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[Seanad: Early Child Care Education Standards: Statements](#) (30 May 2013)

Frances Fitzgerald (Minister, Department of Children; Dublin Mid West, Fine Gael) As I said in the Dáil yesterday, I found the scenes broadcast on Tuesday night's programme on RTE distressing, shocking and absolutely unacceptable. What we saw was poor practice and a dereliction of duty and care, resulting in the mistreatment of young children. It was abusive, distressing and inappropriate and showed a poor understanding of children's developmental needs, as all of those Members who watched it will agree. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2013-05-30a.96>

Leaders' Questions (30 May 2013)

Micheál Martin (Leader of the Opposition; Cork South Central, Fianna Fail)

Parents and people throughout the country are still reacting to the "Prime Time" exposé of behaviour in crèches and the cruelty to children and emotional abuse that was witnessed in the film footage of that programme. Many people are looking for immediate responses as well as medium and short-term responses. The situation has clearly shocked many people across the country.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-30a.5>

Topical Issue Debate: Crèche Inspections (29 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-29a.294>

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Leaders' Questions (29 May 2013)

Micheál Martin (Leader of the Opposition; Cork South Central, Fianna Fail)

Last week, I questioned the Tánaiste about the "Prime Time" special on the quality of services in crèches and early childhood services. We both agreed the early years are the most crucial in terms of development of children, with the most critical years being from zero to three.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-29a.5>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Costs (28 May 2013)

Joe Higgins (Dublin West, Socialist Party)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the varying levels of fees being charged by different creches to parents with children in the community childcare subvention programme; the steps she will take to ensure that charges are not a barrier to parents with low incomes availing of childcare under this programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1509>

Seanad: Special Educational Needs Services Provision: Motion (29 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2013-05-29a.223>

Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Traveller Community Issues (28 May 2013)

Joan Collins (Dublin South Central, People Before Profit Alliance)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way he proposes to lift the educational attainment levels within the traveller community in view of the fact that many cutbacks in education funding both directly and indirectly affect those in the traveller community as highlighted by a recent report by Pavee Point indicates that funding for traveller education has been cut by 86.6% since 2008.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-28a.19>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Transport Provision (28 May 2013)

Patrick O'Donovan (Limerick, Fine Gael)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he is satisfied the traversable route policy being applied to the allocation of school transport is being applied fairly; if he is satisfied that roads which are not passable by buses or coaches are not being included for measurement purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.48>

Seanad: Early Child Care Education Standards: Statements (30 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2013-05-30a.96>

Other Questions: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (28 May 2013)

Seán Crowe (Dublin South West, Sinn Féin)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the possible implications arising from changes to the criteria for the 2013 July provision scheme that are referred to in a memo to parents which states that allocations to siblings are reflective of the school grouping principle; if this change will result in siblings having to share 40 hours tuition, rather than being allocated 40 hours as individuals in their own right; his views on whether this is discriminatory to children with autism; if he will clarify the current situation in this respect of revised criteria in view of the fact that it is now May and families are still unclear as to what this means; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-28a.66>

[Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to implement in full the recommendations of the recent National Council for Special Education Policy Advice Paper on Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs in Schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-28a.27>

[Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Féin)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will give consideration to amending the home tuition grant for children with Autism attending preschool when there is an option so that 20 hours of 1:1 tuition can be allocated 11.25 hours of 1:1 tuition and 13.75 hours of group tuition per week.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-28a.14>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Martin Ferris (Kerry North-West Limerick, Sinn Féin)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on findings of the National Council for Special Education report, Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs in Schools, which highlighted concerns at the length of time many parents have to wait for a diagnosis to assess their child's individual needs and learning capacity; and the way his Department plan to address this issue.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.36>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Dara Calleary (Mayo, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the allocation of resource hours he proposes for children with Down syndrome designated as mild on the ID spectrum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.72>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he foresees the full implementation of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004; his plans to ensure the effective assessment and planning for students with special educational needs.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.100>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Michael Moynihan (Cork North West, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide the choice for students on the autism spectrum who are being educated in mainstream classrooms to take part in summer camps being organised in schools where it is available to them as part of the July provision scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.113>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Mick Wallace (Wexford, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the difficulties that some parents face in enrolling a child with special educational needs in school due to overt or soft barriers put in place by schools to prevent or discourage parents from enrolling their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.184>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Martin Ferris (Kerry North-West Limerick, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on concerns expressed by the Irish National Teachers Organisation that have said that the implementation of recommendations, including changes in the allocation of resources, that are proposed in the National Council for Special Education report, Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs in Schools, would dismantle two decades of progress integrating special needs children in mainstream schools.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.191>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision](#) (28 May 2013)

Clare Daly (Dublin North, Socialist Party)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 139 of 15 May 2013, if the policy with regard to July provision of home tuition for children with autism has changed; if children who are siblings, who all have autism will receive 40 hours of one to one tuition each, or if that time will have to be shared; and when that change in policy took place.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.482>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Expenditure](#) (28 May 2013)

Seán Ó Fearghaíl (Kildare South, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 306 of 29 January 2013 the way his Department has justified a situation in which €207,854.02 is approved in funding for a special educational unit at a school built as part of the same bundle of PPP schools while another school in that same bundle received approval for only €13,500.00 for its special educational unit; if he will explain the reason the school receiving the lesser amount was directed by his Department to provide a special educational unit as part of its construction; the way the special education provision differs between each school where the second school is expected to equip its unit with one fifteenth of the money approved by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.500>

[Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing](#) (28 May 2013)

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he and his Department continue to try and meet the ongoing requirements in respect of special needs assistants at all levels in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.668>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Patronage (28 May 2013)

Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail) | Oireachtas source

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide an update on his efforts on changing the patronage of some primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.19>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Patronage (28 May 2013)

Aengus Ó Snodaigh (Dublin South Central, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills in respect of the announcement that eight new English medium schools are to be established in 2015/16, the processes his Department are putting in place to measure and assess the demand for the provision of an Aonad, Irish medium unit; the processes that are in place to measure this demand; the requirements there are on patrons to actively offer Irish-medium provision; and the supports his Department will provide to patrons who wish to establish an Aonad. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.60>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Patronage (28 May 2013)

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of the authorities of a number of smaller, mostly rural denominational schools regarding their future; if he will ensure that all such schools needs and traditions are carefully examined and assessed with a view to addressing issues of their concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.674>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Prison Education Service (30 May 2013)

Ciarán Lynch (Cork South Central, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the allocations within the education subhead of the prison vote to each of the following areas of education in 2013: the education unit in each prison, each public library service involved in prisons, the Open University, the National College of Art and Design, Arts Council projects in prison, the Alternative to Violence Project and post-release educational support for prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-30a.539>

Child Services/ Children in Care: including foster care and social work services, HSE staffing, youth services

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children Services Committees (28 May 2013)

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide details of those local authority areas in which children services committees have been established; if she will provide details of the coordinator for each children services committee; the contact details for same and the budget of each committee in 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1522>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Work Projects Funding (30 May 2013)

Willie Penrose (Longford-Westmeath, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will ensure that the organisations that are involved in youth work, for which funding is vital, and for which funding has already been cut by 30% should not be subject to further and additional expenditure adjustments which have been forecast for a 10% reduction in 2014; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the Big Brother-Big Sister Programme which is an extremely important youth mentoring programme and if further funding losses are imposed, will eventually close, despite being an extremely cost effective programme which is volunteer led; if she will ensure that no further cuts are implemented in 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-30a.715>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services (29 May 2013) Ciara Conway (Waterford, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to protect, enhance and develop youth work services, in particular those run by Foroige in Waterford city and county; if she will commit to ringfencing the funding these services receive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.585>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Work Projects Funding (28 May 2013)

Robert Dowds (Dublin Mid West, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has given consideration to maintaining financial support for the Big Brother, Big Sister programme run by the Foróige organisation, which seeks to ensure that vulnerable young people receive the help and support of a mentor which will help them overcome their own difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1512>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services (28 May 2013)

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Féin)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the sections of the Youth Work Act 2001 that have been commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1518>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services (28 May 2013)

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Féin)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the cost of implementation of the National Quality Standards Framework in Youth Work in 2011 and 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1525>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (28 May 2013)

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Féin)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the average cost to the State of keeping a teenager in St Andrews Centre in Northampton, Britain, per day and per annum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1540>

Leaders' Questions (29 May 2013)

Micheál Martin (Leader of the Opposition; Cork South Central, Fianna Fail)

I would be concerned at the time lines for the legislation. After the children's referendum, we were told that the child and family support agency Bill would be ready and the heads of the Bill had been approved at that stage. The Taoiseach did not indicate the timeline for the Children First Bill, which

is the critical legislation on child protection and welfare.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-29a.5#g8>

Family: Including adoption

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Departmental Reports (28 May 2013)

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when she intends to publish the Parenting Support Strategy.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1549>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Foreign Adoptions (30 May 2013)

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will outline her Department's engagements, if any, with families who have adopted children born in Mexico and who have subsequently been unable to have these adoptions recognised or registered here; and if she will report on the extent to which her Department is working with families affected to come to a resolution of their difficulties.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-30a.702>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Adoption Agency Funding (29 May 2013)

Derek Nolan (Galway West, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when funding will be made available to adoption agencies such as ARC Adoption in Dublin to allow them move forward with their research and development into working with the various adoption agencies in the USA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.572>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Seanad: Order of Business (29 May 2013)

Jillian van Turnhout (Independent)

The reason I have invoked the Standing Order is that it allows for a debate of up to an hour and a half. All Senators have concerns about this issue. I had hoped in the lead-in to the "Prime Time" programme that what would be described would be once-off bad practice. Having watched the programme, however, I noted several instances of maltreatment and emotional abuse at the three locations. For me, it raised some serious child protection concerns.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2013-05-29a.7#g13>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Residential Institutions Issues (28 May 2013)

Mattie McGrath (Tipperary South, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the specific status in terms of access to financial compensation by the State for former inhabitants of the Bethany House Homes under the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.461>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Proposed Legislation (30 May 2013)

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is intending to amend the forthcoming Children First legislation to extend the scope of the guidelines to include childminders on the list of persons to whom the Children First legislation is applicable because of the large number of children who are cared for by childminders either in the childminder's home or elsewhere.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-30a.699>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Missing Children (28 May 2013)

John McGuinness (Carlow-Kilkenny, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the 116000 number is funded by the Government; if so, if he will confirm the amount granted in each of the past three years; the extent of the marketing campaign to promote the 116000 number and the way that campaign is funded; the number of calls received by the 116000 line since it was established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1505>

Health and Wellbeing: including disability, mental health, substance misuse, primary care, health services, hospital

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs

Services Provision (29 May 2013)

Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding resource hours for children with specific language impairment (details supplied) <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.272>

Written Answers — Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation: Liquor Licensing Laws

(28 May 2013)

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation if the proposals in his review and audit of licences concerning liquor licences will be consistent with the recommendations of the National Substance Misuse Strategy, in particular the need to ensure that those benefiting from the sale of alcohol products make a greater contribution to meeting the costs on the State of alcohol misuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.752>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Suicide Prevention (28 May 2013)

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has considered the recent findings of the published report Suicide in Ireland 2003-2008, in particular the recommendation contained in the report that a national review of psychoeducation and mental health literacy needs to be considered and that an intensive and evaluated approach to suicide intervention needs to be brought forward in schools; if he will be making provision in his Department's expenditure in 2013 and 2014 to introduce positive measures for suicide intervention awareness in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.51>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Child Benefit Rates (29 May 2013)

Mary Lou McDonald (Dublin Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has had any discussions with the Department of Education and Skills regarding potential changes to child benefit payments. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.62>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Advisory Group on Tax and Social Welfare

(28 May 2013)

Jerry Buttimer (Cork South Central, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will be presented with the remaining modular reports of the Advisory Group on Tax and Social Welfare; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Social Welfare and Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2013: Second Stage (30 May 2013).

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-30a.212>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Domiciliary Care Allowance Review (29 May 2013)

Peadar Tóibín (Meath West, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans she has for changes to the domiciliary care allowance and disability allowance; and the date on which she intends to make any changes.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.31>

Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Family Income Supplement (29 May 2013)

Aengus Ó Snodaigh (Dublin South Central, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans regarding the future of family income supplement and its income limits. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-29a.230>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Family Income Supplement Eligibility (29 May 2013)

Peadar Tóibín (Meath West, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reducing the income thresholds used to assess qualification for family income supplement. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.15>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Family Income Supplement Eligibility (29 May 2013)

Mary Lou McDonald (Dublin Central, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will direct her Department to begin a public awareness campaign to highlight the availability of family income supplement.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.15>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Child Benefit Rates (29 May 2013)

Mary Lou McDonald (Dublin Central, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has had any discussions with the Department of Education and Skills regarding potential changes to child benefit payments.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.62>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Social Welfare Benefits Waiting Times (29 May 2013)

Seán Crowe (Dublin South West, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the actions that she has taken to reduce waiting times for social welfare payments. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.87>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Social Welfare Appeals Waiting Times (29 May 2013) Willie O'Dea (Limerick City, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Chief Appeals Officer will confirm the processing time for appeals of carer's allowance, family income supplement, invalidity pension and disability allowance schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.100>

Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Social and Affordable Housing Provision (28 May 2013)

Mattie McGrath (Tipperary South, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the specific status in terms of access to financial compensation by the State for former inhabitants of the Bethany House Homes under the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1135>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Youth Guarantee (28 May 2013)

Eoghan Murphy (Dublin South East, Fine Gael)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is considering coordinating the relevant agencies in developing a youth guarantee tailored to assist at risk young persons to secure a home, education and work experience over a two year period. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.850>

Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Anti-Poverty Strategy (29 May 2013)

Willie O'Dea (Limerick City, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress that has been made, if any, in completing and publishing a strategy to tackle for poverty. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-29a.245>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Confidence in the Minister for Justice and Equality: Motion [Private Members] (28 May 2013) <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-28a.478>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Detention Centres (28 May 2013)

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in view of the recent controversy in relation to a shortage of beds and staff, if she will outline the maximum number of beds available at Oberstown Girls Unit, the Boys Unit and Trinity Boys; the number of staff assigned to each unit; the current staff availability due to sick leave and so on; the staff available per shift; the available beds and staff per unit over the last six month period per day; the number of children in each unit over the last six month period;; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1534>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Restorative Justice (30 May 2013)

Tom Fleming (Kerry South, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide an update on the restorative justice programme that was introduced on a statutory basis for the first time in the Children's Act 2001; his views on the success of rolling out of the two restorative justice initiatives that were provided in the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-30a.551>

Written Answers — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: European Court of Human Rights Judgments (29 May 2013)

John Deasy (Waterford, Fine Gael)

To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of decisions handed down by the European Court of Human Rights specifically referring to rulings of the Irish Supreme Court since joining the European Union; and the specific regulatory or legislative action taken by Ireland as a result of each decision. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-29a.148>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Equality Issues (28 May 2013)

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to amend the Equal Status Act in order that it will apply to those under 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-28a.1296>

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Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Juvenile Offenders (30 May 2013)

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour)

[To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has considered the findings the findings of recent research by a team from the Central Mental Hospital on the mental health needs of inmates in St. Patrick's Institution; if he has plans to ensure that his Department will assist St. Patrick's Institution to make a drug-free unit available for inmates under 18 years of age in the institution without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-30a.502](http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-30a.502)

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