [14205/17]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the enquiries and investigations she will initiate further to summary information concerning forced absence sanction and punishments at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [14207/17]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under her remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14562/17]

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

*1319. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the savings that accrued to the exchequer from the cuts to the Defence Forces personnel made under the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Acts of 2009 to 2015 and the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013 to 2018, in tabular form; and the further savings arising from the incorporation of duties attracting technical group 1 pay into standard duties for new enlisted personnel. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13047/17]

*1320. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the savings to the exchequer that accrued from cuts to Defence Force personnel to the flat rate security duty allowance and related payments paid at the standard weekday rate, the 10% reduction in certain Defence Forces allowances, the voluntary buyout of border duty allowance for enlisted personnel and the implementation of additional incremental points in pay scales for new enlisted personnel post 1 July 2013, in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13048/17]

- *1321. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on a matter with regard to a vessel being named after a person (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [13262/17]
- *1322. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will address concerns that members of the Civil Defence can no longer assist Gardaí with assisting in road traffic management; the current situation with regard to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14188/17]
- *1323. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress that has been made in developing the role of women in peace keeping roles, as has been highlighted by the Secretary General of the UN and identified under UNSCR 1325; and the status of the engagement with other stakeholders such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Justice and Equality and An Garda Síochána to explore the contribution of gendered focused measures, particularly in relation to the appropriate deployment of female personnel. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12819/17]
- *1324. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to address the increased threats to the State from cyberattacks and terrorism as identified in the Government's White Paper on Defence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12820/17]
- *1325. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to equip the Air Corps with fighter jets that are capable of defending Irish airspace; and if he has considered leasing options similar to the Czech-Swedish contract for aircraft (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12821/17]
- *1326. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will provide a progress report on increases to personnel in the Army, Air Corps, Naval Service and Reserve to meet the proposals in the White Paper on Defence. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12822/17]
- *1327. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the estimated costs needed to restore Defence Force personnel to the levels prior to the cuts that resulted from the financial emergency measures in the Public Interest Acts of 2009-2015 and the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013-2018, the Lansdowne Road Agreement. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12823/17]
- *1328. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will provide a comparative breakdown of Defence Force personnel from 2009, prior to the introduction of cuts arising from the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Acts of 2009-2015 and the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013-2018 (Lansdowne Road Agreement) with current levels. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12836/17]
- *1329. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cost to the exchequer should the 10% cut to new entrants to the military be restored. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12840/17]
- *1330. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to parliamentary question number 48 of November 9th 2016, if he considers the development of the potential side effects of mefloquine, listed in the boxed warning, to be either minor and tolerable or intolerable (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [12849/17]
- *1331. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number and ranks of the Defence Forces personnel who served in sub-Saharan Africa in 2015; and the duration of their posting. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [12967/17]

*1332. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cost to the exchequer of returning the Reserve Defence Forces to pre 2009 levels. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13044/17]

*1333. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cost of restoring retrospectively the weekly €50 increase for members of the Army Ranger Wing back to 2006 as awarded by the adjudicator under the Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme in 2010. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13045/17]

*1334. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the cost to the Exchequer if the €20 cut to the 24 hour duty payment to Defence Forces personnel was reinstated. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13046/17]

*1335. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will provide an incremental breakdown of the cuts that have been imposed on the Defence Forces since 2010. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [13050/17]

*1336. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if Defence Forces regulations as they currently stand allow for military personnel to contact the Health and Safety Authority directly. — Lisa Chambers. [13271/17]

*1337. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if technical personnel in the Army and Air Corps are permitted to bring home issue overalls and other uniform clothing that have been potentially contaminated with toxic chemicals; and if he and or the Defence Forces have considered the possible contamination risk that poses whereby these items of work clothing may come into contact with items in the home. — Lisa Chambers. [13272/17]

*1338. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when a person (details supplied) will receive their 1916 medal. — Lisa Chambers. [13319/17]

*1339. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will confirm that in line with the one person one salary principle, no public servant that is a member of a State board or agency under the control of his department is currently in receipt of remuneration in the form of board fees and if any such remuneration is being paid that such payment will be discontinued and payments that were wrongfully paid will be reclaimed. — Alan Kelly. [13320/17]

*1340. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence will make a decision in relation to the payment of an Army Ranger Wing allowance that was the subject of an arbitration in 2010 (details supplied). — Lisa Chambers. [13805/17]

*1341. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the most up to date figures for the strength of the Permanent Defence Force with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [13807/17]

*1342. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the most up to date figures for the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [13808/17]

*1343. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits the Defence Forces recruited in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [13809/17]

*1344. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will provide a service medal for members of the Defence Forces that were involved at Jadotville; if members of the Defence Forces will be acknowledged with a service medal for their tour of duty in the Congo; if retired members of the Defence Forces will be presented with the commemorative medal for 1916; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [13842/17]

*1345. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will review an application for a service medal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [14108/17]

*1346. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the total amount spent externally by his department on legal advice for each year since 2015; the solicitors firms involved; the barristers, junior and senior, that provided services to his department for each such year; the amounts paid to each firm or person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14129/17]

*1347. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will confirm that no Minister or Minister of State under his remit since 2011 has claimed overnight expenses for staying in Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [14564/17]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADA OIN, 22 MÁRTA, 2017
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH, 2017**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on outstanding recommendations arising from the Constitutional Convention. — Gerry Adams. [13986/17]

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

2. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding which is allocated annually by Fáilte Ireland to St. Patrick's Day parades; the parades to which it is allocated; the basis on which that allocation is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [14009/17]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will enact legislation in order that the Irish Coast Guard can become a stand alone primary response agency; if he has met with representatives from the Coast Guard to discuss these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [14222/17]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Capital Plan 2016-2021, specifically with regard to Metro North, the DART extension and DART underground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13997/17]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of Metro North and the projected timeline for delivery of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [13996/17]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the decision of Fáilte Ireland to close its Dublin airport information desk. in view of the fact that this is a facility which is widely used and is of important benefit to tourists and the tourism industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [14255/17]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if proposals will be forthcoming from his department in relation to the financial difficulties in Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [10848/17]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will ensure that the road development needs of the border region are given particular consideration in the review of the present capital plan, due to the many challenges that will arise for business and commerce in the border region due to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14185/17]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention was drawn to the socio economic benefits that would derive from the construction of the new N22 Cork to Kerry road; if his attention has been further drawn to the rate of fatalities and serious injuries on the stretch of road in need of replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14095/17]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the rolling out of staffless train stations in towns such as Portlington and Portlaoise on the grounds of safety and ensuring the personal customer service for older persons and persons with disabilities remains central to Irish Rail's operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [14240/17]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which a comprehensive, integrated road passenger transport plan is being developed, with particular reference to the need to ensure an adequate level of passenger transport throughout the country in all areas without exception, incorporating school transport utilising both the private and the public sector in a way which facilitates opportunities for both and particularly the highest possible degree of quality service to the customer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14226/17]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the RSA survey which showed that 7,651 drivers have multiple concurrent disqualifications on their licences and are continuing to flout the law by driving; the follow up which is taking place to ensure that these drivers are taken off the roads, in view of the fact that broader figures estimate that up to 24,000 drivers fail to hand up their licences on disqualification in court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [14000/17]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to alleviate congestion by examining possible solutions such as an outer ring road motorway to stop reliance on the M50 and examining current public transport costs, in view of the increasing traffic congestion in Dublin and the fact that major public transport projects, such as Metro North, are not due for commencement or completion for a number of years. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [14247/17]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions or communications he has had with Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company or Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council with regard to the future governance of Dun Laoghaire harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14068/17]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to allocate a specific marketing budget to Fáilte Ireland to promote County Donegal specifically further to the county being nominated by a magazine (details supplied) as the coolest place on the planet to visit in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [14073/17]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the collapse of the talks between management and unions at Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14256/17]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to parliamentary question number 593 of 21 February 2017, notwithstanding the fact that call signs are a matter for the airline concerned, his views on any difficulties in terms of data gathering or otherwise caused by aircraft going to and from Shannon regularly switching from military to civilian call signs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [14251/17]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps that have been taken by his department or agencies under its aegis to provide safe cycling routes to all primary and secondary schools and third level colleges in pursuance of policy 4.1 of the National Cycle Policy Framework; and if he anticipates that the target in that policy of providing all of these routes by 2020 will be met. — Catherine Martin. [14244/17]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he has taken to resolve the Bus Éireann dispute; the number of times and when he has met with Bus Éireann management; the number of times and when he has met with the trade unions involved since 1 January 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [14238/17]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for the delivery of primary legislation and a statutory instrument in relation to Regulation 598/2014. — Clare Daly. [14253/17]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the specific transport projects and infrastructure he will seek to have added to the Capital Plan to help alleviate a worsening traffic situation in Dublin, with regard to the government's capital plan review in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [13994/17]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to upgrade the main Bailieborough to Virginia road in County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14003/17]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if plans are being made to reopen the LISS scheme in places such as County Longford due to the huge demands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [13998/17]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his department's main initiatives in relation to cross border cooperation with Northern Ireland with regard to issues pertaining to sport; his plans which have been put in place to both maintain and enhance sporting links with

Northern Ireland in view of the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union; and the number of meetings he has held with his Northern Ireland counterpart with regards to issues relating exclusively to sport. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [14071/17]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the M7 widening project in County Kildare; the funding and timeline for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [14012/17]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the increase in greenhouse gas emissions from transport compared to current levels that is anticipated to result from the implementation of the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2016 to 2035 approved by his predecessor; and the way this increase in emissions, in the region with the greatest potential for modal shift to active travel modes and public transport, can be reconciled with the obligations to reduce emissions drastically and transition to a low carbon society in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, in line with international commitment in the Paris Agreement. — Eamon Ryan. [14246/17]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his department's rationale, implemented by the NTA on behalf of the department, for not issuing licences to taxis that are over ten years old, in view of the existing checks that exist to ensure the roadworthiness of cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [14224/17]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the options he is exploring for availing of the opportunities provided under the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) to boost capital expenditure on transport; if he is exploring any additional PPP projects under the EFSI; and if not, the reason this is the case. — Robert Troy. [14236/17]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the contingency plans he has organised in the event of a national bus strike at Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14219/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will liaise with Fáilte Ireland to ensure that there is a marketing budget put in place to further promote County Donegal further to the county being nominated by a magazine (details supplied) as the coolest place on the planet to visit in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [14072/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the problem for road haulage companies whereby no insurance company here will insure a HGV driver under 25 years of age; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that at 25 years of age a driver must prove they have two years experience; if his attention has been drawn to discrepancies between Ireland and other European countries in relation to motor insurance whereby it is easier for younger HGV drivers to get insurance in other European countries; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that insurance costs for the HGV sector are prohibitive here causing 30% of the Irish fleet to get insured abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [14217/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the role his department is playing in Ireland's bid for the 2023 Rugby World Cup; the number of other government departments that are involved; the status of the work completed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [14239/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will ensure that the inclusion of the N20 motorway upgrade between Limerick and Cork will be included in the government's forthcoming capital plan; and if he considers this road project as a national priority. — Robert Troy. [14234/17]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his position regarding the continuation of Bus Éireann services on the N78 route Athy to Kilkenny and the N7 route Borris-in-Ossory to Monasterevin. — Brian Stanley. [14002/17]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Lakelands tourism brand as promised in the programme for government; the reason there is a delay in the development of the strategy; if he will provide a commitment that counties Longford and Westmeath will be covered in view of the fact there is no coherent strategy in place which covers the area at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14011/17]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the instructions issued by his department regarding the regular testing and safety checks to be performed on helicopters used by the Irish Coast Guard. — Clare Daly. [14252/17]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to fund the construction of the remaining section of the Portlaoise orbital route. — Brian Stanley. [14001/17]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his contingency plan to ensure that regional and secondary roads are properly maintained in view of State underfunding in roads for the past decade; the level of funding he anticipates will be available to his department for this purpose in 2018; if his department has conducted any review of the potential problems that will be caused if funding is not brought to a sufficient level to ensure that roads are properly maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [14225/17]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to plans by the NTA or his department to increase funding to Bus Éireann or to private operators of national bus routes in the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14220/17]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of wheelchair accessible taxis that operate here; if he has evaluated this as being sufficient to ensure a reliable supply for passengers at all times; and his plans to improve the availability of wheelchair accessible taxis during the lifetime of the government. — Catherine Martin. [14243/17]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will desist from bringing NCT testing for tractors capable of doing 40 kilometres an hour and less (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14014/17]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a review process concerning a submission by Kildare county council in relation to the southern distributor route Athy, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [14249/17]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide an update on the recent delegation from Donegal County Council in relation to Fintra and Tryconnell bridges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14005/17]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress that has been made in the planning of a greenway pedestrian and cycling route between Athlone and Galway; and when he expects such a route to go to design and construction phase. — Eamon Ryan. [14245/17]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions he or his officials have had with the Minister of State in his department regarding a sharing of duties and or portfolios; the areas the Minister of State has expressed specific interest in; if those areas have been assigned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14218/17]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to improve the road network in County Meath. — Thomas Byrne. [14215/17]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide an update on the realignment of the N14 road in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14006/17]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the new N22 Cork to Kerry road will be prioritised for construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14094/17]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the suggestions in the NTA's rail review to discontinue certain rail services south of Gorey, which could leave Wexford town and Rosslare without a rail service to Dublin; if he will consider opening an express train service from Wexford town to Dublin in order to increase the number of passengers using the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [14231/17]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he is engaging with the tourism sector with a view to identifying and offsetting the negative impact of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14227/17]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Capital Plan and his plans regarding the Collooney to Castlebaldwin N4 upgrade in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [13993/17]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will re introduce the local improvement scheme; his views on the need for the scheme to repair and maintain private roads and laneways in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14008/17]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the delegated functions to the Minister of State in his department. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [14015/17]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress that has been made on the new Metro North project since March 2016; the preparatory works that are taking place; the timeframe for the preparatory works he expects will take place over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Ryan. [14241/17]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the public bus service is a vital piece of infrastructure in rural communities; his plans to support such services and ensure there is an adequate and secure level of public transport provision in rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [11609/17]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the action he is taking to promote and advance the Navan rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [14216/17]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has reconsidered the decision by his predecessor to cancel the plans for a national diaspora centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14069/17]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide a detailed report with regard to the Bus Éireann dispute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14070/17]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of the transfer of ownership of the Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company from his department to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in line with the Harbours Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14067/17]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of businesses in the border region due to the difficulties arising from Brexit and the need to improve infrastructure, particularly the road network, to assist businesses remain competitive; if the road development needs of this region will be prioritised for investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14186/17]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the additional measures, especially additional financial and other resources, that have been made available to his department in an effort to prepare for Brexit, especially regarding ports, airports and the tourism sector; the type of border expected once Brexit is enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [14223/17]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will report on the preparations his department is making for Brexit, possible border controls and its impact on the transport industry throughout the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [13999/17]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the person or body that will undertake the review of the preclearance arrangements in Shannon and Dublin airports; and when he expects it to be completed. — Brendan Howlin. [8427/17]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to begin regulating the rickshaw industry; and his timeframe for commencing regulation. — Robert Troy. [14237/17]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will finalise the statutory instrument giving authority to the Irish Aviation Authority for the control of noise levels at Dublin airport; and when he will publish the statutory instrument. — Robert Troy. [14233/17]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the level of applications received for the 2017 sports capital programme; the process that will now take place to assess these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [14250/17]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the talks between management and unions at Bus Éireann were destined to end without agreement due

to the parameters of their discussion being constrained by the level of subsidy provided by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14257/17]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received a draft of the report (details supplied) regarding the OCI ticketing arrangements for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, in view of the fact that the original deadline for the report was September 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14221/17]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention or that of his predecessors has been drawn or were drawn to a decision in 2015 of CIÉ to extend for 6 years the terms of the master development agreement in relation to a site (details supplied); if he understands the rationale for this decision in view of the fact serious questions had been raised regarding whether this arrangement was best value for money for a publicly owned company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14066/17]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on his department's role in the granting of permission for civilian aircraft to land or overfly Ireland carrying munitions; if he has had any discussions with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Justice and Equality and Defence with a view to overhauling the current situation regarding the use of Shannon by the US military, particularly in view of the ongoing destabilisation of the Middle East; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [14232/17]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the plans his department has in place with respect to Brexit for increasing investment by allocating extra funds to roads, ports and airports to facilitate trade, with particular emphasis on the development of Rosslare Europort and rail and road access thereto; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9538/17]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the results of the review of the Tower Road/Piltown junction on the N24 conducted by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) will be published; when funding will be provided to TII in order to commence works on the safety measures recommended within the review results; if his department is in direct contact with Kilkenny county council to ensure the process of appointing consultants to undertake a review of the Tower Road/Piltown junction on the N24 is concluded as efficiently as possible and that all necessary funding is made available to them to complete the review process as efficiently as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [14230/17]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the serious dissatisfaction of homeowners whose properties are subject to a buyout to facilitate the development of the new runway, regarding the lack of meaningful engagement by the DAA on these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [14254/17]

