



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the review of exchequer tax revenue, in view of 2017 tax revenue to April coming in €344 million under target, with specific reference to the shortfall in income tax including the universal social charge, corporation tax and excise; his views on the possibility of this persisting throughout 2017; the potential impact on the deficit for 2017; the potential impact on the fiscal space in 2018; if he revised the fiscal space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23771/17]

2. To ask the Minister for Finance the options being considered by the Revenue Commissioners with regard to the border post Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23773/17]

3. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the independent impact assessment on the help to buy scheme as introduced as part of budget 2017; the number of approved applications to date; the cost of the scheme to date; the number of persons yet to be approved; his views on whether the €50 million estimate is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23772/17]

4. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank will reopen the investigation into the misselling of payment protection insurance in view of a court ruling that the failure of a financial service provider to alert a consumer to the fact that the insurance company involved was part or fully owned by the provider constituted misselling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23774/17]

5. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of bank account holders involved regarding the Revenue Commissioners' recent request for undeclared income offshore prior to 4 May 2017; the amount of income the Revenue Commissioners has received in respect of their request for undeclared offshore income; the number of settlements agreed; the number of cases outstanding; the amount of revenue in tax, interest and penalties the Revenue Commissioners anticipate will be generated by the exercise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23734/17]

**CEISTEANNA EILE  
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. To ask the Minister for Finance the way the government and in particular his department are promoting the IFSC as an ideal location to do business; and if the IFSC clearing house is still meeting regularly. — Seán Haughey. [20413/17]

7. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question 42 of 28 February 2017, if he will address a situation raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding local property exemption. — Clare Daly. [22893/17]

8. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will use the proceeds from the sale of a bank (details supplied) to fund the State's infrastructure deficit and invest in housing and health rather than paying down national debt; if he will publish the cost benefit analysis of selling the bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23573/17]

9. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will suspend the help to buy scheme in view of the large increases in house prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23357/17]

10. To ask the Minister for Finance the work his department has carried out examining the potential benefits of an all Ireland economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23356/17]

11. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has satisfied himself with the Central Bank's response to a bank's (details supplied) placing of 2,141 SME customers into a bank; his views on whether a formal review is required by the Central Bank to assess whether SME customers here were inappropriately treated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23534/17]

12. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the favourable tax treatment for real estate investment trusts and Irish real estate funds in view of reports that these are a factor in increasing house prices (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23360/17]

13. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank will take particular steps to soften the manner in which original or secondary lenders treat home borrowers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23571/17]

14. To ask the Minister for Finance if section 33AT (1) of Part IIIC of the Central Bank Act 1942 has been amended in subsequent finance legislation; if not, his plans to amend or remove that specific section which related to sanctions for criminal offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23367/17]

15. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 138 of 3 May 2017, if project shift was discussed at NAMA Northern Ireland advisory committee meetings; if a person (details supplied) advised the debtor in question involved with project shift; if project shift was externally valued; when it was decided by NAMA to change it from an asset sale to a loan sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [23361/17]

16. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has given consideration to the need to establish a code of conduct on mortgage switching, similar to the code of conduct on the switching of payment accounts with payment service providers, in view of the recent research undertaken by the Central Bank on mortgage switching; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23531/17]

17. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the underperformance of USC in the January to February period of 2017; the difference in the projected and actual intake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23363/17]

18. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to refinance a quarter of the State's national debt between October 2017 and October 2020; and the steps being taken by the NTMA to minimise the risks to the State in this period of great economic uncertainty. — Thomas P. Broughan. [18352/17]

19. To ask the Minister for Finance if Dáil Éireann will be allowed to vote before a final decision is made on the future of a State owned bank (details supplied) in view of the fact that the bank is 99.9% owned by the State and has received €20.8 billion in public funds when it was bailed out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23560/17]

20. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request flexibility with regard to the fiscal rules in view of the well documented impact of Brexit on the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23358/17]

21. To ask the Minister for Finance further to statements in Dáil Éireann on 4 April 2017 that the Revenue Commissioners operate an administrative solution to the pyrite local property tax problem, if he will review the pyrite local property tax exemption in view of the fact that homeowners whose properties cannot be sold or renovated due to the presence of pyrite are unable to avail of the exemption as a result of the way the legislation is constructed. — Clare Daly. [23567/17]

22. To ask the Minister for Finance when he and the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs will bring forward firm proposals for community banking in view of the recent public consultation on such banking models; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23366/17]

23. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a report on the large levels of tax expenditures in relation to research and development tax credits each year since 2010; if his department carries out regular cost benefit analyses on this level of expenditure and revenue foregone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [18345/17]

24. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of lending carried out by a company (details supplied) to date in 2017 to the construction sector; his views on whether the State can do more to ensure the construction sector has access to finance to build the required homes and office accommodation around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23533/17]

25. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the first time buyers grant is having a destructive impact on the private housing market and leading to massive inflationary pressures in the price of homes. — Barry Cowen. [17418/17]

26. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of all fines paid, including the monetary value and transgression for each individual fine, by a bank (details supplied) since the State acquired a majority stake in the bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23364/17]

27. To ask the Minister for Finance the funds that have been drawn down from within the State from the Junckers investment fund since its inception. — Eamon Ryan. [23572/17]

28. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will rule out further tax cuts in budget 2018 in view of recent disappointing exchequer returns and to ensure all fiscal space is directed towards maintaining and improving public services and investment in capital infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23359/17]

29. To ask the Minister for Finance further to a survey by a company (details supplied) that showed a widespread lack of knowledge and understanding of customs regulations and practices, the steps he will take to ensure businesses are fully prepared for this outcome should the government fail to secure a special status designation for Northern Ireland. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23030/17]

30. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the Central Bank's tracker mortgage review; the number of mortgages involved in the review; the number of persons that have received redress and compensation to date; if he has satisfied himself that the independent appeal systems put in place by the banks are sufficient for aggrieved customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23535/17]

31. To ask the Minister for Finance further to parliamentary question number 138 of 3 May 2015, the number of the 117 prospective investors approached by the loan sale advisor that had originally approached the debtor expressing an interest in the portfolio; if any of these investors were one of the 12 that submitted first round offers or one of the eight invited into the second round of bidding on project shift; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [23362/17]

32. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on excise duties on diesel vehicles in the context of budget 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [21494/17]

33. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding Ireland's growth potential for the future in comparison with all other EU states within the euro zone and without notwithstanding Brexit or shifting geopolitical positions; if particular positional changes are required to maximise Ireland's potential; the way in which Ireland now compares economically with its EU neighbours in terms of economic performance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23570/17]

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**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will grant a holiday visa to a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [23625/17]

\*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when a county registrar will be appointed in County Westmeath; and if the person appointed will deal only with County Westmeath. — Peter Burke. [23643/17]

\*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Gardaí in County Kildare by station on 30 April 2016 and to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23663/17]

\*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if the attention of the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has been drawn to the increasing use of digital billboard and signage screens known as digital out of home advertising (details supplied) in public places which incorporate a digital camera and software to identify and track the behaviours of those that pass these billboards; if there are requirements for premises to inform persons of the presence of such billboards; the collected data which may be retained by these companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [23684/17]

\*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she will introduce legislation to bring in mandatory inquiries by the Coroner in the event of a death of a mother during childbirth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [23687/17]

\*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she has briefed or had any contact with or from the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement regarding the ongoing issues relating to the historical and or current financial arrangements at Templemore Garda College; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23720/17]

\*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of personnel currently engaged in cyber crime policing in An Garda Síochána, both attested gardaí and civilians. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23744/17]

\*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of new garda recruits assigned to each Cork division in each year since garda recruitment resumed in 2014; and the attested personnel strength of each in September 2014 and at the end of April 2017. — Billy Kelleher. [23757/17]

\*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality when her attention was drawn to an interim internal audit into financial irregularities at the Garda training college; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23760/17]

\*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if she has satisfied herself that the Garda Commissioner notified her promptly and appropriately in respect of the Commissioner first coming aware of financial irregularities at the Garda training college; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23761/17]

\*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the action she has taken since her attention was drawn to a bank account opened in the Garda training college without her permission as cited in an interim audit report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23762/17]

\*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the date on which the Garda cyber crime bureau was established; the number of personnel in same to date in 2017; and the rank of each garda member involved. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23775/17]

\*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of regional cyber crime units that have been established; the regions that have one; the number of personnel in each regional cyber crime unit to date in 2017; and the rank of each garda member involved. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23776/17]

\*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality if her attention has been drawn to media reports that the Central Statistics Office cannot stand over garda domestic violence figures following a detailed analysis; the steps her department and An Garda Síochána are taking to address the under recording of domestic violence incidents in the PULSE system; the cause of this under recording; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23790/17]

\*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question number 80 of 4 May 2017, if she has received the promised report from the garda authorities on this matter; if so, the conclusions of this report; the steps her department and An Garda Síochána will take on foot of this report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23791/17]

\*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her views on media reports that documents discovered in garda headquarters show her department was informed regarding financial irregularities at Templemore in June 2008; the steps she is taking on foot of these reports; when she was informed of these irregularities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23792/17]

\*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of ministerial warrants issued under the Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993 in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23818/17]

\*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to review the operation of the Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993 and the Criminal Justice (Surveillance) Act 2009 in regard to covert surveillance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23819/17]

\*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the number of garda applications for surveillance powers that were applied for, accepted, amended and rejected by the relevant authorised officer, designated judges or minister under the Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993 and the Criminal Justice (Surveillance) Act 2009 in each of the years 2011 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23820/17]

\*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23852/17]

\*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her plans regarding a proposed deportation order in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23853/17]

\*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality her plans regarding the proposed deportation order in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23854/17]



\*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23855/17]

\*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23857/17]

\*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the approval of stamp 4 status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23862/17]

\*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a deportation order in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23863/17]

\*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the upgrade of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23864/17]

\*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for selecting a device (details supplied) as the roadside kit for drug testing drivers; if An Garda Síochána has been advised that it cannot be used in temperatures under five degrees celsius; the measures which will be taken to ensure accurate testing can occur at night during colder months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23882/17]

\*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality further to parliamentary question numbers 75 and 76 of 30 March 2017, if she will provide a breakdown of the additional €20.7 million spend on a site (details supplied) since the initial purchase in 2005; the annual cost of maintaining and running the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas P. Broughan. [23883/17]

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

\*63. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects the partial sale of a bank (details supplied) to be realised; if he will use the funds generated from the sale towards essential capital investment in the event of a shortage of capital investment here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23595/17]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Central Bank's order to lending banks to return affected customers to an appropriate tracker rate of interest has been undertaken; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that banks are free to come up with their own offers of compensation and that many banks are not offering customers effective redress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23596/17]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to provide financial support to companies and SMEs that may be adversely effected by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23597/17]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to ensure that mortgage holders, tenants and SMEs that have loans or credit from non bank lenders or vulture funds are fully protected; if he

will consider extending the provisions of the Consumer Protection (Regulation of Credit Servicing Firms) Act 2015 in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23598/17]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding which has been made available through the Ireland strategic investment fund for social and affordable housing provision; if he has satisfied himself with the current rates of interest being charged to borrowers through the fund; if he will review the operation of the mechanisms through which credit is accessed from the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23599/17]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the preparations and contingency plans his department has put in place in the event of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23600/17]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions his department has had with the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs regarding the investigation of the establishment of a local public bank network as committed to in the programme for government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23601/17]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions his department has had with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and other government departments to establish an off balance sheet special purpose vehicle to draw down funding from the EIB to facilitate large scale mixed social and private residential development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23602/17]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the Eurostat investigation into the establishment by the government of a bond to finance social housing investment suitable for credit unions to invest their surplus funds in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23603/17]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps the Revenue Commissioners has taken to identify possible customs posts on the border; the locations that have been examined for these posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23604/17]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions he has had with his ECOFIN colleagues in view of the recent developments in respect of the common consolidated tax base; the steps he will take to protect tax sovereignty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23605/17]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the establishment of the credit union advisory committee; when the first meeting of the implementation group will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23606/17]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress his department has made with the Central Bank on the request by a number of credit unions to expand their debit card and mortgage services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23607/17]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Finance the yield from the special domicile levy on high net worth persons; the number of persons subject to the levy; the number of non residents paying the levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23618/17]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated loss of income to the exchequer in respect of bogus self employment which forces low income workers to register as self employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23619/17]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has made progress in the reform of EU fiscal rules in view of allowing capital investment and the ongoing review of the capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23620/17]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason and taxes which his department has identified as being behind profile in view of the failure of the recent exchequer returns to meet profile as set out in budget 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23621/17]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications for the help to buy scheme; the amount it has cost to date; the value of homes acquired through the scheme below €200,000, €250,000, €300,000, €350,000, €400,000 and €450,000 respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23622/17]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of stamp duty paid by a company (details supplied) for the 7,000 loans if bought from IBRC. — Clare Daly. [23623/17]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding tax relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23626/17]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Finance further to a statement (details supplied) by NAMA's head of residential delivery to the Public Accounts Committee on 25 October 2016, the NAMA loan sales that were initiated by reverse inquiry; the names of the loan sales and the successful bidders, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Wallace. [23645/17]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners is investigating financial matters relating its brief at Templemore college in view of the ongoing issues relating to the audit report that was discussed at the Public Accounts Committee over the past two weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23721/17]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Finance if the proceeds of moneys captured in criminal drug hauls are included in GDP figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23822/17]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Finance the differences in terms of Eurostat rules or other restrictions in terms of the use of proceeds, between the sale of State assets such as Aer Lingus and Bord Gáis and the pending sale of a share in a bank (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23829/17]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which proceeds will be treated within the ISIF and the NTMA following the sale of a portion of the State's share in a bank (details supplied); if it is technically possible from a Eurostat perspective to transfer the proceeds to the discretionary portfolio within the ISIF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23830/17]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of protected disclosures that were made to the Central Bank in each of the years 2008 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the number that led to further investigation from the Central Bank; the number which led to findings being made by the Central

Bank against the financial institutions; the penalties imposed by the Central Bank for each of the successful cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23831/17]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of money spent in his department and in the State entities under the remit of his department on cyber security in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the number of employees dedicated to cyber security in the same entities; the number of job vacancies in the area of cyber security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [23832/17]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to deal with home repossessions by the main lending institutions, their subsidiaries and others in view of the implications for homelessness; his further plans for a new code of conduct for financial institutions to ensure an easing of the regulations in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23866/17]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if the lending institutions have indicated to him the extent to which home repossessions are likely in the twelve months from May 2017; if steps will be taken to ensure the retention of the family home in circumstances in which borrowers continue to make payments up to and exceeding one third of the person's disposable income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23867/17]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if the economy continues to meet its social and economic targets in line with all others within the EU and eurozone; his views on whether corrective measures are required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23868/17]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Finance if the economy meets its performance targets under the main economic headings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23869/17]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Finance the benefits of the review of the motor insurance sector for motorists in terms of reduced premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23870/17]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to facilitate pensioners that have made contributions under the defined benefits regime and have been forced into AMRF's unless they are in receipt of a separate pension of €12,700 per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23871/17]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the basic fundamental indicators remain positive and constant for the economy notwithstanding the potential threat of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23872/17]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the reduction in tax receipts in the first quarter of 2017; the extent to which the matter has been examined by his department to identify the causes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23874/17]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Finance if working capital remains available to small and medium sized businesses with particular reference to sole traders or companies wishing to extend their customer base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23875/17]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has satisfied himself of the strength of the main economic indicators in view of the challenges of the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23876/17]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason home borrowers continue to pay more in interest on their home mortgages compared to those in other eurozone countries with less favourable economic achievements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23877/17]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reduce tax on the construction sector with a view to bringing down the cost of houses in particular to first time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23878/17]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the economy remains economically competitive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23879/17]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has identified inflationary tendencies within the economy; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23880/17]

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

\*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children under five years of age attending autism specific preschool or early intervention units funded by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [23590/17]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children aged five, six, seven and eight years of age respectively, in autism spectrum disorder units and early intervention units in mainstream primary schools and other units funded by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [23591/17]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will extend the timeframe of a scholarship offer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23617/17]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding leaving certificate students in 1965 and 1966 that had to meet the five subject pass regulation for example in the case of a person (details supplied); if a full certificate can be provided in view of the fact there was no option to resit subjects and five subjects were passed over two academic years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [23627/17]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding each new school build and school extension in progress across south Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23628/17]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) will be moved out of temporary accommodation as was agreed under the divestment program in view of the fact that it was told that it would only be there for one year and it is now facing into its fourth year at a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23634/17]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is appropriate funding support available through his department to run an outreach certificate programme (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [23650/17]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is appropriate European Union funding available to run an outreach certificate programme (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [23651/17]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if temporary accommodation and toilet facilities will be provided to a school (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the overcrowded rooms and the need for new toilets, which are not being addressed while the school continues to wait for progress on the promised new accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23665/17]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding a school development (details supplied). — Kevin O’Keeffe. [23677/17]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to extend the redeployment pilot scheme for secondary school teachers to include counties Cork, Clare and Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [23694/17]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider a mixed non religious school for the site of Harold’s Cross greyhound track recently purchased by his department; if so, the timeframe for development; the general plans for the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [23696/17]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will amend his department’s decision to refuse the EAL teacher post appeal for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [23717/17]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children aged five, six, seven and eight years of age respectively in ASD units and early intervention units in mainstream primary schools and other units funded by his department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [23723/17]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there are cost cutting plans being considered by Waterford Institute of Technology including redundancies, curtailment of campus opening hours and cuts in course contact hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23745/17]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the nature of the deficit at Waterford Institute of Technology; his plans to reduce the deficit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23746/17]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to shorten the opening hours of the College Street campus of WIT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23747/17]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to cut the number of part time or temporary lecturers and other staff at WIT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23748/17]



\*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the nature of the interaction between the HEA and WIT in addressing a deficit at the institute; the future role of the HEA in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23749/17]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the chair of the governing body of WIT; if it is occupied or vacant; the length of time it has been vacant or occupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23750/17]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to close the College Street campus of WIT during the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23751/17]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to close the health science building at WIT for a month or months during the summer period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23752/17]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to introduce redundancies, either voluntary or compulsory at WIT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23753/17]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the protections in place for staff at WIT under the LRA in the context of redundancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23754/17]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the management of WIT is considering cost cutting proposals at WIT to reduce its current deficit; the nature of such cuts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23755/17]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to cut contact hours of courses at WIT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23756/17]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the changes to the integrated pharmacy degree training programme; the details of the requirement for student pharmacists to do a four month placement in fourth year and an eight month placement in fifth year without pay; the reasons for this; when the students were informed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [23769/17]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason fees for the fifth year pharmacy integrated degree course in the three pharmacy schools is being increased in view of the fact students will spend eight months on placement without pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [23770/17]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the buildings including each and every publicly funded school, university or education related building and equipment worth in excess of €10,000 that was transferred in whole or in part from his department or a body under the aegis of his department to a religious order or body or a voluntary body or other non State body in each of the years 2007 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the name of the religious order or body in question; the date of transfer; the value and purpose of the transfer; the consideration paid to the exchequer in return for the transfer of each of these assets; the buildings including each and every publicly funded school, university or education related building currently under construction which is being funded by his department or a body under the aegis of his department; the location it is intended to

transfer in whole or in part to a religious order or body or a voluntary body or other non State body; the projected value of the transfer; the purpose of the transfer; the amount spent to date; and details of equipment that is intended to be transferred. — Róisín Shortall. [23813/17]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to parliamentary question number 89 of 11 May 2017, the seven activities originally selected for YEI funding; the individual allocations for these activities over 2014/2015; the amount of these funds that have been expended to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23825/17]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the changes to the integrated pharmacy degree training programme requiring student pharmacists to do a four month placement in fourth year and an eight month placement in fifth year without pay; the reason for this; the date students were informed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [23847/17]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the fifth year pharmacy integrated degree course in the three pharmacy schools is being increased in view of the fact that students will spend eight months on placement without pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [23848/17]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of persons with a diagnosis of autism that would benefit from attending an ASD unit at primary level and at secondary level by county; the number of ASD units at primary level and secondary level in each county; the number of places available at primary and secondary level in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23893/17]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a resource room for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23902/17]

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

\*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on a document (details supplied) from the Court of Justice of the European Union, regarding the Flemish decree on land and real estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23589/17]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government if he will amend legislation to make grant support available to all persons that need to replace their septic tanks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23646/17]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to facilitate the building of local authority houses in sufficient numbers to meet the current and emerging situation, in view of the fact that other governments throughout the EU are doing so; the optimum expenditure for such a programme within the confines of fiscal stability regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23856/17]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount of revenue collected by Irish Water for commercial rates in 2016, in counties Roscommon, Galway, Leitrim, Longford and Westmeath, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [23660/17]



\*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the amount of revenue collected by Irish Water for new connections in 2016 in counties Roscommon, Galway, Leitrim, Longford and Westmeath, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [23661/17]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to develop official national planning guidelines to regulate for large scale solar developments or solar farms. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23693/17]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the staffing levels of each local authority compared to 2012. — Catherine Martin. [23698/17]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his plans to change the planning status of large scale peat extraction; and the public consultation he plans to undertake in relation to proposed changes. — Catherine Martin. [23699/17]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government his views on whether there are significant problems with section 28(2) of the Planning and Development and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 which only allows for a second extension for housing developments that commenced on site before their original planning permission expired, most of which would have been before 2012. — Frank O'Rourke. [23705/17]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the advice which can be given to developers whose planning permission, and a section 42 extension, has expired and is awaiting section 28(2) commencement to apply for a second extension; if in the intervening period all construction work should cease until such a time as he decides to commence section 28 and the developer can apply for an extension; if such developers should reapply for planning permission; and his views on whether this is acceptable. — Frank O'Rourke. [23706/17]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the specific amendments he plans to make to section 28(2) of the Planning and Development and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 in the Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2016; and his views on whether the non enactment of section 28(2) could have very serious consequences in delaying housing developments for which their planning permission has expired. — Frank O'Rourke. [23707/17]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons that presented as homeless and placed in emergency accommodation on a quarterly basis by county in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23765/17]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons and households that presented as homeless and not placed in emergency and or temporary accommodation due to lack of supply on a quarterly basis by county in each of the years 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23766/17]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of houses that were purchased by local authorities for the provision of social housing on the open market by each local authority by county in each of the years 2015 and 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23778/17]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of persons that presented as homeless and placed in emergency accommodation per county, on a quarterly basis in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23834/17]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of units of accommodation which are now in full time use for a company (details supplied) in the greater Dublin area; his views on whether at a time of severe housing crisis he should curb the number of units being used for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23889/17]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of social housing units that will be built by local authorities and approved housing bodies and which will be ready for occupation in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23890/17]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the number of social housing units under construction by local authorities and approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23891/17]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government the scheme of rapid build housing which will be completed next and ready for occupation; when this scheme will be complete; the number of units of accommodation which will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23892/17]

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

\*157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the length of the contract between An Post and the Department of Social Protection to deliver social welfare payments; and when it will be renegotiated. — Timmy Dooley. [23609/17]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of reducing the necessary PRSI contributions to qualify for a State contributory pension from 520 to 260. — John Brady. [23652/17]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of doubling expenditure on the reasonable accommodation fund. — John Brady. [23653/17]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the disability allowance by €20. — John Brady. [23654/17]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing the State pension by €20, €25, €30 and €35 respectively. — John Brady. [23655/17]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of restoring all working age payments for those under 26 years of age to the full rate of €193. — John Brady. [23656/17]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will reinstate the telephone allowance as part of the household benefit package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [23675/17]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Sligo will have their farm assist appeal decision issued; his views on whether the appeal is taking an excessive amount of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23691/17]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider amending the regulations for persons applying for the State contributory pension; his views on whether examining a situation in which persons had contributions up to 47 to 48 years during that period but had no contributions resulting in their pensions being reduced notwithstanding the fact that they could have easily had over 1,500 reasonable contributions during their lifetime is equitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [23715/17]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when self employed persons can claim invalidity pensions as announced in budget 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [23811/17]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific documentary evidence deemed acceptable in circumstances in which a British citizen does not have a driving licence or passport as identification for the purposes of securing a public services card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23823/17]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans for a scheme to replace jobsbridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23833/17]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an exceptional needs payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23858/17]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision regarding eligibility for a disability allowance, carer's allowance and domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied) will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23860/17]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23861/17]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review an application for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23865/17]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23881/17]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when his department will publish its report into bogus self employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Burton. [23901/17]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Defence Forces personnel that received family income supplement in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23903/17]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of family income supplement in each of the years 2013 to 2016 and to date in 2017. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23904/17]

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

\*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the land acquired by the State in Lucan Demesne and St Catherine's Park has been retained by the OPW or has been transferred in part or all to Fingal, South Dublin and Kildare county councils; if a plan was provided by all three local authorities to the OPW; if so, when; if there are restrictions as to developments that may be permitted in the park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23692/17]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his department will hold formal negotiations with a group (details supplied) regarding the restoration of cuts to pensions in view of the fact that they affect retired public servants. — Mick Barry. [23689/17]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the flood prevention measures put in place along the river Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23727/17]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consult with a group (details supplied) regarding the restoration of public sector pensions with particular reference to moving forward the 2021 timeline in the programme for government. — Clare Daly. [23763/17]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will engage in a formal talks process with a group (details supplied) to discuss the way in which the date projected in the programme for government for completion of the restoration of pensions 2021 could be brought forward. — Clare Daly. [23764/17]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if retired public servants will be represented at the forthcoming public sector pay talks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23897/17]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consult a group (details supplied) regarding the restoration of public sector pensions with a view to moving forward the 2021 timeline in the programme for government. — Clare Daly. [23925/17]

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

\*184. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the position regarding the community bank consultation that her department is undertaking. — Timmy Dooley. [23610/17]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding night time shootings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23657/17]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding Lyme disease. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23639/17]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs if progress on the provision of a pedestrian and cyclist route along the railway across the Broadmeadow estuary is being delayed due to a lack of resources in the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS); and the NPWS's response to the draft proposal and natural impact assessment. — Catherine Martin. [23697/17]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs the position regarding funding to grant aid or other supports for reroofing unique thatch cottages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [23828/17]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*189. To ask the Minister for Health if a psychologist has been appointed to an organisation (details supplied) for children requiring such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23629/17]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the drug respreeza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23630/17]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding asthma; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23632/17]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to increase awareness of Lyme disease in view of recent protests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23638/17]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for a spinal consultation at Tallaght hospital; the number awaiting triage to go on the waiting list; and the steps he will take to reduce the list. — Robert Troy. [23644/17]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently holding licences granted by his department for the cultivation of hemp here in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) number 1164/89. — Denise Mitchell. [23649/17]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23658/17]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an orthopaedic appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [23659/17]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a case (details supplied) regarding homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fiona O'Loughlin. [23662/17]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have presented at Mayo university hospital emergency department from 1 January 2017 to 30 April 2017; and if the numbers presenting are over the capacity of the emergency department. — Lisa Chambers. [23666/17]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health the capital funds which will be allocated to Belmullet community hospital for rebuilding and refurbishment; and his plans to extend or reduce services at the hospital. — Lisa Chambers. [23667/17]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding rheumatology services at Mayo university hospital; the number of days and hours per week a consultant is on site seeing patients; the number of rheumatology patients that have been seen by a rheumatology consultant at Mayo University hospital to date in 2017; his plans to extend the service; and if so when. — Lisa Chambers. [23668/17]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to employ a rheumatology clinical nurse specialist at Mayo university hospital; and if not, the reason therefor. — Lisa Chambers. [23669/17]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of rheumatology patients from County Mayo that have been referred for services in counties Galway, Leitrim, Sligo and Donegal to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Lisa Chambers. [23670/17]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE funding allocated to each of the eleven jigsaw projects across the State in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and his plans to increase funding for jigsaw projects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23672/17]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health if sufficient funding will be maintained by his department to ensure that the bowelscreen service remains in place. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [23676/17]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a policy prohibiting first response paramedics deployed from Northern Ireland from providing treatment according to their qualified skill set, such as suturing, to persons when dispatched to attend to calls here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23680/17]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to tackle gambling addiction; the amount of funding which has been provided by the HSE to gambling addiction support services in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and his plans to increase funding for these services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23683/17]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the comment from the representative of Cork university hospital in correspondence (details supplied) justifying a three day delay to the treatment of a person’s head wound; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23690/17]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for winter 2017 and 2018; his further plans to incorporate private hospitals to the winter taskforce in order that all possible facilities are used to facilitate patient care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [23701/17]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health the cost for procedures (details supplied) in each public hospital. — Jack Chambers. [23702/17]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health his views on an organisation’s (details supplied) statement that the public hospital charges for private patients is adding in a significant way to health insurance premium costs; the amount per annum which has been collected by the charge since its introduction; the amount collected to date in 2017; if his department has carried out an assessment of the link between these charges and premium increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [23703/17]



\*211. To ask the Minister for Health if the State takes a profit from the Revenue Commissioners' collection of health insurance levies from health insurance companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [23704/17]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the establishment of a myalgic encephalomyelitis working group, with immediate effect, as suggested by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [23712/17]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health further to parliamentary question number 502 of 9 May 2017, the terms of reference for the survey and the person or body that was consulted; if all best practice testing mechanisms currently available were included in this survey, including methods that look for cellular activity; if the economic cost of not using adequate laboratory methods was considered; when the results will be made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [23713/17]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that a person (details supplied) is immediately admitted to the Midland regional hospital, Tullamore to have a procedure carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie Penrose. [23714/17]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Health the costs regarding the increased quotation from €600,000 to the latest quote for the building of the new children's hospital; the reason for the increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23722/17]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Health if an internal investigation was carried out in relation to the complications arising from the delivery of a person (details supplied) at Portiuncula hospital 25 years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23728/17]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of multiple sclerosis patients waiting for three months, six months and a year or more for an appointment to see a neurologist, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23729/17]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of multiple sclerosis patients waiting for three months, six months and a year or more for an appointment to have an MRI scan in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23730/17]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding the HSE has provided for neurorehabilitation services and homecare for multiple sclerosis patients in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the number of multiple sclerosis patients that are on a waiting list to access neurorehabilitation services and home care services. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23731/17]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE budget for information technology in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [23735/17]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE has spent upgrading and updating information systems in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [23736/17]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE has spent on software to combat malware and cyber attacks in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [23737/17]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Health the number of computers provided by the HSE to staff; and the number which have had software upgrades in each of the past five years with a view to strengthening protection against cyber attacks. — Billy Kelleher. [23738/17]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of computers provided by the HSE to staff; and the number of each that came into service in each of the past ten years. — Billy Kelleher. [23739/17]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated expenditure on information technology in the capital plan to 2021; and the amount that has been drawn down to date. — Billy Kelleher. [23740/17]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital consultants currently employed on a full time permanent basis; the number employed on a temporary basis; the number on the specialist register; and the number not on the specialist register. — Billy Kelleher. [23741/17]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full time hospital consultants that have left the health service in each of the past four years. — Billy Kelleher. [23742/17]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Health if survival rates for ovarian cancer are less here than in other EU and OECD countries; if so, the action being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Billy Kelleher. [23743/17]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health when the promised mobile cath lab for County Waterford will be deployed; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23758/17]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health if a business plan and funding proposal for a mobile cath laboratory for UHW was submitted by UHW to the SSWHG; the date of its submission; if it has been accepted; if the funding is in place; the amount which has been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23759/17]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) had a contract to work as a psychologist for the south eastern health board in 1995 and 1996; and if they continued to work in private practice in County Wexford until 1998. — Clare Daly. [23779/17]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE personnel assigned to cybersecurity in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Billy Kelleher. [23785/17]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health the recommendations and requirements given to publicly funded hospitals in relation to cyber security; the amount spent on cyber security by the HSE in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23793/17]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health the buildings including each publicly funded hospital, clinic, nursing home or health related building and equipment worth in excess of €10,000 that were transferred in whole or in part from his department, the HSE or a body under the aegis of his department or the HSE to a religious order or body or a voluntary body in each of the years 2007 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the name of the religious order or body in question; the date of transfer; the value and purpose of the transfer; the consideration which was paid to the exchequer in return for the transfer of each of these assets; the details of each building including each publicly funded



hospital, clinic, nursing home or health related building currently under construction which is being funded by his department or the HSE and in which it is intended to transfer in whole or in part to a religious order or body or a voluntary body; the projected value of the transfer; the purpose of the transfer; the amount spent to date; and the details of equipment that is intended to be transferred. — Róisín Shortall. [23812/17]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received correspondence (details supplied) from campaigners in County Donegal regarding the national maternity hospital; if a response has been issued to the correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23814/17]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a nationwide growth in the supply and usage of the drug fentanyl, an opioid believed to be 100 times more potent than heroin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23886/17]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Health the reason home help hours in the HSE's Dublin west area have remained unchanged in the past 12 months in view of the government's commitment to increasing home help hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23888/17]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the funding allocation for drug task forces has remained at the same reduced level for the past four years in view of an ever increasing demand for these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23894/17]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details details) regarding psychiatric nursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23898/17]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health when the promised mobile cath laboratory for County Waterford will be deployed; the length of time it will be deployed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23917/17]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Health if a business plan and funding proposal for a mobile cath laboratory for University Hospital Waterford was submitted to the South Southwest Hospital Group; the date of its submission; if it has been accepted; if the funding is in place; the amount provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23918/17]

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

\*242. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Sligo will receive a GLAS payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [23631/17]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if plans can be put in place to increase the distances for planting forestry from residential homes in view of the recent gorse fires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [23673/17]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received under AEOS; the number of approvals issued; the payments claims lodged and the number of cases approved for payment by county in 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; the number of persons that have been approved for AEOS that have yet to receive payment in 2016 and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eugene Murphy. [23674/17]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Coillte has stopped afforesting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [23695/17]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) did not receive an ANC payment for 2016 in view of the fact that they had sufficient stock on their farm to qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23768/17]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an aquacultural licence will be granted to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23789/17]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 221 of 11 May 2017, the number of applications for payment that failed to meet these requirements in each respective year; the number of persons that subsequently became eligible for payment in each year; the amount of moneys that remain unused from each specific year in which the ceiling has not been utilised in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23794/17]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 235 of 11 May 2017, when the rural development programme in question was submitted and subsequently published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23795/17]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to parliamentary question number 238 of 11 May 2017, the percentage that the greening payment comprises of the total value of entitlements activated in each county based on 2016 data under the 2016 greening scheme in pillar 1, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23796/17]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in 2016 that received a greening payment by county, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [23797/17]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the mackerel review; the number of submissions received; the number of meetings he has had with industry stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23798/17]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of cheddar imports from Northern Ireland to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23799/17]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of cheddar exports to Northern Ireland to date in 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [23800/17]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of liquid milk exports to Northern Ireland to date in 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [23801/17]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of liquid milk imports from Northern Ireland to date in 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [23802/17]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of dairy ingredient exports to Northern Ireland to date in 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [23803/17]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of dairy ingredient imports from Northern Ireland to date in 2017. — Charlie McConalogue. [23804/17]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of dairy ingredient exports to the UK excluding Northern Ireland to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23805/17]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of dairy ingredient imports from the UK excluding Northern Ireland to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23806/17]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of cheddar exports to the UK excluding Northern Ireland to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23807/17]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the volume and value of cheddar imports from the UK excluding Northern Ireland to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23808/17]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in receipt of GLAS 1 and GLAS 2 that have received 85% of their total 2016 payment by county, in tabular form; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting their 2016 payment; the number of GLAS recipients that have yet to receive payment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23809/17]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons that applied for AEOS that have received their total 2016 payment by county, in tabular form; the number of persons that have passed all payment approval checks and are awaiting their 2016 payment; the number of AEOS recipients that have yet to receive payment by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23810/17]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive a GLAS payment for 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [23821/17]

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

\*266. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the implementation of the 40 actions identified by the mobile phone and broadband taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [23608/17]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the Moneypoint working group; the number of times that this group has met since its establishment; and the date by which the group will publish its findings. — Timmy Dooley. [23611/17]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his department has had contact with the US authorities regarding a National Security Agency information technology hacking breach and its link to recent malware information technology attacks across the globe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [23817/17]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the strategy documents and information notes used in awareness campaigns to make SMEs safe from cyber attacks published by his department since 2011. — Niall Collins. [23826/17]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the median and average grant amounts under the better energy homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [23612/17]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of times the inter departmental low emissions taskforce has met since its formation. — Timmy Dooley. [23613/17]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the name and contact details for the broadband officers within Cavan and Monaghan county councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23633/17]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to deal with the issue of dog fouling in counties Cavan, Monaghan and throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23640/17]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will reinstate the telephone allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23641/17]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has examined the report on the regulation and inspection of gas installers operating here which was published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communications in July 2015; and if he will appoint an independent expert or consultant to conduct a thorough investigation of the extent of illegal activity regarding gas boilers being installed by persons operating outside of the law as recommended in the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23664/17]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will ensure that Eirgrid does not advance further procurement or pre construction activities in relation to the north south interconnector until the study recently announced is completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23679/17]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has been consulted by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in relation to proposed changes to the planning status of large scale community extraction; and if he has provided his views in response regarding the impact such changes could have on the carbon sequestration and storage functions of peatlands. — Catherine Martin. [23700/17]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of fisheries protection officers employed by Inland Fisheries Ireland in each of the years 2005 to 2016 and to date in 2017; the number of person hours spent on patrol to protect the fisheries resources in each of those years, in tabular form; the number of protection officers that have been transferred to

alternative roles in the organisation between 2005 and 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jan O’Sullivan. [23711/17]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the practice by a company (details supplied) that profiles members of the public including minors without their consent or an option of opting into its practice; his views on the fact that the information gleaned on minors may be passed onto other third parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23719/17]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the construction of integrated constructed wet lands as a method of waste water treatment; his further views on whether these are effective methods of waste water treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23786/17]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated amount of percentage points by which Ireland will miss the target on renewable energy services in view of the fact it is widely reported that Ireland will not meet the target of meeting 16% of energy requirements from renewable sources by 2020 as set out in a legally binding target by the 2009 EU Renewable Energy Directive; the estimated amount each percentage point below this target is likely to cost the State in fines payable to the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23884/17]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount each local authority in Dublin will receive further to his recent announcement to increase funding from the environment fund to combat the prevalence of dog fouling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23885/17]

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

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken to secure funding for the expansion of DART services to west Dublin, in particular the electrification of the section of the Dublin to Sligo line as far as Maynooth. — Joan Burton. [23900/17]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which moneys collected from toll roads are paid to the exchequer by amount and road tolled in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23588/17]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount incurred in legal fees and associated costs (details supplied) to date in 2017 regarding the Commercial Court action in relation to tendering for the M50 toll; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23592/17]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress being made towards the development of the Macroom bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [23593/17]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has met with management of CIÉ or the manager of Rosslare Europort for the purposes of discussing Britain’s exit from the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [23624/17]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the repair of roads in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23637/17]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding funding for a new bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23647/17]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding insurance for motorsport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23648/17]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding noise management at Dublin airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Clare Daly. [23709/17]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a speed limit review undertaken in 2016 allowing local authorities request speed limit changes on local and regional roads in their own areas with particular regard to County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23836/17]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Derry to Dublin Bus Éireann route; his plans to ensure that this route remains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [23837/17]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details on a specific matter (details supplied) in tabular form. — Kevin O’Keeffe. [23849/17]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the expected increase in bus passengers in Dublin for each of the next five years in view of a growth in population and increasing economic activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23895/17]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the location of the bus based park and ride facilities he is considering and has submitted as part of the mid term capital review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Curran. [23896/17]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the electrification of the Maynooth line to facilitate DART services to west Dublin and north Kildare. — Joan Burton. [23899/17]

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

\*298. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation the details of the establishment and dissolution of companies in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23642/17]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding grants for a play centre for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Neville. [23671/17]



\*300. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if British construction certificates are recognised by the HSA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [23685/17]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if Lantra accredited tickets granted in the UK are recognised by the HSA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [23686/17]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation further to parliamentary question number 253 of 11 May 2017, the detail of Ireland's ranking overall when compared with small economies in the latest World Bank Doing Business rankings available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23824/17]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation her views on recent ESRI reports (details supplied) and the data showing that the vast majority of export earnings in 2015 were generated by foreign companies. — Niall Collins. [23827/17]

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

\*304. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will ensure the continuation of the counselling grants scheme for schools (details supplied) in view of the fact the withdrawal of this funding would be a regressive step; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brassil. [23594/17]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children that will benefit from the second ECCE year in 2017; the number that have benefitted from it in 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [23614/17]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children that applied for an assessment for the access inclusion model; the average waiting time for an assessment; and the number of children qualifying for each level of support. — Anne Rabbitte. [23615/17]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount of funding that has been provided to the ABC schemes on an annual basis since 2011. — Anne Rabbitte. [23616/17]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of persons employed as staff in the child and family social work department in the Tusla office in Dundalk; and if she will provide a breakdown of those staff members' roles and qualifications in the specific area of child and family protection. — Imelda Munster. [23681/17]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of cases which have been received by the child and family social work department in the Tusla office in Dundalk between May 2016 and May 2017; and the length of time that passed between each case being received and contact being made with each family or person. — Imelda Munster. [23682/17]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the discrepancy in the guidelines for the 2017 youth grant scheme (details supplied); if she will ensure that the recent changes to the 2017 criteria are changed back to the 2016 scheme criteria including that 75% of the club or group members must be under 21 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McLoughlin. [23708/17]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the ongoing financial difficulties for community childcare services in areas of disadvantage due to the unique nature of the children and families they serve and the additional needs they have; the action she is taking to ensure that community childcare settings in areas of disadvantage are supported by a sustainable funding system; if she will consider the granting of a separate funding stream for providers in designated areas of disadvantage as exists under the DEIS scheme in respect of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23710/17]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that youth services in Cabra have been directed by the Department of Education and Skills of revised pay scales for youth workers as part of the Haddington Road pay restoration deal and consequently increased funding allocated must be used in the first instance to increase youth workers' pay and will not be used to increase services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [23732/17]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the directive on revised pay scales for Cabra youth services or others was issued after programmes and agreements were devised with staff; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that this has put further strain on the voluntary boards of managements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [23733/17]

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

\*314. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if consideration is being given to the requests of an association (details supplied); the proposals there are to enable Defence Forces personnel to have access to the State's industrial relations agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23767/17]

\*315. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the Defence Forces budget and expenditure on information technology in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Lisa Chambers. [23780/17]

\*316. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the Defence Forces budget and expenditure on cybersecurity in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form. — Lisa Chambers. [23781/17]

\*317. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel assigned to cybersecurity in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017, in tabular form; and the ranks of each in each year. — Lisa Chambers. [23782/17]

\*318. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if, when an Air Corps CASA aircraft was refused entry into Swedish airspace, this was due to the fact the submitted paperwork completed by his department failed to meet the necessary requirements of the Swedish authorities; if he will provide the requirements that must be met when filing paperwork for an Air Corps plane to enter foreign airspace; and the reason on this occasion those requirements were not met. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23788/17]