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## 1. This week in the Oireachtas (17-21 February 2014)

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**Wednesday 19 February 2014**

**[Justice, Defence and Equality CR2, LH 2000 2 p.m. \(T\)](#)**

AGENDA: Hearings on submissions received in relation to Domestic and Sexual Violence [Ms Fiona Ryan, Sonas Domestic Violence Charity; Ms Caitriona Gleeson, Safe Ireland; Ms Orla O'Connor, National Women's Council of Ireland; Ms Fiona Crowley, Amnesty International Ireland; Ms Catherine Joyce, Barnardos; Ms Catherine Naughton; Ms Niamh Wilson, Domestic Violence Advocacy Service; Ms Eibhlin Byrne, Child and Family Agency; Mr Brian Killoran, Immigrant Council of Ireland; Mr Michael A. Ryan, Move Ireland; Mr John Doyle, The Men's Development Network Ltd; Ms Margaret Martin, Women's Aid; and Mr Don Hennesy]

**Thursday 20 February 2014**

**[Health and Children CR2, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. \(T\)](#)**

AGENDA: (i) 9.30 a.m. Childcare in Ireland and Report on Support for Childcare for Working Families and Implications for Employment [Minister for Children and Youth Affairs; Donegal County Childcare Committee; and Startstrong]; and(ii) 11.45 p.m. 6 months review of Breach of Trust childcare settings [Minister for Children and Youth Affairs; and Health Service Executive]

## 2. Oireachtas Questions and Debate (10-14 February 2014)

## **Asylum/Immigration**

### **Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Direct Provision System (11 Feb 2014)**

Patrick Nulty (Dublin West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has considered the recommendations by both national and international commentators on reviewing the direct provision system; if he has considered the 2011 report by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and the report of the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection, Geoffrey Shannon, in 2011 which called for an examination to establish whether the direct provision system itself was detrimental to child welfare and development and if alternative forms of accommodation and support would be more suitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.940>

### **Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Legislative Programme (11 Feb 2014)**

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he intends to publish a new Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill in view of the fact that the current Bill has been on Committee Stage since November 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.969>

### **Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Asylum Applications (13 Feb 2014)**

Eoghan Murphy (Dublin South East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to grant an amnesty to all those in the asylum system for a period of four years or more. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.536>

### **Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Asylum Applications (13 Feb 2014)**

Clare Daly (Dublin North, Socialist Party) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 459 of 25 June 2013, the number of persons living in direct provision and elsewhere here who made their application for protection more than five years ago and are awaiting or engaged in asylum related judicial review proceedings; and if he will provide a breakdown by duration of persons within this group who have has deportation orders made against them, and by duration and current stage of asylum process of persons within this group who do not have deportation orders against them. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.542>

### **Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Asylum Support Services (13 Feb 2014)**

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of asylum seekers in State centres for the past five years; the cost of housing for the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.554>

## **Education: including special needs, ECCE, minorities, disadvantage, literacy and numeracy, school staffing, school buildings, school patronage, curriculum**

### **Early Childhood Care and Education: Motion [Private Members] (11 Feb 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-11a.460>

### **Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Preschool Services (12 Feb 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the action she will take to address the lack of information regarding regulation reform, the new inspection process and required standards in view of the fact that preschool services have in effect become part of the new Child and Family Agency registration process from January 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.29>

### **Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Education Welfare Service Provision (11 Feb 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the mechanisms used by the National Educational Welfare Board and the National Educational Psychological Service to provide support to guidance counselling in schools.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.279>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Education Welfare Service Provision (11 Feb 2014)**

Denis Naughten (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to address the issue of truancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.1307>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Costs (12 Feb 2014)**

Denis Naughten (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the additional steps she will take to address the availability and affordability of regulated child care services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.82>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Patronage (13 Feb 2014)**

Dominic Hannigan (Meath East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the progress made by the Catholic management in the 23 primary schools where parents voted in 2013 to change the patronage of the school and to divest control from the Catholic Church; when his Department expects this change to happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.285>

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

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Departmental Funding (12 Feb 2014)**

Joe Higgins (Dublin West, Socialist Party) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will ensure the continued funding of Rape Crisis Network Ireland as scheduled for the end of March, in view of the essential specialist research and support it provides for rape crisis centres.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.8#g12.r>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child and Family Agency Remit (12 Feb 2014)**

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the date on which all services are due to be transferred to the Child and Family Agency, including public health nursing and child mental health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.52>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Social Workers Recruitment (12 Feb 2014)**

Mick Wallace (Wexford, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on reports that at least 200 social work posts are currently vacant even though there have been significant increases in the number of reports of children at risk of abuse or neglect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.72>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: National Carers Strategy Status (12 Feb 2014)**

Clare Daly (Dublin North, Socialist Party) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the plans she has to support the thousands of children in the State who are currently acting as carers.  
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.76>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services Data (13 Feb 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of youth workers employed by the Health Service Executive and their locations.  
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.660>

**Other Questions: Children in Care (12 Feb 2014)**

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding safety, well-being and welfare of children in State institutions or otherwise under State care; the extent to which monitoring and reporting services remains available; the degree to which reports are followed up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-12a.93>

**Other Questions: Child and Family Agency Establishment (12 Feb 2014)**

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her observations on the establishment of the Child and Family Agency, now over one month in being; if the transition has been smooth; if there are particular concerns or issues requiring special address; and if she will make a statement on the matter.  
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-12a.52>

**Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Child Care Proceedings (12 Feb 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she considers the level of fees paid to guardians ad litem to represent children in court to be sustainable or appropriate in the current economic climate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-12a.7>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child and Family Agency Establishment (12 Feb 2014)**

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of contracts for social work services tendered by her Department; if she will list in table format the details of each company; the value of each contract; the amount being spent by these companies and for what purpose; and if she will make a statement on the matter.  
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.5>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (12 Feb 2014)**

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the recently published Health Information and Quality Authority report on Crannóg Nua at Portrane; the actions she expects will follow on its content and recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.13>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Departmental Functions (12 Feb 2014)**

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the main elements of her Department's responsibilities for children and young adults, with particular reference to the extent to which it is intended to provide or make available supportive services in areas most notably in need of such services in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.26>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child and Family Agency Funding (12 Feb 2014)**

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way the €600 million budget for the Child and Family Agency is to be spent; if she deems this to be an adequate level of funding for the agency to function efficiently in view of its responsibilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.56>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Inspections (12 Feb 2014)**

Seán Kyne (Galway West, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on the progress of her Department, Pobal and the other relevant stakeholders in implementing a digitised and online system of recording and disseminating inspection reports on child care and preschool facilities; the level of engagement between her Department, Pobal, the Health Service Executive and other stakeholders such as the child care committees; and if she will indicate the current rate of inspections being undertaken.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.60>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Social Workers Recruitment (12 Feb 2014)**

Mick Wallace (Wexford, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on reports that at least 200 social work posts are currently vacant even though there have been significant increases in the number of reports of children at risk of abuse or neglect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.72>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Departmental Bodies (12 Feb 2014)**

Michael McNamara (Clare, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide a list of bodies under the aegis of her Department in respect of Government policy for which she is responsible for answering parliamentary questions pursuant to Standing Order 34.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.495>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Local Authority Functions (12 Feb 2014)**

Kevin Humphreys (Dublin South East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide a list of all specific new powers or functions conferred on local authorities by legislation under her area since June 2009 and a reference to the specific section or regulation in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.501>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Departmental Budgets (12 Feb 2014)**

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she remains confident regarding the adequacy of resources available to her Department to meet in full the cost of services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.534>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services Funding (11 Feb 2014)**

John Deasy (Waterford, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding programmes that are available from her Department to assist projects involved in youth diversion and rehabilitation; and to whom should applications for State support be directed in each instance. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.1270>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (11 Feb 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein). To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the language supports available to migrant children in care with poor standards of English; and the supports available to their foster carers in order that they may be able to assist them with normal activities such as helping with homework. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.1276>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Inspections (11 Feb 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied with the adequacy of inspections and the standard of childcare provided throughout the State; if follow up inspections and sanctions were imposed on those who have been found to be in breach of the relevant regulations and guidelines during the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.1279>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Community Care Provision (11 Feb 2014)**

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the position regarding plans for the Health Service Executive to establish a child well-being centre at the former Ráth na nÓg premises at Castleblayney, County Monaghan; when she expects this new catchment-specific service to be fully functioning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.1310>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child and Family Agency Remit (11 Feb 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will outline the protocols put in place for the new child and family agency in dealing with service providers such as child and adolescent mental health services and public health nursing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.1323>

**Seanad: Adjournment Matters: Youth Cafés Provision (12 Feb 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-02-12a.359>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Qualifications (12 Feb 2014)**

Seán Kyne (Galway West, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in the context of the need to ensure an adequate qualification framework, the funding supports available to community child care providers, in particular, to meet the qualification standards that are rightly required for quality child care and preschool care. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.69>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Expenditure (12 Feb 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is proposing any large-scale capital grants for child care, especially for the community sector. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.511>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Reports (12 Feb 2014)**

Joanna Tuffy (Dublin Mid West, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will consider, in consultation with the Department of Social Protection, the implementation of any of the tax relief or tax credit options suggested in the Right from the Start report for reducing the costs of child care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.545>

**Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction**

**Other Questions: Garda Vetting of Personnel (12 Feb 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will expedite a resolution to the conflict between data protection legislation and preschool regulation compliance to enable students to undertake mandatory placements in child care services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-12a.77>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Protection (12 Feb 2014)**

Denis Naughten (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the discussions she has had with other Departments on foot of the publication of the audit report on neglect cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.49>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Abuse Reports (12 Feb 2014)**

Anne Ferris (Wicklow, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her response to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child report on the Vatican's child protection procedures; her views on the level of co-operation between church authorities here and the relevant civil agencies under the new child protection reforms; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.508>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Protection (12 Feb 2014)**

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which her Department is in a position to monitor children at risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.518>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Proposed Legislation (12 Feb 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the Children First legislation will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.41>

**Family: including adoption**

**Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Adoption Records Provision (12 Feb 2014)**

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to release more than 60,000 files on forced adoptions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-12a.27>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Adoption Records Provision (12 Feb 2014)**

Clare Daly (Dublin North, Socialist Party) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in view of the undeniable evidence, in writing, that religious run adoption agencies participated in and facilitated illegal adoptions, the reason neither her Department nor the Adoption Authority of Ireland have not carried out an audit of every adoption record held in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.44>

**Other Questions: Adoption Legislation (12 Feb 2014)**

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the position regarding the adoption (information and tracing) Bill; if she will provide a comprehensive account of the provisions of the forthcoming legislation; if she will confirm her welcome and support for the Philomena Project; the way she and her Department intends engaging with same in the lead up to the Bill's publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-12a.68>

**Priority Questions: Inter-Country Adoptions (12 Feb 2014)**

John Halligan (Waterford, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will review an application to the Adoption Authority of Ireland for the registration of a child adopted from Vietnam in October 2012 who is now registered and residing here (details supplied); if she will confirm that at the time of this adoption both Vietnam and Ireland had signed up to the Hague and a bilateral agreement that had been put in place by her; if she will consider directing the Adoption Authority of Ireland to progress the registration of this child on the basis that their parents were in full compliance with the 1991 Act in view of their adoption process having began prior to the 2010 Act being introduced (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-12a.44>

**Health and Wellbeing: including disability, mental health, substance misuse, primary care, health services, hospital services, obesity, sports facilities**

**Seanad: Health Identifiers Bill 2013: Committee and Remaining Stages (12 Feb 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-02-12a.96>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Psychological Services (11 Feb 2014)**

Sandra McLellan (Cork East, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is concerned at the high number of child psychologist positions that are vacant in our health care system; and if she has raised this issue with the Department of Health. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.1300b>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Infant Mortality Data (13 Feb 2014)**

Charles Flanagan (Laois-Offaly, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of inquests carried out in relation to perinatal or infant deaths at each maternity unit in the State each year for the past ten years. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.508>

**Written Answers — Department of Health: Speech and Language Therapy (12 Feb 2014)**

Billy Timmins (Wicklow, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 6 February 2014, the position regarding the issue raised in the second half of the question and the policy, if any, surrounding the IQ level of the student. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.624>



**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Family Income Supplement Eligibility (13 Feb 2014)**

Robert Dowds (Dublin Mid West, Labour) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the degree to which family income supplement is paid to persons supporting families who live abroad  
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.367>

**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Family Income Supplement Expenditure (11 Feb 2014)**

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total fund for family income supplement in 2012, 2013 and 2014; if €260 million in extra funding has been provided for 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter.  
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.573>

**Written Answers — Department of Health: Substance Misuse (13 Feb 2014)**

Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health his position regarding dealing with binge drinking by young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.73>

**Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing**

**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Domiciliary Care Allowance Application Numbers (13 Feb 2014)**

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for domiciliary care allowance received by her Department in 2012 and 2013; if she will provide a breakdown of the applications approved and refused; and the number of these applications which are pending. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.385>

**Written Answers — Department of Finance: Tax Credits (13 Feb 2014)**

Michael McGrath (Cork South Central, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Finance the number of recipients of the one-parent family tax credit in each year from 2010 to 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.256>

**Written Answers — Department of Finance: Tax Credits (11 Feb 2014)**

Michael McGrath (Cork South Central, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Finance in the context of the single person child carer credit, if a secondary claimant who meets all the qualifying criteria may be entitled to the credit in circumstances where the primary claimant is now cohabiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.250>

**Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality**

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: European Court of Human Rights Judgments (12 Feb 2014)**

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the level of consultation and engagement that has taken place with her Department or its agencies in their consideration thus far of the State's responsibilities to other schoolchildren and former schoolchildren arising from the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.  
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.17>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child and Family Agency Remit (12 Feb 2014)**

Aodhán Ó Ríordáin (Dublin North Central, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the role that will be played by TúsIá, the Child and Family Agency, in helping to deliver on the Youth Justice Action Plan 2014-2018 to tackle and prevent youth crime; if she envisages a preventative role for TúsIá in the proposed national anti-crime strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.515>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Juvenile Offenders (12 Feb 2014)**

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which her Department continues to engage with juvenile offenders with a view to providing rehabilitative or educational supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.541>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Judicial Appointments (13 Feb 2014)**

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to reform the way judicial appointments are made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.548>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Departmental Bodies (12 Feb 2014)**

Michael McNamara (Clare, Labour) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a list of bodies under the aegis of his Department in respect of Government policy for which he is responsible for answering parliamentary questions pursuant to Standing Order 34. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-12a.401>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Sexual Offences (11 Feb 2014)**

Seán Kenny (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on the compensation of victims in lieu of prison sentencing for sexual offences; his views on when it is appropriate to remove a person from the sexual offenders register when compensation is paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-11a.963>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Charities Regulation (13 Feb 2014)**

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his Department's role in the regulation of homelessness charities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.545>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Community Policing (13 Feb 2014)**

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to expand the role of community policing and increase the numbers of gardaí involved in community policing in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-02-13a.560>

**Other**

**Seanad: Political Reform: Motion (12 Feb 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-02-12a.228>

**Ceisteanna - Questions: Referendum Campaigns (11 Feb 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-02-11a.287>

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