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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his summit meeting with the Dutch and Danish Prime Ministers; and the agreements and proposals made for future engagements. — Brendan Howlin. [21873/17]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands and the Prime Minister of Denmark on 21 April 2017. — Gerry Adams. [21876/17]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he has had any engagement with the President of the French Republic, Mr Emmanuel Macron since his recent election. — Gerry Adams. [22965/17]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to President Emmanuel Macron since his election. — Micheál Martin. [23331/17]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with the British Prime Minister, Ms Theresa May, on 18 April 2017 following her announcement of a general election. — Gerry Adams. [21952/17]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the leaders of political parties in Northern Ireland on the formation of a new power sharing executive. — Brendan Howlin. [22091/17]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when he last spoke to Prime Minister May and the issues that were discussed; and if the Assembly formation in Northern Ireland was discussed. — Micheál Martin. [22097/17]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when he last spoke to Prime Minister May; the issues that were discussed; and if the Assembly formation in Northern Ireland was discussed. — Joan Burton. [23020/17]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he has made particular suggestions to the EU Council on the way the government views the manner in which the EU should reform in the short, medium and long term. — Micheál Martin. [21844/17]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the EU27 Council meeting on 29 April 2017. — Brendan Howlin. [21871/17]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the meeting of European Union heads of state and government held on 29 April 2017. — Gerry Adams. [21877/17]

12. To ask the Taoiseach when the next EU Council meeting will take place. — Seán Haughey. [23278/17]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is scheduled to hold its next meeting. — Gerry Adams. [21954/17]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health last met; and when it is next due to meet. — Micheál Martin. [23026/17]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of Cabinet Committee on Health will be held. — Mick Barry. [23041/17]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health last met; and when it next plans to meet. — Brendan Howlin. [23047/17]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Arts, Irish and the Gaeltacht last met. — Joan Burton. [20444/17]

18. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times the Cabinet Committee on Arts, Irish and the Gaeltacht has met since the formation of the current government. — Mattie McGrath. [21840/17]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Arts, Irish and the Gaeltacht last met; and when it is scheduled to meet again. — Gerry Adams. [22964/17]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Arts, Irish and the Gaeltacht is next meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23042/17]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Arts, Irish and the Gaeltacht last met. — Brendan Howlin. [23048/17]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the publication on 18 April 2017 of the progress report on the programme for the partnership government. — Micheál Martin. [20720/17]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recently published progress report on the programme for a partnership government. — Gerry Adams. [22966/17]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress report of the partnership for government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23043/17]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the publication of the progress report on the programme for a partnership government. — Brendan Howlin. [23049/17]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first annual report on the implementation of the programme for a partnership government. — Micheál Martin. [23332/17]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Action will take place. — Eamon Ryan. [20727/17]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Action will take place. — Joan Burton. [23019/17]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Action last met; and when it will meet again. — Brendan Howlin. [23088/17]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Action last met; and when it will meet again. — Gerry Adams. [23089/17]

31. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times the Cabinet Committee on Brexit has met since June 2016. — Micheál Martin. [21845/17]

32. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times the Cabinet Committee on Brexit has met since January 2017; and if he will report on the government's publication, Ireland and the negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. — Seán Haughey. [21847/17]

33. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times the Cabinet Committee on Brexit has met since June 2016. — Joan Burton. [23018/17]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit last met; and his plans to publish a paper on economic and trade issues related to Brexit. — Brendan Howlin. [23087/17]

35. To ask the Taoiseach the number of times the Cabinet Committee on Brexit has met since January 2017. — Gerry Adams. [23090/17]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the National Economic and Social Council will take place. — Eamon Ryan. [21883/17]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Economic and Social Council and the work programme underway. — Brendan Howlin. [23086/17]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the intended reforms of the National Economic and Social Council will become effective. — Gerry Adams. [23091/17]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Canada on 3 May 2017. — Joan Burton. [21949/17]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr Justin Trudeau, on 3 May 2017. — Gerry Adams. [21953/17]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister and events on his trip to Canada. — Brendan Howlin. [22089/17]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Canada and his meeting with the Canadian Prime Minister; if CETA was discussed; and the other meetings that he attended and the issues that were discussed. — Micheál Martin. [22095/17]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent trip to Canada and any discussions that took place regarding CETA. — Eamon Ryan. [22107/17]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Justin Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Canada. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23044/17]

45. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to appoint new special advisers generally or in the area of economics or Brexit. — Brendan Howlin. [22090/17]

46. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding the group being formed to reform Seanad Éireann as agreed in 2016. — Micheál Martin. [22098/17]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with Mr Michel Barnier on 11 May 2017; the issues discussed relating to Brexit; and the other matters that were discussed and the responses he received. — Micheál Martin. [23021/17]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

48. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the contingencies and supports in place to safeguard Irish jobs and exports from a hard Brexit scenario; the number of EU Competitiveness Council Ministers meetings that she made the case for the need of a revision of state aid rules to protect Irish enterprises and related jobs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22987/17]

49. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to the fact that InterTrade Ireland is chronically underfunded; and the reason she is not providing it with substantially more funding and resources to cope with Brexit (details supplied). — Maurice Quinlivan. [23050/17]

50. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when in 2017 the heads of a bill regarding protections for workers on insecure, low hour contracts will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22988/17]

51. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the recently published report under the Control of Exports Act 2008 covering the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015; if the volume of arms exports permitted by her department to countries with poor human rights records and which form part of the Saudi Arabian alliance engaged in the bombardment of Yemen is of concern in view of the EU common position on arms exports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [22989/17]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

52. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will consider supporting the Banded Hours Contract Bill 2016 undergoing scrutiny at committee stage rather than introducing a draft proposal of her own that seems to deal with the same issues of low hours and precarious hours contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23045/17]

53. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to facilitate a Dáil Éireann debate on CETA before the summer recess; the reason a debate has not been held to date;

and her views on whether the investment court system is compliant with Bunreacht na hÉireann. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23033/17]

54. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will liaise with the IDA and Meath county council to help facilitate and expedite the provision of a football pitch on IDA owned lands in Johnstown, Navan, County Meath for the purpose of providing facilities for this residential area of Navan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [23016/17]

55. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement; the status of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership negotiations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22956/17]

56. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will provide the source of her information from the European Union regarding which chapters of CETA will be provisionally applied and which will not, which she described to Dáil Éireann on 23 March 2017; the dates these provisional applications in each chapter are expected to take place; and if she will report on the area of transport which was not mentioned. — Maureen O'Sullivan. [22662/17]

57. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which she will tackle the prevalence of zero hour contracts; her policies in relation to pay and conditions in if and when other uncertain contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22955/17]

58. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if the grave uncertainty regarding Brexit is impacting negatively on the motor industry and car sales sectors; the steps she will take to address these impacts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22954/17]

59. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the progress in securing additional investment in the IDA business park in Johnstown, Navan, County Meath. — Shane Cassells. [23017/17]

60. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on whether the shift in Science Foundation Ireland's mission, from basic oriented research to applied research, as per the Industrial Development (Science Foundation Ireland) (Amendment) Act 2013, has been detrimental to the funding of frontier research here with attendant loss of skills; her plans to redress the balance; if the research priorities set out by ministerial directive following that Act are due for review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22982/17]

61. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of WRC inspections and investigations that have taken place to date in 2017 within the horse racing industry with particular regard to stable and stud staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [22659/17]

62. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if the local enterprise office grant and support scheme will receive more funding in 2018 in order to allow a greater number of small businesses and start ups to avail of support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23036/17]

63. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to minimise the impact of Brexit in County Donegal; the engagement she has had with the IDA to ensure it secures new investment in County Donegal in view of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22853/17]

64. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which the regulatory cooperation forum set up by the CETA agreement will function; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [23040/17]

65. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans and the plans of the IDA and Enterprise Ireland for further job creation in either counties Cavan or Monaghan in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23012/17]

66. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she has satisfied herself with the level of funding allocated to the programme for research in third level institutions in 2017; and the amount of funding that has been ringfenced for research and frontier research in 2017. — Niall Collins. [22961/17]

67. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding a site (details supplied) in County Kildare; the progress made to date by the IDA in attracting new business to the area; her plans for the site if the buildings formally occupied by a company cannot be filled by a suitable employer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23034/17]

68. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the efforts she is making to bring more jobs to County Longford and the midlands in view of the recent closure of a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [23015/17]

69. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to review Enterprise 2025 with respect to forecasts outlined for employment and export levels, in view of the fact it was published in November 2015 in advance of the June 2016 Brexit referendum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22959/17]

70. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which she will support SMEs to prepare for the impact of Brexit; if recent statistics show that those impacts are now underway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22953/17]

71. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to establish mini business development centres in rural towns and villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23035/17]

72. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she will take to reverse the continual fall in business competitiveness levels and making Ireland an attractive location for businesses to locate, particularly Ireland's competitiveness standing with the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22958/17]

73. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the publication date for the planned framework for town centre renewal; if it will incorporate an action plan to support town centre renewal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22480/17]

74. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to create new jobs in County Roscommon. — Eugene Murphy. [22660/17]

75. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to recommend an increase in the minimum wage in budget 2018 in view of the prevalence of low pay and lower than expected tax takes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23029/17]

76. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of publishing a heads of bill to enhance the powers of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board as the minister responsible for this recommendation in the cost of motor insurance report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22962/17]

77. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to introduce grant aid for the development of enterprise centres by local statutory agencies or community organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23038/17]

78. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the review of the Connect Ireland initiative; the provisions she has made for financial liability the State may face; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23027/17]

79. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to attract potential foreign direct investment opportunities to County Wexford which may emerge as a result of Brexit; the number of vacant sites and factories the IDA has in County Wexford; the number of visits she has paid to County Wexford since she became minister in 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [23039/17]

80. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the risk assessments as a result of Brexit her department has carried out with regard to international trade. — John Curran. [18050/17]

81. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to attract companies that have to relocate some of their operations from Britain to an EU member state; and her views on whether Ireland could secure the relocation of the European Medicines Agency. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23032/17]

82. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if Dáil Eireann will not be asked to ratify the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and the European Union until there is a judgement given by the European Court of Justice that directly decides upon the legality of CETA and its investor state dispute provisions under European law (details supplied). — Maureen O'Sullivan. [22661/17]

83. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her department's role with other State agencies in securing a future for a site (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [23014/17]

84. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding regional IDA site visits and vacant properties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22960/17]

85. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which her department continues to monitor issues arising from Brexit which may have a positive or negative impact on foreign direct investment and consequent job creation here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22985/17]

86. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to assist companies that are very heavily dependent on Northern Ireland and Britain as their export market in view of the particular difficulties arising due to Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23037/17]

87. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the working hour bands which will be contained in her department's proposed legislation on precarious working practices and low hour contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [22905/17]

88. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her department's role in encouraging businesses relocating from Britain to Ireland; if she will report on meetings she is having with the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with regard to possible locations and infrastructure for organisations and businesses being liaised with, with a view to relocating here from the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22957/17]

89. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which she continues to engage with the major employers throughout the country with a view to ensuring ongoing investment and job creation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22986/17]

90. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on pay across the country in view of the recent lower than expected tax takes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23028/17]

91. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the supports and grants given by the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to client companies since 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23046/17]

92. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to minimise the impact of Brexit in County Donegal; the engagement she has had with Enterprise Ireland to ensure it secures new investment in County Donegal in view of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22854/17]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*93. To ask the Taoiseach the progress on the programme for government commitment, p42, to step up the use of impact assessments across government driven by a new specialised section within the Cabinet Secretariat; and if this new specialised section within the Cabinet Secretariat has been established. — Niall Collins. [22843/17]

*94. To ask the Taoiseach the detail for each NUTS 2 region that is within 1% of the national unemployment rate and not within 1% of the national unemployment rate, in tabular form. — Niall Collins. [22842/17]

*95. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a timeframe and expected date for publication of adaptive sectoral response plans for Brexit; and the position regarding the progress of these plans. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [23321/17]

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

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22725/17]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the expected publication date for the report of the working group on the Thornton Hall site in Fingal; the levels of maintenance and key ongoing works on the site; the annual cost of same over the past 12 years and to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22761/17]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to bring forward legislation on periodic payments for medical negligence cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [23133/17]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when the stay back provision and third level graduate scheme is to be extended from 12 months as outlined in the action plan for education 2017; when this will be in place and implemented; and if there will be a retroactive permission for 1g stamp holders. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23209/17]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if there will be a provision to ensure it is only the bar area that is calculated for commercial rates in sporting complexes in which a bar is located; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23298/17]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when the case of persons (details supplied) will be finalised with the Land Registry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22683/17]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the progression of legislation on sex trafficking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22689/17]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí in County Kildare in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the number of Gardaí likely to be assigned to County Kildare from new recruits for the remainder of 2017; and her plans to increase the number of Gardaí assigned to County Kildare to cater for the increasing population, in tabular form. — James Lawless. [22743/17]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the reason her department abolished the right of foreclosure in the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act, 2009; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22762/17]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status regarding the development of national standards for direct provision centres. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22784/17]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of contractors that submitted tenders for the construction of the new State forensic laboratory at Backweston, Celbridge, County Kildare by the closing date of 8 May 2017; when she expects the evaluation of the tenders to be completed; the expected date for commencement of construction and completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22796/17]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the statistics for each of the two refugee sub programmes, resettlement and relocation; if under the resettlement sub programme the State has lived up to its own target of accepting a further 260 persons in spring 2017; if a selection mission visited Lebanon in the early months of 2017; the status of the agreement with Greece under the relocation sub programme; the number of persons of the 1,100 the State has agreed to accept from Greece up to September 2017 that are now here; the number of the 200 unaccompanied minors, formerly detained at Calais in France, that Dáil Éireann agreed to accept in November 2016 that have been relocated here; her views on the State's responsibilities and undertakings regarding these humanitarian crises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [22835/17]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the advice she would give to a person that is unsatisfied with works carried out by the management company to the roof of the apartment block in which they reside resulting in damage to the property; the steps they can take to seek redress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22840/17]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if marriages that take place in Thailand between a citizen of the State and a Thai citizen are recognised here; the rights the Thai citizen has in relation to residing with their spouse here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22845/17]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 98 of 8 February 2017, the position regarding the investigation by the Ombudsman into the administration of the Magdalene redress scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22918/17]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she has satisfied herself that An Garda Síochána is adequately equipped and specifically skilled to carry out investigations into complex cases of fraud and has sufficient resources available to deal with these types of cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22932/17]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the plans to upgrade Howth garda station, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22933/17]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of increasing the number of garda CCTV cameras in Dublin city centre from 77 to 127; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22934/17]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the advice and representation provided under the legal aid scheme for asylum seekers at the leave to remain stage following a negative decision by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal. — Clare Daly. [22990/17]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the advice and representation provided under the legal aid scheme for asylum seekers issued with deportation orders. — Clare Daly. [22991/17]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the advice and representation provided under the legal aid scheme for asylum seekers making an application to revoke a deportation order. — Clare Daly. [22992/17]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her views on the fact that she was not informed by the Garda Commissioner regarding financial irregularities in the Garda College, Templemore in July 2015; if this is contrary to section 41 of the Garda Síochána Act, 2005; when she was informed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [22993/17]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons convicted and arrested for drink driving by age, gender, county and garda district for each year from 2007. — Peadar Tóibín. [23075/17]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons convicted and arrested for speeding by age, gender, county and garda district for each year from 2007. — Peadar Tóibín. [23076/17]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons penalty points were issued to by age, gender, county and garda district for each year from 2007. — Peadar Tóibín. [23077/17]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 131 of 2 May 2017, when Barraduff garda station will be reopened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [23080/17]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the use of electronic tagging by An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23122/17]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23128/17]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the residents of Mosney direct provision centre are compelled to shop on site by the use of a points system; if her department authorised this system; if this is now part of government policy for all direct provision refugee centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23130/17]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will report on the actions and investigations being taken on foot of the reports of the Moriarty Tribunal; the status of these investigations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23134/17]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will report on the status of the investigations by An Garda Síochána and the Director of Public Prosecutions into the findings of the Flood and Mahon Tribunals; the stage these investigations are at; when she expects a decision to be reached; if she has set a deadline for this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23135/17]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will report on the status of investigations by An Garda Síochána and the Director of Public Prosecutions into the findings of the Moriarty Tribunal; the stage these investigations are at; when she expects a decision to be reached; if she has set a deadline for this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23136/17]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if persons resident in the Mosney direct provision centre are currently in receipt of their personal allowance of €19.10 per week per adult and €15.60 per week per child; if her attention has been drawn to a points card system, which means that instead of receiving their personal allowance, residents are awarded points that are only valid in a store on the Mosney campus; the rationale for this change; if consultation with the residents or advocacy groups took place prior to this change; if her attention has been further drawn to reports that this store does not stock all of the goods the residents wish to purchase, that unused points cannot be carried over from week to week and that the shop is closed at the weekend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [23140/17]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if a company (details supplied) can have EU secret clearance certificates issued to it; and the reason that at present only State employees are granted EU secret clearance certificates here. — Jim O’Callaghan. [23168/17]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a visa for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [23203/17]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the specific objectives and criteria set between her department and the then Garda Commissioner that had to be met for performance related awards to be paid to senior Gardaí as part of the scheme run by the committee for performance awards for the years 2003 to 2007 inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [23207/17]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the key performance indicators that were utilised or considered by her department and the then Garda Commissioner that had to be met for performance related awards to be paid to senior Gardaí as part of the scheme run by the committee for performance awards for the years 2003 to 2007 inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [23208/17]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if her attention has been drawn to reports of video footage of a vulnerable person (details supplied) being circulated on social media by a member of An Garda Síochána; the steps she will take on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [23270/17]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will bring forward the enactment of statutory offences during misconduct in accordance with the Law Reform Commission’s recommendations in 2013 which would enable the judiciary to direct the attention of jurors to the fact of such an offence and provide appropriate guidance to jurors regarding their role in a criminal trial; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [23300/17]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if there are significant delays in waiting times for grant of probate applications; if so, the steps she will take to address these delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [23349/17]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will include a specific skill (details supplied) into section 195 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 to allow the Revenue Commissioners determine that certain work recognised as having a cultural or artistic merit is exempt from paying income tax in order that the skill meets that criteria for this exemption. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [22679/17]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22690/17]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of recruitment campaigns being undertaken or planned for 2017 by the Revenue Commissioners; the positions to be filled; the location of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22702/17]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) with regard to a share merger; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22714/17]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [22719/17]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 263 of 2 May 2017, if the Revenue Commissioners publish figures for uncollected income tax each year; if so, the location this information can be found; if it is subject to audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [22778/17]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the third parties engaged as advisors in relation to the potential initial public offering of a bank (details supplied); the date each was appointed; the expected fees for their services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22997/17]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance the VAT paid by sunbed premises in 2016; the estimated extra revenue that would be generated if VAT on these services was charged at the standard rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23010/17]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons annually that availed of the CAT group A threshold in each of the years 2012 to 2016, in tabular form; the total value claimed through this threshold; and the number of persons whose claims exceeded this threshold, by the regions of border, midlands west region, Dublin region, east and south east region and south west region, as per the Revenue Commissioner’s organisational chart. — Pearse Doherty. [23117/17]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons annually that availed of the CAT group B threshold in each of the years 2012 to 2016, in tabular form; the total value claimed through this threshold; and the total number of persons whose claims exceeded this threshold, by regions of border midlands west region, Dublin region, east and south east region and south west region, as per the Revenue Commissioners organisational chart. — Pearse Doherty. [23118/17]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons annually that availed of the CAT group C threshold in each of the years 2012 to 2016, in tabular form; the total value claimed through this threshold; and the total number of persons whose claims exceeded this threshold, by regions of border midlands west region, Dublin region, east and south east region and south west region, as per the Revenue Commissioners organisational chart. — Pearse Doherty. [23119/17]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry is eligible for the help to buy scheme. — Brendan Griffin. [23125/17]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to implement a tax credit for primary medical cert holders in full time employment and that do not qualify for financial supports from either the Department of Social Protection or the HSE due to the fact they do not satisfy the means test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [23158/17]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners can take a family income supplement payment from the Department of Social Protection from a person's bank account in circumstances in which the Commissioners have an attachment order on the person's bank accounts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23176/17]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) in County Westmeath was refused exemption for VAT and VRT for a new passenger vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [23180/17]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to close the local Revenue Commissioners enquiry office in Dundalk to walk in enquiries by members of the public. — Gerry Adams. [23192/17]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance the position in relation to the application of income tax for a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael McGrath. [23240/17]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance if banks are required to pay stamp duty on houses or loans sold by them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [23272/17]

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

*154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which catchment areas for school bus routes are determined; if there is a mechanism in place to change the catchment areas if they do not meet the needs of a particular area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23269/17]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) is one of the longest serving deputy principals in the State. — Pat Deering. [22682/17]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of applications for reasonable accommodations received by county for the 2017 State examinations; the number of applications which have been refused by county; the number of appeals that have been received by the State Examinations Commission; his department's budget in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22715/17]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of guidance counsellors in schools in County Kildare in each of the years 2011 to 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22744/17]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to a recent circular from his department to primary schools directing a reduction in the number of school books to be purchased by parents for each child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22745/17]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount of funding provided by his department in 2017 for funding apprenticeships; and the number of apprenticeships that are currently being funded. — Thomas Byrne. [22748/17]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funding that has been allocated to schools to implement the child abuse prevention programme; and his views on whether this is adequate. — Thomas Byrne. [22750/17]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department caps per pupil primary school funding at 500 pupils; and the rationale and justification for this. — Thomas Byrne. [22751/17]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funding provided in each of the years 2009 to 2016 and to date in 2017 to primary schools and post primary schools for additional traveller support, in tabular form. — Thomas Byrne. [22752/17]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a former national school (details supplied) in County Meath still remains boarded up; the reason no refurbishment works on the building have been carried out in order that it can provide accommodation for a new national school (details supplied); the expected start date for refurbishment works to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22755/17]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to moves within GMIT Castlebar to redeploy staff to the Galway campus and to curtail the continuation of courses; his views on whether these moves fundamentally undermine the role of his working group into the future potential of the GMIT Castlebar campus; if he will direct the board of GMIT to cease these activities until such a time as the working group completes its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22820/17]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the procedure to be followed when persons file a case of bullying against a teacher; the procedures the board of management should follow; and the avenues available to persons that are not happy with the way the matter is dealt with through official channels. — Robert Troy. [22844/17]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of active apprenticeships which lead to a qualification nationally recognised under the national framework of qualifications at any level from level five upwards in each of the years 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22865/17]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the status of the oral junior certificate curriculum; and the changes being proposed and implemented. — Thomas Byrne. [22872/17]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the total grant aid of €1,040,000 was provided to a college (details supplied) for the construction of a gym and sports hall; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the additional funding for the gym equipment was provided by his department; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the RAPID funding was specifically provided due to the fact a special case was made highlighting the fact that the gym and sports hall would be made available to persons living in adjacent areas which were designated as disadvantaged under the CLAR and RAPID programmes; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the Department of Transport, Tourism and

Sport entered into a deed of covenant which requires that the gym and sports hall would be kept in sports use until at least 2023; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the gym was closed down by the college management on 28 April 2017; if he has received a proposal to have the gym area used as classrooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [22885/17]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Sligo municipal district of Sligo county council, at its meeting on 24 April 2017, unanimously adopted a motion (details supplied); if his department has been contacted by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in this regard; if the gym area in the college will continue to be used for sports use and not for other educational purposes until at least 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [22886/17]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to delays regarding the school building project at a school (details supplied); if he will ensure that this building can begin without further delay; and if he will reinstate the prefabs in the interim. — Clare Daly. [22890/17]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) will continue as an ETB in the Carlow area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [22907/17]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the roles, responsibilities and the executive function of an ETB CEO when communicating with parents when their school is at risk of closure. — Anne Rabbitte. [22908/17]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the roles and responsibilities of the ETB school board of management of a school (details supplied) when identifying a school has low intake of first years and is impacting on retaining staff levels to deliver a full curriculum; and the governance for recommending for closure. — Anne Rabbitte. [22909/17]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the introduction of the new special educational needs model had a detrimental factor in the closure of a school (details supplied); and the number of teachers the school would lose based on the new calculation. — Anne Rabbitte. [22910/17]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the roles and responsibilities of the Carlow Kilkenny ETB and its members when identifying a school has a low intake of first years and that this is impacting on retaining staff levels to deliver a full curriculum; and the governance for recommending for closure. — Anne Rabbitte. [22911/17]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) in County Cork is being discriminated against for school transport to their school in view of an agreement being in place following the dissolution of a Church of Ireland school in favour of a community school. — Sean Sherlock. [22915/17]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if officials from his department will make contact with a school (details supplied) in County Donegal in order to discuss and advise school authorities on the various funding programmes administered by his department which may be suitable for the purpose of financing a planned school building project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22930/17]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on teachers being paid different wages for doing the same work solely due to when they began employment; his plans to redress this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22941/17]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will sanction a 16 classroom primary school for a school (details supplied); the figures his department is using to determine demand for primary school places in this locality; if these figures are out of date; if he will facilitate the demand for places in a gaelscoil in this locality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22945/17]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if new access will be provided for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22946/17]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department caps per pupil primary school funding at 500 pupils; and the rationale and justification for this. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22951/17]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of persons employed by his department or by public bodies or agencies funded by his department on salaries in excess of €125,000; the areas and organisations in which they work; and the positions or titles of the persons concerned. — Thomas Byrne. [22967/17]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position with regard to a new building for a college (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [22972/17]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of PLC places allocated to each ETB; and the number of PLC places actually taken up in each ETB in each of the past three years. — Thomas Byrne. [22973/17]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of school transport scheme routes, including the names of the schools involved, for which the authorities have been forced to revise a previous decision (details supplied); the dates in each case on which such a revision came into effect, by county for each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; the reason in each case for a reconsideration having been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23003/17]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the proposals to close a school (details supplied); if this is in accord with the programme for government commitments; and the steps he will take to prevent this occurring. — Thomas Byrne. [23005/17]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23007/17]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of school building projects for both permanent and temporary accommodation; the cost of this expenditure for each of the past five years in circumstances in which the funding was provided to build accommodation on lands owned by religious orders, dioceses or parishes in the Roman Catholic, Protestant and other religions and faiths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [23074/17]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 219 of 9 May 2017, in view of the fact section 7 (7) of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Act

2012 states that Caranua may enter into contracts with persons with the approval of the Minister, if he has had discussions with the board of Caranua regarding the accommodation arrangements of that organisation and future accommodation arrangements, including the estimated costs of such accommodation. — Clare Daly. [23102/17]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount which was paid by his department for the Bord na gCon site at Harold's Cross, Dublin; and if the property was put out to tender on the open market. — Brian Stanley. [23113/17]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made in relation to acquiring a site for a school (details supplied) in County Louth. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23139/17]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a date for the amalgamation of two schools (details supplied) in County Kildare can be confirmed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23152/17]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23149/17]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to make provision for the post primary education needs of children that attend a special school (details supplied) in County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [23166/17]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to put increased emphasis on teacher training and in continued professional development for teachers that teach children on the autistim spectrum both at primary and post primary level in mainstream and special classrooms and units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [23167/17]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for funding for the purchase of a tablet device for a person (details supplied) with a special educational need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23174/17]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 206 of 5 April 2017, the status of a response to a person (details supplied) from his department; if this application will be accepted on the basis of force majeure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23175/17]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason his department's land at Ashbourne, County Meath is for sale in view of the fact that it is needed for public education and has also been the subject of discussions with Meath county council for use as a public park. — Thomas Byrne. [23184/17]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question numbers 198, 206, 210, 211 and 212 of 9 May 2016, if he will clarify his reply that schools can plan a wellbeing programme without loss of teaching time for other subjects; and the way in which hours for the wellbeing programme will not impact on hours for other subjects. — Thomas Byrne. [23187/17]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an enforceable contract has been finalised for the purchase of a site (details supplied); if a price has been agreed; if a closing date has been

agreed; if there are conditions precluding the agreement of a closing date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen S. Donnelly. [23206/17]

*201. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén uair a thabharfar cinneadh ar an iarratas ó scoil (sonraí leis seo) chun ceithre sheomra ranga réamhdhéanta móide oifig/seomra cruinnithe a fháil i bhfianaise na práinne a bhaineann le cinneadh a fháil, d'fhonn cead pleanála a fháil do na seomraí seo ionas go mbeidh siad ar fáil do mhí Mheán Fómhair seo chugainn, á chur i gcuntas go ndearnadh cinneadh stádas Deis 1 a bhronnadh ar an scoil seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23245/17]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional school accommodation will be provided at a school (details supplied) by September 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23253/17]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of the proposed new national school in Kanturk, County Cork; if he will provide a timeline for the commencement and completion of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23254/17]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there has been an increased focus upon the junior certificate application for special accommodations; if a person is not approved for special accommodation in their application for the junior certificate, if this means that they will be disqualified from making an application for social accommodations during leaving certificate examinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [23302/17]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the amalgamation of three schools (details supplied); the status of the divesting of a school (details supplied) to a third party; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23342/17]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he will publish the wind turbine guidelines. — Peadar Tóibín. [22775/17]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the levels of funding his department has provided over the past five years for the seniors alert scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23056/17]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will consider increasing the funding supports and availability of the seniors alert scheme in particular items such as pendant alarms and panic buttons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23057/17]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of funding for a group waste water scheme in Kilmacredock, County Kildare; the timeframe and likelihood of the scheme being progressed to completion; and if other funding is available for the scheme. — James Lawless. [22677/17]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the status of funding for Ballyna group water scheme, in County Kildare; the timeframe and likelihood of the

scheme being progressed to completion; and if other funding is available for the scheme. — James Lawless. [22678/17]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will meet the commitment in the review of the programme for government to introduce legislation to give effect to new licensing arrangements in respect of large scale commercial peat extraction adopted by quarter two 2017. — Noel Grealish. [22693/17]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to allocate funding to Monaghan county council to purchase a park (details supplied) as a heritage site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22699/17]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will liaise with Irish Water in order to carry out essential works to the water infrastructure on Main Street, Ballymahon, County Longford. — Robert Troy. [22717/17]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on local authorities not spending allocated funds for traveller accommodation; the steps he will take to ensure that these funds are spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [22757/17]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount of funding allocated for library construction in local authority areas since May 2016 and to date in 2017; the local authorities and specific geographical areas that received funding; the amount of funding that was allocated; and the funding available in the first quarter of 2017, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [22758/17]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of local authorities that are utilising the auxiliary fire service resource within the Civil Defence to assist and supplement the permanent fire brigade service in view of the increase in grass, gorse and forest fires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22773/17]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to address housing transfer lists in cases in which families have expanded and now find themselves in inadequate housing arrangements; the provision he has made in the rebuilding Ireland action plan for these situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22791/17]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to address the cases of persons that availed of the house purchase loan scheme to purchase a home and are now in a situation in which their accommodation is no longer fit for purpose, that is, they do not have adequate sleeping and living arrangements as a family group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22792/17]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on whether the (Housing) Rent Books Regulations 1993 are arcane and require updating, in view of the widespread noncompliance with rent book rules and entitlements; and his further views on whether the regulations were designed for payment of rent in cash rather than via electronic transfer and direct debit which the great majority of persons now use. — Barry Cowen. [22833/17]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the cost of introducing a new system of inspection by an authorised person in each local authority to ensure compliance with fire safety and building regulations for all properties newly offered as private rental accommodation. — Barry Cowen. [22834/17]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the position regarding his department's review of the tenant purchase scheme; when the review will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22867/17]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when it is expected that the first development will commence on a site (details supplied); the way the housing units will be constructed, that is, turnkey, privately or local authority build; the number of public, private and social housing units that will be delivered; when it is envisaged that they will be fully completed; if Tipperary county council has committed to delivering social housing units on the site; if these units will be rolled out as soon as possible, perhaps in a three year period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22881/17]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his department has sought a legal opinion as to whether part V obligations on developers could amount to state aid for the purposes of EU law or could amount to a public works contract for the purposes of EU law as was considered by the European Court of Justice in the Flemish decree case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [22888/17]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of CPO decisions made in each year since 2008 and to date in 2017 under the Housing Act. — Barry Cowen. [22889/17]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an application to the capital assistance scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [22904/17]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the criteria for sanctioning a ten year licence to a company for the purposes of kelp harvesting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [22931/17]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if the construction of the proposed 640 homes on the Dublin city council site at Oscar Traynor road in Santry, Dublin 9, as part of the Oscar Traynor road land initiative project, will be built without delay; if the local community through the newly established consultative forum can be actively involved in drawing up a new master plan as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22947/17]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will liaise with Tipperary county council in order to expedite the taking in charge of an estate (details supplied) in County Tipperary in view of the fact the process has been ongoing for some time without progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23055/17]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons that let their home for tourist accommodation (details supplied) that have been inspected to ensure compliance with health and safety, fire safety or disability standards in 2016, or the most recent year for which statistics are available. — Robert Troy. [23062/17]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the reason a commercial van has to be weighed when first taxing it in view of the fact its weight is already listed on the log book (details supplied); and if this requirement can be eliminated. — Tom Neville. [23069/17]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if there is legislation to enforce maximum noise levels in urban areas, for example, dogs barking. — Robert Troy. [23097/17]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if large scale housing funding projects proposed to his department by local authorities, approved housing bodies or the Housing Agency including acquisitions or new builds were deferred in 2016 or have been deferred in 2017; if so, the projects concerned; the amounts requested and deferred; and the reasons for these decisions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23111/17]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to bring forward regulations or legislation on matters (details supplied); if he will consult with the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government prior to enactment of any regulations; and his views on the relationship of the large number of matters of this nature and the crisis in the private rental market. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23112/17]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if there has been a change in policy in his department with respect to the offering of rapid build and modular homes for long term lease as opposed to short term transitory accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23121/17]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that rents in Limerick city have risen substantially since legislation was introduced to cap rents in certain areas; if he will consider extending the rent cap to the Limerick area in view of the recent rent increases in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [23131/17]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on whether some or all of households with more persons than rooms are in breach of section 63 of the Housing Act of 1966, in view of the release of the latest Central Statistics Office data (details supplied); and his plans to tackle overcrowding, particularly in the private rented and social housing sectors. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23155/17]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when a reply will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23157/17]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will request a report from Dublin city council and Fingal county council on the supported temporary accommodation projects currently in place for persons to assist them prior to being placed in a housing assistance payment tenancy; if he will provide this report to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23188/17]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will request a report from Dublin city council and Fingal county council on the measures in place to

assist persons in avoiding homelessness prior to their tenancies ending; if he will provide this report to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23189/17]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if the National Emergency Coordination Group has been convened in relation to the recent large numbers of gorse fires across County Donegal and gorse and forest fires elsewhere in the State; and the person or body that was overseeing this emergency situation at national level and that was making decisions on the deployment of resources such as helicopters with water and Defence Forces personnel. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23212/17]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government when he will bring forward new legislation pertaining to the calculation of commercial rates; and if he will make a statement of the matter. — Robert Troy. [23298/17]

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

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision on a carer's allowance will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [22760/17]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the procedure to address a circumstance raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [22901/17]

*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when arrears will issue regarding an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [22687/17]

*245. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is mandatory for a person selected by his department for the jobpath scheme to engage with a company (details supplied) and to sign a contract with it when that person has not signed a record of mutual commitments with Intreo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22691/17]

*246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the mortgage interest supplement is being abolished; if so, his plans to replace it with another scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [22723/17]

*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a public services card will issue to a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [22759/17]

*248. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and when a decision will be made on the application. — Michael Ring. [22774/17]

*249. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full combined cost of increasing maternity benefit by €20, €30, €40 and €50 per week, while extending maternity benefit by two, three, four and five weeks, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22782/17]

*250. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision on a disability allowance appeal will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [22809/17]

*251. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of the free school meals programme for each of the past five years; the current rates of payment per meal, child and day respectively; the number of students availing of each meal option, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [22812/17]

*252. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way the free school meals programme is assessed or audited in terms of the provision of suitable quality and nutritional value; the way the free school meals programme is assessed or audited in terms of the way in which meals are prepared and consumed; if his attention has been drawn to instances in which the lack of access to appropriate infrastructure has hindered the ability of a school to avail of the scheme or a particular meal option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [22813/17]

*253. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of desk based assessments of entitlements further to reviews of his department's schemes; the number of direct enquiries with social welfare recipients; the number of site and employer visits; the number of face to face interviews conducted in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22819/17]

*254. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the training persons working on the anti fraud campaign have received; the number of persons working on this campaign including those on the telephone service and the online service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22829/17]

*255. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the delays of up to a month for maternity benefit payments; the reason for such delays; the number of persons affected; his plans to resolve this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [22831/17]

*256. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in sending the file of a person (details supplied) in relation to a carer's allowance claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [22832/17]

*257. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of the 20,800 cases of alleged social welfare fraud dealt with by his department in 2016 which were reduced or stopped while his department examined these cases; the number that were found to be fraudulent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22836/17]

*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons with regard to the 20,800 cases of alleged social welfare fraud dealt with by his department in 2016 whose details were passed to the Director of Public Prosecutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22837/17]

*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the anti fraud and control measures with the savings for each totalling €500 million used by his department in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22838/17]

*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of nationally accredited internships in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22864/17]

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22868/17]

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22882/17]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which an overpayment occurred in the case of a person (details supplied) receiving domiciliary care allowance; and when the overpayment occurred. — Sean Sherlock. [22887/17]

*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons on certain work schemes (details supplied) which are seasonal receive a reduced rate of jobseeker's payment during summer, Christmas and Easter breaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [22913/17]

*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) regarding disability allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22925/17]

*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community employment scheme placements in Dublin 5, 13 and 17 respectively that are vacant and waiting to be filled; the number of placements that have been vacant for more than 2 months, 6 months, 9 months and more than a year respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22937/17]

*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans for the community employment programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22938/17]

*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons convicted of welfare fraud that have dependents and children; the way in which plans to reduce welfare payments for those convicted of fraud as outlined by him on 9 May 2017 will affect persons such as this; his views on whether these measure will create unnecessary deprivation for dependents of those convicted of fraud for the sake of being punitive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22968/17]

*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications and the number of approved applications needed to obtain a gender recognition certificate under the Gender Recognition Act, 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23001/17]

*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is legally possible for children aged between six and eight years of age to obtain a gender recognition certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23002/17]

*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff employed in his department since 2009 including temporary clerical officers and whole time equivalents; and the amount of hours issued on the payroll. — Bríd Smith. [23070/17]

*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the other social welfare assistance a person (details supplied) would be eligible to receive, in view of the fact they are currently struggling financially. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23094/17]

*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when arrears will issue to a person (details supplied) under the disability allowance scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [23096/17]

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider awarding a State pension once they reach retirement age to those persons that contracted hepatitis C and were unable to work due to their illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [23104/17]

*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a payment of arrears of carer's allowance will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23114/17]

*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average waiting times for decisions on all social welfare payments from his department; the number of persons awaiting decisions for all social welfare payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23169/17]

*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the detail of recent changes to the qualifying contributions for the contributory old age pension. — Robert Troy. [23181/17]

*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available for a person not on a qualifying payment to be issued with a free travel pass in a case in which regular travel to hospital is required for a child's treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23190/17]

*279. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently engaged in the jobpath programme with Seetec and Turas Nua by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23223/17]

*280. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have engaged in the jobpath programme with Seetec and Turas Nua since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23224/17]

*281. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have successfully found employment through the jobpath service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23225/17]

*282. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons aged under 26 years of age currently engaged in the jobpath programme with Seetec and Turas Nua; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23226/17]

*283. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons he plans to refer to the jobpath programme in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23227/17]

*284. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason his plans to move 60,000 long term unemployed persons to jobpath by the end of 2016 did not happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23228/17]

*285. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he or his department have received correspondence from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth in relation to the report being

conducted by it on the impact of reduced jobseeker's payments for those aged under 26 years of age, as committed to in Pathways to Work, including any draft copy of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23229/17]

*286. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary questions numbers 199 and 200 of 3 May 2017, the way in which savings of €77 million were made in 2016 from welfare fraud in relation to one parent family payments, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23230/17]

*287. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to parliamentary question numbers 199 and 200 of 3 May 2017, if the €506 million in control savings made in 2016 were as a result of fraud alone, that is, that all of the €506 million savings were made as a result of persons deliberately trying to deceive his department for financial gain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23231/17]

*288. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will clarify following the Social Welfare Act 1974 that secular clergy can legally be classed as self employed; his views on whether the inability of the group to qualify for a contributory State pension is in line with the Social Welfare Act 1974 and in particular section 3; and his views on whether this Act has resulted in equal treatment, in terms of pension qualifications for all religious groups. — Robert Troy. [23256/17]

*289. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons recruited to jobpass in the years 2015 and 2016 (details supplied); the number of persons initially signed up each year; the number of persons that completed year one and went on to complete year two; the number of persons that gained employment in Gort, Loughrea, Athenry, Tuam and Ballinasloe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [23271/17]

*290. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a person's (details supplied) application for disability allowance; and when they can expect a decision on their case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23275/17]

*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the arrangements being made for participants on the first steps programme which is being abolished; his plans to put a follow on programme in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23281/17]

*292. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue to a person (details supplied) regarding an application for carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Breen. [23347/17]

*293. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeframe in which illness benefit is paid once his department has received an application; the waiting times for receipt of this payment; if there is a delay in issuing this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23351/17]

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

*294. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on Taiwan's continued participation in the World Health Assembly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22777/17]

*295. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has a policy of asking for a report on the way human rights, including the rights of women are being improved in Saudi Arabia when visiting the country; if not, if this will be policy in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22852/17]

*296. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when he was last briefed by the Irish Ambassador to the UN regarding women's rights in Saudi Arabia; if these briefings are organised regularly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22851/17]

*297. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he or his officials were contacted by countries that did not want to support Saudi Arabia being appointed to the UN Commission on the Status of Women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22850/17]

*298. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there was contact between Saudi Arabian officials and Irish officials prior to the vote on Saudi Arabia's membership on the UN Commission on the Status of Women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22849/17]

*299. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if information on Saudi Arabia's human rights record was requested by the State in particular its human rights record in relation to women, prior to the vote on its membership of the UN Commission on the Status of Women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22848/17]

*300. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions that he or his officials had with the permanent representative of Ireland to the UN prior to the vote on Saudi Arabia's membership of the UN Commission on the Status of Women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22847/17]

*301. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will report on recent meetings that he has had with his Saudi Arabian counterpart; the dates and times of meetings; the issues discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [22846/17]

*302. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a person (details supplied) was recently here; and if he will contact his Brazilian counterpart to indicate his concern at the violent attacks on the Guarani-Kaiowá and his disappointment at the failure of the Brazilian government to demarcate the Guarani-Kaiowá's ancestral territory. — Seán Crowe. [22929/17]

*303. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a person (details supplied) who has been living here for over fifty years needs to apply for citizenship and pay the costs associated with the citizenship application process in order to get a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [23348/17]

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

*304. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the nature of the deviation allowed following the change in the European Commission's budgetary rules (details supplied); the effect this change will have on public capital investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22733/17]

*305. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the transfer of ownership of publicly funded assets (details supplied) to non public bodies such as charities, religious orders, corporate bodies and so on complies with his department's own value for money and policy review initiative guidance manual and its aim as part of the framework introduced to secure improved value for money from public expenditure and the need to safeguard public assets funded by the taxpayer. — Róisín Shortall. [22875/17]

*306. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the transfer of ownership of publicly funded assets to non public bodies such as charities, religious orders, corporate bodies and so on; and his further plans to seek either the return of all such assets or full value in consideration for the transfer of such assets. — Róisín Shortall. [22876/17]

*307. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans and the timeframe to simplify public access to online CFRAM extent and risk maps in view of the fact that, increasingly, insurance companies require persons to submit copies of such maps as evidence with applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23200/17]

*308. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his department has received a request for additional funding for a project (details supplied) in Cork city in addition to the €12 million already committed by the government; the process in order to assess such funding requests; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22684/17]

*309. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons in receipt of a public service pension in each gross pension income band (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22734/17]

*310. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of whole time equivalent public sector workers in each gross income band (details supplied) in each of the years 2011 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22735/17]

*311. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the fire and evacuation procedures and policies in place in Dublin Castle, the State apartments, conference centre and castle hall; the length of time they have been in place; the procedures and policies in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22824/17]

*312. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of fire drills carried out for each year from 2000 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in Dublin Castle, the State apartments, the conference centre and castle hall in tabular form; the nature of the fire drills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22825/17]

*313. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of staff trained in fire evacuation procedures in Dublin Castle, the State apartments, the conference centre and castle hall for each of the years 2000 to 2016 and to date in 2017 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22826/17]

*314. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of fire safety inspections that have been carried out in Dublin Castle, the State apartments, conference centre and castle hall; the number of fire regulation breeches which have been identified for each year from 2000 to 2016

and to date in 2017; the nature of the fire regulation breach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22827/17]

*315. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of fire evacuation exit routes that conform with fire regulation standards in Dublin Castle, the State apartments, conference centre and castle hall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22828/17]

*316. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to parliamentary question number 272 of 6 December 2016, if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reimbursed for works they had to carry out on their lands after the construction of an access road by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22877/17]

*317. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding a project (details supplied) being assessed within his department; and the timeframe for completion. — Dara Calleary. [22896/17]

*318. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the review on statutory and operational considerations giving rise to barriers to extended participation in the public service workforce up to and including the current and planned age of entitlement to the contributory State pension will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23058/17]

*319. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will instruct the OPW to purchase a property (details supplied) in Thurles, County Tipperary which has recently come on the market from private ownership; if he will put in place a plan, in conjunction with Tipperary county council, to create a local folk and heritage museum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23071/17]

*320. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the arrangements the OPW has with Caranua regarding office accommodation; the terms and duration of the lease of offices from the OPW; if that lease will be renewed on those terms; and if not, the reason therefor. — Clare Daly. [23101/17]

*321. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will instruct the OPW to advise as to the status of the agreement between a golf club (details supplied) and the OPW, which is the owner of the land on which the club operates; if he will instruct the OPW to engage with this club to give it security of tenure into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23138/17]

*322. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will provide funding for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23299/17]

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

*323. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the way in which a wildlife licence to shoot wild deer can be obtained. — Pat Deering. [22681/17]

*324. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding hill burning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22726/17]

*325. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will expedite the application under the CLAR programme by Tipperary county council for a community centre (details supplied) to facilitate the infrastructural development of the centre to allow for its use as a day care facility for the elderly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22878/17]

*326. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the grants available from her department for film and documentary production; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [22879/17]

*327. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she is in receipt of a costing from Cork city council in relation to a further funding request for an event centre in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22916/17]

*328. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Ealaíon, Oidhreachta, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sí sásta bualadh le Comharchumann Inis Mór chun conradh Aer Árann a phlé leo, i bhfianaise na titime atá tar éis teacht ar an méid daoine atá ag úsáid na seirbhíse de bharr an chonartha nua, rud a fhágann nach bhfuil an tseirbhís ag freastal ar an éileamh níos mó, agus go gcosnaíonn an tseirbhís an iomarca airgid ar gach paisinéir taobh amuigh den Oibleagáid Seirbhíse Poiblí (PSO); agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [22983/17]

*329. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Ealaíon, Oidhreachta, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta cén fáth a bhfuil teorainn íseal leis an méid scoláirí ón mórthír a fhreastalaíonn ar mheánscoileanna ar na hoileáin Ghaeltachta, ós rud é go bhfuil éileamh mór ar an scéim seo, go gcuireann sí go mór le hoideachas na scoláirí, go dtreisiúnn sí le hoideachas meánleibhéil ar na hoileáin, agus ós rud é nach dtógfadh sé ach €150,000 sa bhliain chun an scéim a oscailt suas go mór; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [23052/17]

*330. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Ealaíon, Oidhreachta, Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta cén fáth a bhfuil Comharchumainn na n-oileán Gaeltachta ag fáil níos lú deontas ón Stát ná Comharchumainn na n-oileán Galltachta, ós rud é go mbíonn níos mó cúraimí orthu, go háirithe ó thaobh an Ghaeilge a chothú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [23053/17]

*331. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs further to parliamentary question numbers 760 of 2 May 2017 and 342 of 9 May 2017, the timeline for the conclusion of the discussions between the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Irish Rail to allow the council to submit its environmental impact statement to An Bord Pleanála regarding the development of the Broadmeadows cycle and pedestrian way between Donabate and Malahide (details supplied). — Clare Daly. [23103/17]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*332. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 214 of 3 May 2017, if he will report on meetings that have taken place between his officials and officials from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the funding required by the HSE to enable section 39 organisations match the pay restoration amounts to employees performing

identical work in the HSE and section 38 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22823/17]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Seán Crowe. [22664/17]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a system for supplying automated external defibrillators for families of children with inherited heart conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [22665/17]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures and criteria in place in respect of supplying automated external defibrillators for families of children with inherited heart conditions; if there are different criteria in place in view of the absence of standard pathways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [22666/17]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests made to the HSE in each of the past five years and to date in 2017 for funding for automated external defibrillators by families with inherited heart conditions; the number of approvals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [22667/17]

*337. 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. [22686/17]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made in relation to the reimbursement of a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22688/17]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a bed in the National Rehabilitation Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22695/17]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received an appointment; when an appointment will be scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22696/17]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a 13 month waiting list for autism services in the CHO area 1 region; the reason this is the case; the effort being made to alleviate the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [22697/17]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that general practitioners in the CHO area 1 are being advised by the HSE not to refer patients to the CAMHS service; the reason this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [22698/17]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the CAMHS service in County Sligo is at breaking point (details supplied); if he will address these deficiencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [22701/17]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22703/17]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a drug (details supplied) in the treatment of systemic degos disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [22704/17]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists employed by county; the number of occupational therapist vacancies that exist by county; the number of vacancies that exist as a result of sick leave and maternity leave by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22705/17]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the employment and training possibilities available for a person (details supplied) in terms of training, relearning and preparing for work life. — John Lahart. [22710/17]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medicines that the HSE has notified his department that it does not have sufficient funds in its budget to reimburse; the number of medicines he has sent to government for reimbursement approval since August 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22712/17]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been seen at a clinic (details supplied) in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22713/17]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding speech and language therapy for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22716/17]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [22720/17]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22727/17]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of a notifiable disease (details supplied) recorded in County Donegal from June 2016 to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22729/17]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recorded cases of a specific infection (details supplied) in County Donegal from June 2016 to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22730/17]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the range of notifiable diseases recorded in County Donegal from June 2016 to date in 2017; and the number of instances recorded of each notifiable disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22731/17]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health further to the allocation of an extra €15 million to the national treatment purchase fund in 2017, the number of persons in each hospital on day case and inpatient lists that have been offered treatment by the fund to date in 2017; and the number of persons in each hospital that have had treatment as a result of such an offer. — Billy Kelleher. [22736/17]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the extra €15 million allocated to the national treatment purchase fund in 2017 that has been spent; and the dates and locations that it was spent. — Billy Kelleher. [22737/17]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE and the University of Limerick hospital group to report on the internal investigation into the premature death of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22740/17]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the drug respreeza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22763/17]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical and surgical beds in use in Naas hospital; his plans to increase this number in view of the expected growth in population in the area in Census 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22767/17]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the regional specialist obesity treatment centres used to support persons with obesity in other jurisdictions as part of an integrated model across primary, secondary and community care; his plans for the roll out of similar centres here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [22772/17]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the practice of water fluoridation should be discontinued in view of the cost and the fact that his department has on many occasions put off medical treatment and services for sick persons and downgraded hospitals due to a lack of funds and resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [22776/17]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health when a glucose monitor will be made available to a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Harty. [22781/17]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the supports a person with a foetal alcohol spectrum disorder can avail of on a county basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22793/17]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if a person with borderline personality disorder may be admitted on a voluntarily or involuntarily basis to a psychiatric hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22794/17]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the supports and treatments for persons that are diagnosed with borderline personality disorder on a county basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22795/17]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include phase 3C of Naas general hospital in his priorities under the mid term review of the capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22800/17]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health if he will prioritise funding under the waiting list action plan for outpatient gynaecological appointments in view of the fact that to date in 2017 the waiting list is a year at the Coombe Hospital and in view of the fact that such appointments can detect potential cancers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22801/17]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the numbers of persons resident here that have attended the emergency department at Daisy Hill hospital, Newry, County Down in each of the the past five years, in tabular form; and the number of admissions that resulted from these attendances. — Gerry Adams. [22802/17]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies that were born in Daisy Hill hospital, Newry, County Down to mothers resident here in each of the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [22803/17]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons resident here that are currently receiving renal treatment at Daisy Hill hospital, Newry, County Down; and the numbers receiving this treatment for each of the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [22804/17]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons resident here that have accessed ENT services at Daisy Hill hospital, Newry, County Down for each of the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [22805/17]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons resident here that have accessed ophthalmology services at Daisy Hill hospital, Newry, County Down for each of the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [22806/17]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons resident here that have accessed dental services at Daisy Hill hospital, Newry, County Down for each of the past five years. — Gerry Adams. [22807/17]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if persons resident here have access to other services other than dental services, ophthalmology services, ENT services and renal treatment at Daisy Hill hospital, Newry, County Down; his views on cross border healthcare activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gerry Adams. [22808/17]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a rheumatologist appointment in Beaumont hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [22810/17]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which action 3.2 of A Healthy Weight for Ireland is being advanced; the position regarding the development, implementation and evaluation of a code of practice for food and beverages promotion, marketing and sponsorship; if his department will work with other relevant departments to develop a system of data collection in relation to food marketing and targeted advertising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin. [22814/17]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 481 of 11 March 2017, if the proposed surgery for a person (details supplied) will take place here as part of the national treatment purchase fund; and if he will provide further clarification on a possible date for the procedure. — Pearse Doherty. [22816/17]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the implementation of the report of the vaccine damage steering committee of 2009, which recommended a three tiered structure of ex-gratia payments (details supplied); the number of persons that have received such payments to date in 2017; the steps future claimants need to take to apply for such payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [22818/17]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 239 of 3 May 2017, if the HSE instructed section 39 organisations to reduce their payscales in line with the HSE and section 38 organisations' payscales following FEMPI adjustments; the way in which the HSE has withheld 20% of funding from an organisation (details supplied); the way in which the HSE will administer personal assistant services if the organisation is unable to continue in operation due to the HSE withholding of funding; the measures he is taking to remedy the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22821/17]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 239 of 3 May 2017 (details supplied), if section 39 organisations' payscales have been linked to those of the HSE and section 38 organisations for over 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22822/17]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm receipt of correspondence from a health campaign and patient advocacy group (details supplied) in County Donegal requesting that he agree to facilitate a meeting between himself, the members of the group, and Houses of the Oireachtas members based in County Donegal; if he will facilitate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22839/17]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if he will grant further home help hours to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22862/17]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional beds he plans to open in each of the years 2018 to 2022; the estimated capital spend of opening these beds; the number of beds this would result in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22870/17]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of additional hospital beds that will be provided by the capital investment programme; the timeframe and locations of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22871/17]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding provision of mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [22874/17]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for recruitment of persons to fill medical and administrative positions in a primary care centre (details supplied) currently under construction. — Michael McGrath. [22880/17]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to select a practicing occupational therapist for inclusion on the CORU occupational therapists registration board; the way in which a person can put themselves forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22883/17]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the data on trends in the prescription of stimulant drugs to children for the past 20 years; if the collected data indicates an overall rise in problems associated with prescribed stimulants in terms of stunting of growth, cardiovascular anomalies and diversion for recreational or other unauthorised use; the steps he will take to address a rise in prescription rates and associated problems regarding stimulant medications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22891/17]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the services in place to manage children with type one diabetes in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22897/17]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the services which have been put in place to manage children with type one diabetes on insulin pumps attending University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22898/17]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in holding interviews for the vacant consultant paediatrician post to provide services for children with type one diabetes in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22899/17]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 16 years of age with type one diabetes that attend University Hospital Waterford; the number of those that are on insulin pump therapy; the number awaiting insulin pump initiation training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22900/17]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider the decision to refuse long term residential care to a person (details supplied) who has applied under the nursing homes support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [22919/17]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with persons (details supplied) as per their request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [22920/17]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health if recruitment for the vacant consultant paediatrician post to provide services for children with type one diabetes in Sligo university hospital has begun; when the interviews will take place; when he expects the post to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [22921/17]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the services which have been put in place to manage children with type one diabetes on insulin pumps in Letterkenny university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [22922/17]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health the services which have been put in place to manage children with type one diabetes on insulin pumps at Sligo university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [22923/17]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card application was closed without taking into account the second medical report that was requested by the HSE for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22924/17]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it would cost to provide 3,000 extra home care packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22935/17]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams currently in CHO area 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [22936/17]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health when a health information and quality authority inspection was carried out at Solas respite centre in County Sligo; the reason the facility will no longer be used for respite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [22939/17]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision timeline for a second catheterisation laboratory at University Hospital Waterford in order to deal with waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [22940/17]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no early intervention psychologist due to staff maternity leave for the assessment of ASD in Nenagh general hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22942/17]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the position of a person (details supplied) on a waiting list for Mayo university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [22943/17]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the reason school going children are treated differently if they are referred from Nenagh hospital, County Tipperary or South Tipperary general hospital, Clonmel, County Tipperary, in the cost of prescription eye glasses if the child needs a high prescription or a special frame (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22944/17]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Health Products Regulatory Authority supports on its website an information leaflet on the medicine fluoxetine (details supplied); if this explanation of thoughts of self harm or suicide when starting an antidepressant as being due to a delay in onset of action is an evidence based one; if it is contradicted by placebo controlled randomised clinical trials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22948/17]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Health Products Regulatory Authority supports on its website an information leaflet on the medicine fluoxetine which includes with regard to the way fluoxetine works the statement that (details supplied); if this is evidence based information supported by expert mental health professionals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22949/17]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite heart surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [22952/17]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the benefits of treating persons with obesity in reducing mortality, the comorbidities of obesity, reducing disease management costs and improving quality of life; his policy for treating persons with established obesity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [22963/17]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the anomalous situation whereby persons here suffering from Ehlers Danlos syndrome cannot qualify for assistance under the treatment abroad scheme due to the fact that there are no consultants qualified to sign off on treatment for this disease; if he will direct the HSE to rectify this anomaly in order that these persons can be treated without having to raise funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22970/17]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health when a five day assisted living service will be provided to a person (details supplied) with special needs. — Thomas Byrne. [22971/17]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new applications for home help that were approved but not allocated due to financial constraints in the south Lee area and in the north Lee area in County Cork, in each of the past six months, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22976/17]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons approved for home helps that are awaiting allocation of home help, in south Lee and north Lee; and the way in which this compares to the same date in 2016. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22977/17]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for home help in each HSE area over the past six months in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22978/17]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for home help in each HSE area that were approved but not allocated, in each of the past six months in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22979/17]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of hours per week each home help worker works in south Lee and north Lee in County Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22980/17]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of hours per week each person in receipt of home help receives in south Lee and north Lee in County Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22981/17]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the services which have been put in place to manage children with type one diabetes on insulin pumps in Letterkenny university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22998/17]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the Cork Kerry community health organisation home care budgets which may be applicable to young persons being cared for at home. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22999/17]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [23000/17]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sunbed units registered under the Public Health Sunbed Act 2014 in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23006/17]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the health supports currently in place for persons suffering from sickle cell disease; and his plans to provide the flu injection to all persons with sickle cell. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23009/17]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health the services that have been put in place to manage children with type one diabetes on insulin pumps in Sligo university hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23064/17]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the number of suicide crisis assessment nurses in the Mater hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23065/17]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the policy or procedures in place in the accident and emergency department of the Mater hospital when an adult, adolescent or child respectively presents with suicidal ideation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23066/17]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the psychiatric and mental health services and facilities currently available at the Mater hospital; the number of consultants, specialists and nurses working in these services and facilities; the role of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23067/17]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health if recruitment for the vacant consultant paediatrician post to provide services for children with type one diabetes in Sligo university hospital has commenced; when the interviews will take place; when he expects the post to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23068/17]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed location for Drogheda primary care centre; the amount the lease and construction costs will amount to; the services which will operate from the centre; if the proposed PCC provides space for mental health services; and if so, the square footage which will be provided for same. — Gerry Adams. [23072/17]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 209 of 17 November 2016, if he will provide the definition of a letter of intent; and if a copy of the letter of intent for Drogheda primary care centre be provided. — Gerry Adams. [23073/17]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital building projects for both permanent and temporary accommodation; the cost of this expenditure for each of the past five years in circumstances in which the funding was provided to build accommodation on lands owned by religious orders, dioceses or parishes in the Roman Catholic, Protestant and other religions and faiths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [23078/17]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated time envisaged that a person (details supplied) will be fitted with a permanent spinal stimulator since undergoing a trial in July 2016 and whereby funding has been sanctioned. — Sean Sherlock. [23079/17]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Lottery grant funding has been discontinued and moved to healthy Ireland; the way in which organisations can now access large grants funding for capital investment projects, noting that the HSEs lottery funding is capped at €10,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [23095/17]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite surgery for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [23098/17]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 499 of 9 May 2017, if he will recommend steps including the use of trackers, cameras and chaperones to the HSE to protect disabled children travelling unsupervised on transport services to and from their homes and service providers to schools, hospitals, residential homes or other care facilities to safeguard them against potential criminal behaviour, including physical or sexual abuse. — Clare Daly. [23099/17]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the additional positions which will be required in 2018 over and above that already required in relation to A Vision for Change (details supplied); and the additional staff required for every 5,000 increase in the population aged over 65 years of age. — James Browne. [23105/17]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the additional CAMHS staff required for every 5,000 increase in the number of children. — James Browne. [23106/17]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of the service reform fund established between his department, organisations (details supplied) and the HSE; the amount which has now been allocated; the amount which has been allocated to mental health services; the allocation for each CHO, in tabular form; and the mental services being provided in each CHO with the allocation provided. — James Browne. [23107/17]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the allocation of the €15 million in new funding for mental health in 2017; the additional or new services being provided in 2017 and the funding provided to each, by CHO, in tabular form; and the additional posts being provided in each. — James Browne. [23108/17]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new whole time equivalent positions the allocation of the €15 million in new funding for mental health in 2017 will provide; and the number of positions in categories (details supplied). — James Browne. [23109/17]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE or a specified service provider is responsible for meeting the needs of a person (details supplied); the body responsible for meeting their needs in respect of speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy; when such services will be provided; if the person can have access to a clinical psychologist as a priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23110/17]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health when a MRI will be scheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [23115/17]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health when treatment will be given to a person (details supplied) which is of an urgent nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [23116/17]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE funds emergency accommodation services; if so, the details and the amount of funding provided to each of these services in 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; and if persons resident in HSE funded accommodation are included in the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government's PASS data that forms the basis of the official monthly homelessness data report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23120/17]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the psychology services for adults with disabilities and autism available in County Wexford; the number of whole time equivalent psychologists for adults with disabilities and autism currently employed in County Wexford; the number that were employed in each of the years 2010 to 2016; if the HSE in County Wexford operates a waiting list for psychology services for adults with disabilities and autism; the number of persons currently on the waiting list; and the average wait times for each of the years 2010 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Mick Wallace. [23123/17]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied) who has provided all documentation as requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23127/17]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for an assessment of need for children and adolescents in north Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23129/17]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement of the drug respreeza / zemaira; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [23132/17]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to the inclusion of Parkinson's disease as one of the medical conditions for which cannabis for medicinal use could be approved on the list of medical conditions which is being compiled by the Health Products Regulatory Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frank O'Rourke. [23142/17]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the funding schemes within HSE social care which may be applicable to young persons with high care needs that wish to remain at home. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23143/17]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria, including financial limits, required to qualify for an intensive home care package. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23144/17]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to an invitation to meet a group in relation to a request by a person (details supplied). — Fergus O'Dowd. [23145/17]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the services in place to manage children with type 1 diabetes in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [23146/17]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the services in place to manage children with type 1 diabetes on insulin pumps attending Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [23150/17]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 16 years of age with type 1 diabetes that attend Galway University Hospital; the number of those that are on insulin pump therapy; the number of these children waiting on insulin pump initiation training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [23151/17]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a delay in holding interviews for the vacant consultant paediatrician post to provide services for children with type 1 diabetes in Galway University Hospital; when the interviews will take place; when he expects the post to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [23148/17]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to assist persons with a disability currently in employment but that do not qualify for financial supports from either the Department of Social Protection or the HSE due to the fact they do not satisfy the means test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [23159/17]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide support services for persons in the west of Ireland affected by acquired brain injury (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [23160/17]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide physiotherapy and occupational therapy support services for persons in the west of Ireland post stroke (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [23161/17]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of running the onsite laundry service at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda; the estimated cost to outsource the laundry service at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23162/17]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE regional laundries have been outsourced; if so, the cost and the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23163/17]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health if behavioural therapy is available to children in all counties; if not, if children that have been identified as needing such therapy can have it provided in a neighbouring county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [23164/17]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health the expected publication date of an autism strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O'Sullivan. [23165/17]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of respreeza. — Kevin O'Keeffe. [23170/17]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Ferris. [23171/17]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health if surgery can be expedited for a person (detailed supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [23172/17]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an allocation for home help hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23177/17]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the issue of inadequate parking for nurses and staff at Temple Street Children's University Hospital (details supplied); the steps he has taken along with Dublin city council to date to resolve this problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [23183/17]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide for an adequate local ambulance service for north west Connemara, County Galway in which persons endure long wait times for an ambulance from call out time to time of arrival at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegard Naughton. [23201/17]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for a cataract operation will be provided to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23205/17]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23211/17]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health the service which will replace a drug treatment project (details supplied) that is being wound down in Dublin 15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [23214/17]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health the number of autism liaison nurses currently employed in County Wexford; if they are employed on a full time or part time basis; the recommended client to liaison nurse ratio in the community; the frequency with which the liaison nurse is required to make contact with each client and family; and the number of autism liaison nurses which would be needed to comply with the recommended client to liaison ratio and the number of required contacts with persons and families. — Mick Wallace. [23216/17]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of expenditure on litigation claims against his department and the HSE in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the number of claims awarded in court and settled out of court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [23218/17]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health the body which is the insurers for the HSE; the amount of premium paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [23219/17]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health if the priority of a neurology appointment in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reviewed following a further urgent referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23221/17]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels that should be in place in the urology department in St James's hospital (details supplied); and the current staffing levels in place. — Joan Collins. [23232/17]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to provide a new permanent ambulance base at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; his plans to upgrade the temporary accommodation there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23246/17]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the refurbishment works at Millstreet Community Hospital, Millstreet, County Cork; if he will provide a timeline for the commencement and completion of these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23251/17]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card applications submitted in 2016 by persons diagnosed with cancer; the number of these persons that were granted full medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23252/17]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health the progress regarding the second breast surgeon consultant post at Letterkenny university hospital; his plans to deploy and utilise the post on a cross border basis in collaboration with Altnagelvin area hospital, Derry; the nature of discussions that have taken place to date between both service providers involved in relation to the post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23255/17]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the Cork university maternity hospital gynaecological waiting list that have been receiving treatment through the national treatment purchase fund since its introduction; and the amount of reduction on the waiting list as a result. — Aindrias Moynihan. [23273/17]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is planning to take to reduce the ophthalmology outpatient waiting list in Cork. — Aindrias Moynihan. [23274/17]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the responsible serving of an organisation (details supplied); and the way in which their services could be utilised in order to promote drinking in moderation. — Robert Troy. [23293/17]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the Minister for Finance requiring licenced premises to have an alcohol serving policy as part of the licence renewal process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23294/17]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to include persons with asthma in the long term illness scheme or another targeted scheme such as a chronic disease card in the context of ensuring that the cost of preventative medication is not a barrier to effective asthma control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [23301/17]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to drugs and alcohol task forces throughout the country in each of the years 2010 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23337/17]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health when funding to the Tallaght drug and alcohol task force will be restored to 2008 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23338/17]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date regarding the provision of primary care centres in Dublin south west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23339/17]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the new national drugs strategy; when the strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23340/17]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the delays parents of children on the autism spectrum are experiencing in accessing child and adult mental health services over the past twelve months; the reason children have been refused services at key developmental ages and are experiencing delays that will impact on their future development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23341/17]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the word alcohol was not included in the title of the national drugs strategy, in view of the fact that alcohol was included in the remit of various alcohol and drug task forces in the period of the last government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23343/17]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the appointment of a CEO over all the drug and alcohol task forces nationally in order to ensure that there is a universal and common

approach to policy, finance, spending, administration and other matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23344/17]

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

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his department decided to change the eligibility criteria to the national reserve; if it was compelled to do so by the EU Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marcella Corcoran Kennedy. [22680/17]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in issuing a GLAS payment to a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and when this payment will be made. — Joe Carey. [22685/17]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a payment for a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay; when this will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [22694/17]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied) in County Galway; the reason for the delay in issuing the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22765/17]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied) in County Galway; the reason for the delay in issuing the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22766/17]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS appeal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22815/17]

*500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if in Brexit negotiations there is a request for increased quota and support funding for fishing in view of the fact Ireland will be the most affected EU member state when British waters and quota are removed from the EU; if the CFP quota and supports to 2020 will be increased in these circumstances; if he envisages quota and supports increasing post 2020; and if he will allocate funding to fishers in the absence of an EU increase in quota and supports. — Martin Kenny. [22861/17]

*501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a land eligibility review for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22863/17]

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a TAMS 2 payment for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and the reason for the delay in issuing payment. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [22866/17]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 281 of 2 March 2017, the status of an appeal regarding the appointment of a planner to a commonage (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [22873/17]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an additional €25 million of funding for areas of natural constraint in 2018, as committed to in the programme for government. — Tom Neville. [22894/17]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will restore funding for areas of natural constraint to pre 2008 levels in view of Brexit and the review of the areas of natural constraint scheme. — Tom Neville. [22895/17]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the clean up operation at a site (details supplied); and if moneys for the clean up are ringfenced as previously guaranteed. — Sean Sherlock. [22917/17]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2016 AEOS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23008/17]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the final ANC map will be produced; the average income of farmers in the previous ANC zone in counties Meath and Westmeath; and if all areas in the preexisting ANC zones in counties Meath and Westmeath will be kept in the new ANC zone. — Peadar Tóibín. [23060/17]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding GLAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23126/17]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a GLAS payment; when payment will be received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23137/17]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) with regard to the criteria for the €10 sheep scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23153/17]

*512. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén staid ag a bhfuil an tAthbhreithniú ar Bhainistiú na hAcmhainneachta Cabhlaigh; cathain a fhoilseofar an tAthbhreithniú; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Peadar Tóibín. [23154/17]

*513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding provided by his department for works and improvements to be carried out at a harbour (details supplied) in County Donegal in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the details of the most recent correspondence received by the local authority regarding proposals to develop the foreshore at the site.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23179/17]

*514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in County Meath that have not received 85% of their total 2016 payment under GLAS 1, GLAS 2 and AEOS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Cassells. [23182/17]

*515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the options open to a young part time farmer that is working full time outside of the farm to avail of the green cert distance education

on line in relation to the green cert from Teagasc and the QQI level 6 qualification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Deering. [23217/17]

*516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the review of the entitlements of a person (details supplied) under the basic payment scheme allocated to them since 2002 will be expedited; if findings of the review will be furnished in an efficient manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bobby Aylward. [23222/17]

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the increasing amounts of marginal lands being abandoned and no longer being used for agricultural or forestation purposes; his views on this issue; his plans to deal with the problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23250/17]

*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 558 of 9 May 2017, the reason a person (details supplied) who submitted a GLAS application and uploaded additional documentation did not have the information reviewed in the correct manner when their application was being processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23354/17]

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

*519. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding bangers on tillage farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22722/17]

*520. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to reports that the State is facing fines of up to €75 million each year if it does not meet its target of obtaining 16% of total energy needs from renewable sources by 2020, if his department has factored these fines into expenditure projections over the next five years; the estimated impact of the fines on the net fiscal space for the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22817/17]

*521. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his department has applied for funding for broadband or energy projects under the European Fund for Strategic Investment; if so, the projects that were approved for funding; the total funding allocated to each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22668/17]

*522. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will commence a ministerial inquiry into the decision by Inland Fisheries Ireland to issue and in some instances to subsequently withdraw summonses and legal proceedings initiated against a number of persons in regard to a dispute over fishing rights on the Gweebarra river in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22770/17]

*523. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the formation of a task force or oversight committee to monitor mobile phone coverage in rural areas; when this will come into operation; the persons that will comprise the membership of the task force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [22771/17]

*524. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the better energy warmer homes schemes; if his attention has been drawn to this situation; and his plans to change the criteria to address this situation. — Joan Collins. [22903/17]

*525. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to ensure that the public interest is protected if he plans to hire a private firm to pursue non payment of television licences; and his views on whether this is not an attempt to circumnavigate the courts system process which is open to persons that do not pay their television licence. — Sean Sherlock. [23004/17]

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

*526. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has applied for transport funding projects under the European Fund for Strategic Investment; if so, the projects that were approved for funding; the total funding allocated to each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22669/17]

*527. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding sources for community focused capital projects which have a strong but not exclusive sports element; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22711/17]

*528. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt cén uair a bheidh na deontais faoi scéim na nDeontas Caipitil Spóirt do 2017 á bhfógairt aige; cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh i dtaobh an iarratais atá déanta ag Club Iomartha Choláiste na Coiribe, Co na Gaillimhe faoin scéim sin (sonraí leis seo); agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22724/17]

*529. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the duration that cannabis can be detected in a person's system by the technology used in the new tests with regard to the new drug driving legislation; the period of time a person has to be clear of inhaling or imbibing cannabis before the drug detection test will produce a negative result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [22732/17]

*530. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the greenway canal route between Dublin, Sallins and Naas, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [22741/17]

*531. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding issued to the relevant bodies to promote Ireland's Ancient East in 2016; the portion of this funding dedicated to the Kildare touring route; and if additional funding will be allocated for road signage to promote the route and tourism in County Kildare. — James Lawless. [22742/17]

*532. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of driving instructors currently working at the Tralee and Killarney test centres respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [22747/17]

*533. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend the opening period of Cahir tourist office in view of its importance for the local economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22753/17]

*534. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding a date for the opening of the swimming pool in Dunmanway, County Cork in view of the fact that it was due to open in summer 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Margaret Murphy O'Mahony. [22768/17]

*535. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the tourist office in Cahir, County Tipperary will remain closed until the end of May 2017 in view of the fact that in previous years it opened from 1 May; if he will extend the opening dates further to facilitate persons that visit Cahir town in view of the fact that visitor numbers are up on previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22769/17]

*536. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has received a request from Waterford city and county council for the development of the greenway in County Waterford; if so, the amount sought and granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22786/17]

*537. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount his department has made available to date in 2017 in funding for the greenway in County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22787/17]

*538. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to plans to move the train station in Waterford city to the north quays to facilitate the development of the quays; his views on such plans; if he will make capital funding available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22788/17]

*539. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to plans to build a pedestrian bridge linking the north and south quays in Waterford city; his views on such plans; if he will make capital funding available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22789/17]

*540. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of contractors that submitted tenders for the monitoring of the M7 bypass upgrade, Oberstown interchange and Sallins bypass construction works in County Kildare by the closing date of 8 May 2017; when he expects the evaluation of tenders to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22797/17]

*541. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will include the electrification of the Maynooth and Kildare rail lines as outlined in the DART expansion programme in his priorities under the mid term review of the capital plan currently underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22799/17]

*542. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the options open to a person aged 90 years of age whose driving licence expired in April 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22811/17]

*543. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to an issue regarding applications to the national driving licence service whereby an administrative error on an application means the application must begin again from the start; his plans to address this problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [22869/17]

*544. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Sligo municipal district of Sligo county council, at its meeting on 24 April 2017, unanimously adopted a motion (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the RAPID funding was specifically provided due to the fact that a special case was made highlighting the fact that the gym and sports hall would be made available to persons living in adjacent areas which were designated as disadvantaged under the CLAR and RAPID programmes; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the gym was closed down by the college management on 28 April 2017; if the deed of covenant will be adhered to and that the gym area in the college will continue to be used for sports use and not for other purposes until at least 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [22884/17]

*545. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason it is it not possible for persons in County Kerry to renew their licences in their local post office (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [22902/17]

*546. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider extending the Dublin bike scheme from the twelfth lock in Castleknock to Maynooth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [22906/17]

*547. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to give the NTA powers to regulate motorised or battery powered rickshaws. — Robert Troy. [22912/17]

*548. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the strategy to underpin the development, funding and promotion of greenways has been developed in quarter 2 of 2017 as was promised in the action plan for rural development; if not, the stage it is currently at; when it is due for publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [22926/17]

*549. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the review of the small public service vehicle driver licensing framework has been carried out; when the findings will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [22927/17]

*550. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the scope for increased investment in regional roads, in view of the review of the capital investment plan 2016 to 2021, as outlined in the action plan for rural development has been examined; the stage this scoping review is at currently; if the findings will be publicised; if so, when the publication is due; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [22928/17]

*551. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to reduce the incidence of the number of learner drivers driving unaccompanied; his views on the impact that this has on their insurance coverage in the event of an accident; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22969/17]

*552. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the recommendation of the Mahon Tribunal that there be an independent appointments board to appoint members of National Transport Authority to improve transparency in the planning process which has yet to be implemented and is not in the process of being implemented. — Robert Troy. [22995/17]

*553. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide funding to local authorities specifically for local improvement schemes in view of the fact that the current levels of

roads funding is not adequate to allow local authorities to allocate funding for local improvement schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23059/17]

*554. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23124/17]

*555. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that car owners are being quoted outlandish amounts to insure cars that are 15 years old or more, notwithstanding the fact that they have passed the NCT and as such are deemed to be roadworthy and safe; the reason for this premium loading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23141/17]

*556. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to develop and guarantee the long term future of Arranmore lighthouse in County Donegal as a tourist attraction; the assistance and supports his department has provided in recent years to realise same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23178/17]

*557. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will regulate the use of drones particularly in private spaces; the way in which the existing laws are being implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23204/17]

*558. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he expects the enquiry into the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games ticketing scandal to publish its findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23215/17]

*559. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the sports capital grant awards will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Declan Breathnach. [23220/17]

*560. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has advocated for or made official representations at national or EU level for aviation to be included in the transitional arrangements that may be required once the UK leaves the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [23233/17]

*561. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has considered the way Brexit may affect the EU US open skies agreement; the steps which have been taken by his department to mitigate against this or prepare for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [23234/17]

*562. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the UK exited the EU without any agreement, the estimated impact this would have on aviation here; if Ireland would have to revert back to previously agreed bilateral aviation agreements between Ireland and the UK; if such an agreement would cover all of the airports here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [23235/17]

*563. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which Brexit will potentially affect international connectivity in terms of aviation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [23236/17]

*564. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has considered the impact that Brexit will have on airlines that sell seats a year in advance and are facing uncertainty as to whether their airplanes will actually be able to operate as normal in the future as a result of Brexit. — Darragh O'Brien. [23237/17]

*565. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his department has examined the impact that the UK leaving the European Safety Agency would have on flights between Ireland and the UK, on flights between the UK and Europe and on flights between Europe and the US; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [23238/17]

*566. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when applicants for the sports capital grant 2017 will find out if they have been successful in their application or not; the timeframe for this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23247/17]

*567. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will ensure that the N72 from Mallow to Killarney is upgraded; if his attention has been drawn to the increasing volumes of traffic and the high amount of road traffic accidents on this road in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23248/17]

*568. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address the dangerous junction at Ballymaquirke Cross on the N72 near Kanturk, County Cork, in view of the high volume of traffic passing through and the numerous accidents that have occurred there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23249/17]

*569. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request Transport Infrastructure Ireland to include the village of Castleconnell to the existing signage at junction 27 southbound and 28 northbound of the M7 motorway (details supplied); and the steps he will take to correct this anomaly. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23282/17]

*570. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which funding for high performance funding is calculated and allocated to the various sporting bodies. — Robert Troy. [23296/17]

*571. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the policies and incentives in place to help various sporting bodies attract and retain high performance directors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23297/17]

*572. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there are plans by Dublin Bus to remove or downgrade their services in and from Larkhill, Whitehall and Santry. — Dessie Ellis. [23345/17]

*573. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the process of putting out to tender 10% of Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann routes is completed; and if so, the outcome of that process. — Dessie Ellis. [23346/17]

*574. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeframe for the completion of works on the N2 Corracrin to Emyvale road; the amount which has been set aside for phase three works; when works will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23350/17]

*575. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the N2 and A5 road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23352/17]

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

*576. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if EU Directive 2014/104/EU has been implemented here; if not, when it will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22780/17]

*577. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if flexibility exists regarding the immigration requirement for sponsorship of a €30,000 minimum salary following a transition from a 1g visa to a general work permit, particularly in circumstances in which this does not match the average graduate salary and particularly in circumstances in which the employment area is an area in which there is a shortage of skills. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23210/17]

*578. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will review a decision to disallow an application for an employment permit by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [23239/17]

*579. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the efforts that have been made and are currently being made to ensure that the employee rights of secular clergy are protected under law and that the Catholic Church in each diocese is contributing correctly for employees. — Robert Troy. [23257/17]

*580. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the value of any arms trade that Irish companies have with Israel; the projected value for same in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [23303/17]

*581. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of vacant IDA properties in each county from the most recent data available, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22670/17]

*582. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if section 363 of the Companies Act, 2014 complies with the objectives of recital 43 in EU Directive 2013/34/EU (details supplied); if other EU member states have adapted domestic laws to meet the objectives of this recital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22671/17]

*583. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if her department has researched the provision of mini business development centres in rural villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [22721/17]

*584. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if her department or State agencies under her aegis have completed an analysis on business trade since the Brexit vote in June 2016; if so, the details of such documents and publication dates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22738/17]

*585. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the progress she has made in securing a replacement manufacturing industry for a site (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [22798/17]

*586. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the proposed sale of Enterprise Ireland's 32% shareholding in a studio (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the vital role the studio plays in the future development of the film industry here and in County Wicklow and the potential for retaining and expanding the State's shareholding in the studio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Casey. [22830/17]

*587. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will report on the government publication, Ireland and the negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and in particular the commitment in the section dealing with long term strategic economic planning; the way the government is actually reviewing its Enterprise Policy 2015 to align the country's base and policies to reflect new international realities; the way the government specifically will include a medium term stabilisation and adjustment plan for those most affected by Brexit, supported by government; and the actions being taken now to implement this. — Micheál Martin. [21843/17]

*588. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22950/17]

*589. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation when the report her department has requested the Workplace Relations Commission to prepare for a code of practice under section 42 of the Industrial Relations Act, 1990 on the issue of longer working in order to set out best industrial relations practice in managing the engagement between employers and employees in the run up to retirement, including requests to work beyond the normal retirement age in the employment concerned, will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [22996/17]

*590. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she continues to emphasise the importance of the need to establish the benefit of the single market in every respect for the island of Ireland without any diminution of Ireland's status with the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14780/17]

*591. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the PRTLTI programme; if she has satisfied herself that the current funding is sufficient and well structured; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23013/17]

*592. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if her department has been notified of proposed redundancies at a company (details supplied). — Bríd Smith. [23063/17]

*593. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which her department proposes to distribute jobs throughout the economy on a regional basis to facilitate a balanced growth throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23283/17]

*594. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which she and her department continue to be reassured regarding the protection of jobs arising from foreign direct investment here notwithstanding European, United States and global political issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23284/17]

*595. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she has managed to secure assurances throughout the EU and beyond regarding the need for expanded market access through fair competition in the aftermath of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23285/17]

*596. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which innovation and technology is likely to feature in the creation of indigenous jobs throughout the country in the next five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23286/17]

*597. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the number of new jobs created in the manufacturing sector in the past twelve months; her targets in this regard over the next two years; the extent to which these jobs are likely to be spread throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23287/17]

*598. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she has satisfied herself that the full benefits from the knowledge box remain available to the economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23288/17]

*599. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she continues to engage with investment and job creation interests in Northern Ireland with a view to maintaining the best possible relationship of a mutually beneficial nature with Northern Ireland and the EU in the aftermath of Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23289/17]

*600. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which she has identified infrastructural deficits in various areas throughout the country which might impede industrial expansion and job creation; her plans to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23290/17]

*601. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent of funding and financial supports available for a small business with less than ten employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23291/17]

*602. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which Ireland remains an attractive and competitive location for inward and indigenous investment likely to lead to job creation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23292/17]

*603. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she has had discussions with the Minister for Finance regarding the SARP scheme specifically regarding the time limits and the possibility of enabling persons to avail of a work permit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [23295/17]

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

*604. 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. [22728/17]

*605. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 264 of 4 May 2017, her views on the position that it would not be worthwhile to compile non attendance rates for schools for administrative divisions smaller than county level even though the information and expertise is available with her department and Tusla; and her further views on the use of county level statistics for understanding the impact of policies aimed at reducing school non attendance or non retention (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [22749/17]

*606. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will elaborate on the advice sought from the Attorney General in relation to her press release on 16 September 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22783/17]

*607. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will commence the Haiti international adoption programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22790/17]

*608. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 1435 of 2 May 2017, if she will address further queries raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [22892/17]

*609. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason a FOI request submitted on 14 February 2017 in the name of a person (details supplied) has not been responded to; and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [23011/17]

*610. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to parliamentary question number 708 of 15 November 2016, her plans to open a residential unit in County Donegal for foster children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23156/17]

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

*611. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence further to parliamentary question number 1476 of 2 May 2017, if he will reconcile this with his answer to parliamentary question numbers 1474 and 1475 of 2 May 2017 which used whole time equivalent as recorded by the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22672/17]

*612. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the definition of whole time equivalent as used by the Defence Forces; the hours per week that constitute a whole time equivalent as used by the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22673/17]

*613. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the average hours worked per week per person in ranks (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22674/17]

*614. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Permanent Defence Forces members that earned a basic pay without military service allowance of less than €24,518 per annum in each of the years 2008 to 2016 by rank, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22675/17]

*615. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Permanent Defence Forces members that earned basic pay with military service allowance of less than €24,518 per annum in each of the years 2008 to 2016 by rank (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22676/17]

*616. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of search and humanitarian operations undertaken by the Naval Service in the Mediterranean Sea from May 2015 and to date in May 2017; the number of vessels deployed; the number of persons rescued; and the locations rescued persons were brought by Irish vessels. — Brendan Ryan. [23054/17]

*617. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when he will provide the information requested in parliamentary question number 822 of 11 April 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [23213/17]

*618. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the significant challenges facing the conservation of the Curragh, County Kildare; the measures his department is undertaking to help preserve the Curragh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [20386/17]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY, 2017**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the actions being taken to improve Dublin inner city; and if he has attended the forum meeting recently. — Seán Haughey. [23280/17]

2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Jobs last met. — Micheál Martin. [23333/17]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the last meeting of the National Security Committee took place; the current members of the committee; the number of times the committee meets each year; the role of the committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [23329/17]

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

4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the details of the submission made to the Public Service Pay Commission by his department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform that states the Defence Forces are currently experiencing a significant exit of trained and experienced personnel due to the improving economy and the increased opportunities available to further develop their careers; the way in which this is impacting on recruiting specialised personnel; and his plans to address the severe pay issues for low and middle ranking members of the Defence Forces through a change of policy that would end the practice of enlisted personnel receiving an annual gross income of less than €24,518 per year. — David Cullinane. [23199/17]

5. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to provide additional resources in 2017 for the Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23267/17]

6. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding the relocation of Westmeath Civil Defence HQ further to his officials meeting with members of Westmeath county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [23085/17]

7. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has had discussions at EU level with a view to delivering better value for money when purchasing new equipment platforms for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23326/17]

8. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the medical service of the Defence Forces is continuing to prescribe the anti malarial drug lariam for members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23306/17]

9. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding measures being taken to facilitate a return to service of former members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [23084/17]

10. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding plans for a peace and leadership institute on the Curragh; the next steps in the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [23328/17]

11. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his department will ensure that essential works that are required in the schools located in the Curragh Camp will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23258/17]

12. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if sailors in the Naval Service that served on migrant rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea received the extra payments agreed in November 2016; the reason for the delay in payment; the steps he will take to ensure that future such payments will not be delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23265/17]

13. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the nature, scale, scope and subject matter of the discussions he has had with the UN Under Secretary General and head of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23324/17]

14. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to recruit new members to the Reserve Defence Forces in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23268/17]

15. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when he expects Permanent Defence Force numbers to reach the current agreed ceiling of 9,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [23264/17]

16. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to review procurement procedures in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [23261/17]

17. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to deploy the Naval Service on a humanitarian mission in the Mediterranean; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [23092/17]

18. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the support the Air Corps has been able to provide when assisting emergency services dealing with serious gorse and forest fires; the type of equipment available to the Air Corps when attempting to extinguish such fires; and his plans to upgrade or modify its existing air fleet in order that it is better equipped to assist in tackling out of control fires in view of the damage caused by gorse and forest fires in recent weeks,. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23195/17]

19. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on Ireland increasing its purchasing of military hardware from Israel; his further views on whether these purchases are

ethical in view of recent conflict in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maureen O’Sullivan. [23083/17]

20. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when the projected number of personnel will be based in Custume barracks, Athlone in view of the fact that on the announcement of the Defence Forces reorganisation in 2012, the projected permanent Defence Forces strength for the barracks was 971 personnel. — Robert Troy. [23323/17]

21. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will be attending the EU FAC/Defence meeting taking place on 18 May 2017; the items on the agenda for discussion at the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [23082/17]

22. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the numbers of members of the Defence Forces that must rely or relied on family income supplement to survive in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23266/17]

23. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he attended the recent informal meeting of EU defence ministers; if so, the matters discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [23081/17]

24. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the reduction of Army field engineer companies from three to two arising from the 2012 Defence Forces reorganisation has decreased the capacity of the Defence Forces to aid to the civil authorities in areas such as forest and gorse fires, maintenance of essential national services and national disasters in times of emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [23260/17]

25. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has given consideration to Defence Forces participation in EU efforts to counteract illegal person trafficking and to disrupt the business model of criminal elements involved in such activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [23093/17]

26. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his department has been contacted by a group (details supplied) seeking to use Mullingar barracks as temporary accommodation to house homeless veterans; his views on these requests; his further views on using Mullingar barracks for such purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23193/17]

27. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he has received and read a recent protected disclosure into serious breaches of health and safety procedures at Casement Aerodrome including claims that personnel have died prematurely as a result of handling hazardous chemicals without adequate protection from retired Air Corps personnel that worked on the base; and his plans to deal with these latest revelations. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23196/17]

28. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the value of contracts for equipment, goods or services procured from Israeli based firms and companies over the past five years by the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23277/17]

29. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans for Columb barracks, Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [23325/17]

30. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount spent on drones and other equipment procured from Israel since 2013; his future plans in relation to procuring equipment from Israel; and his views on whether in view of Israel's appalling human rights record it is unethical and against the wishes of the vast majority of persons that Ireland continues trading with Israel. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23197/17]

31. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason for an estimated one in ten members of the Defence Forces being in receipt of less than a living wage of €24,518 per annum; his views on the claims by military families that poor wages are a significant factor which has resulted in spiralling levels of debt and hardship for Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23198/17]

32. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when the LÉ Eithne is due to depart to the Mediterranean; if there have been delays with regard to its dispatch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [23262/17]

33. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if his department investigated claims that students from the University of Limerick were exposed to hazardous chemicals and organic solvents during the course of their work placement at Casement Aerodrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23305/17]

34. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the progress that has been made in negotiations with overholders in accommodation in the Curragh camp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23259/17]

35. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to address the endemic low pay among personnel in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23276/17]

36. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the position regarding the work of the Curragh forum; when it last met and is next due to meet; if progress has been made on agreeing a work programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [23327/17]

37. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the additional initiatives the Defence Forces are taking in the wake of international terror attacks over the past eighteen months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Lisa Chambers. [23263/17]

38. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to redeploy personnel to the border region should a hard border be reintroduced in view of Brexit; if his department held discussions on this aspect; if his department assessed the number of officers needed in areas of counties Cavan and Monaghan to man the border if that were to happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23304/17]