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## **Asylum/Immigration**

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

Derek Nolan (Galway West, Labour) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if any direct provision centres are owned by companies registered offshore; if so, if he will provide the details of the companies involved and the direct provision centres they run; if he will indicate the amount these companies are being paid by the State on a yearly basis; the reasons for giving a contract of this nature to a company not based in this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-11a.1128>

### **Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Immigration Data (13 Mar 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons who currently have pending applications with his Department for residency based on the Zambrano judgment; the number of these persons waiting longer than six months; the number of these people waiting longer than 12 months; the number of persons waiting longer than 18 months to have a final decision made on their application. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-13a.437>

### **Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Asylum Seeker Accommodation (12 Mar 2014)**

Olivia Mitchell (Dublin South, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is satisfied that basic human rights are being observed in all centres for asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-12a.397>

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

### **Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Education Welfare Service Staff (11 Mar 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of education welfare officers in Dublin; and their locations. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-11a.1336>

### **Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Transport Eligibility (13 Mar 2014)**

Martin Heydon (Kildare South, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the financial supports available to assist families to cover the cost of school transport in circumstances where they have medical cards but are required to pay transport charges because the school attended by their children is not the closest to their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-13a.171>

### **Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Transport Eligibility (13 Mar 2014)**

Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of schools in rural Ireland that do not have a school transport service due to the low number eligible for such a service on any route, where students are in receipt of the remote area grant instead; the names and roll numbers of these schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-13a.197>

### **Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (11 Mar 2014)**

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 94 of 27 February 2014, if he will reconcile his reply that it is a matter for schools to determine the approach or mix of approaches which they will use with the Department's policy document entitled Model A which includes the requirement that the class teacher would receive ABA training prior to taking responsibility for the class.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-11a.415>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Data (13 Mar 2014)**

Colm Keaveney (Galway East, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the total number of pupils currently within Gaelscoileanna; the total number of special needs assistants working in Gaelscoileanna; the total number of pupils and SNAs currently within the primary sector as a whole; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-13a.177>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Early Child Care Education Issues (13 Mar 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children nationally who are availed of the early childhood care and education scheme over a two year period; the number of children with special educational needs who were refused access to the ECCE scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-13a.582>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (12 Mar 2014)**

Richard Boyd Barrett (Dún Laoghaire, People Before Profit Alliance) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address the situation where over 40 visually and audibly impaired children in the areas of Roscommon, Sligo and Donegal have been without the visiting teacher service since December 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-12a.167>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Data (11 Mar 2014)**

Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children with a mild learning disability who are currently attending primary schools or receiving support under the general allocation model, GAM; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-11a.390>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Education Review (11 Mar 2014)**

Seán Kyne (Galway West, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of the working group tasked with examining a new learning resource allocation model; if he will provide an indicative timeframe for the completion and implementation of any recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-11a.444>

**Written Answers — Department of Health: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (11 Mar 2014)**

Aengus Ó Snodaigh (Dublin South Central, Sinn Féin) To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in which a child may be granted special needs assistant support in order to avail of his or her entitlement to a free preschool year; and the application procedure and Health Service Executive points of contact for same. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-11a.1422>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Departmental Funding (11 Mar 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of funding provided by his Department to the NAPD; if schools are allowed to fund their principal's membership of the organisation from voluntary contributions paid by parents to the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-03-11a.326>

**Topical Issues Debate: School Enrolments (11 Mar 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-03-11a.435>