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Asylum/Immigration

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Direct Provision System (4 Jun 2014)

Michael McNamara (Clare, Labour) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason election canvassers are prohibited from canvassing at direct provision centres around the country; if she will outline any domestic legal provisions and any international legal obligations in that regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.440>

Education: including special needs, ECCE, minorities, disadvantage, literacy and numeracy, school buildings, school patronage

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Provision (4 Jun 2014)

Lucinda Creighton (Dublin South East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Questions Nos 1006, 1009 and 1010 of 27 May 2014, if he will provide an estimate of the number of child care staff currently in the workforce who will be forced to upskill in order to meet the increased qualification requirements; the way in which the €3 million is being made available for this purpose and the way potential staff members who require upskilling can seek to draw down the funds to pay for their upskilling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.677>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Transport Administration (5 Jun 2014)

Michael McCarthy (Cork South West, Labour) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he is satisfied with the current tendering process for school bus contracts in County Cork; if there is open and transparent competition; the way in which confidential personal information of a number of operators tendering for school bus contracts was recently disclosed and put into the public domain; the effect of same on the current tendering process; his intentions to rectify same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Transport Administration (4 Jun 2014)

Seán Fleming (Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 181 of 11 February 2014 regarding the maintenance charge of €23,000 per bus per year which is over five times higher than the equivalent charges for school transport in Northern Ireland, if he will immediately claw back all money paid to Bus Éireann under state aid rules in view of the fact that the 1975 agreement at paragraph 5.1.2 specifically provides for the actual expenditure on school buses for maintenance charges incurred and this obviously did not happen according the FGS report, 2009, and that he had no verifiable documentation that payments by him did not in fact cross subsidise maintenance workers maintaining buses that competed with private bus operators thereby creating an unfair competitive advantage for Bus Éireann. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.163>

Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and Social Protection: School Book Rental Scheme: Discussion (4 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/committees/?id=2014-06-04a.6>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing (5 Jun 2014)

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills in relation to special needs assistants, if the definition of what constitutes care needs has been changed in circular 0030/2014; if such an alteration in the criteria under which an SNA may be required will lead to a reduction in the numbers of SNAs funded by his Department; if he is satisfied that the definition of care needs set out in the aforementioned circular will cover as many individual child circumstances as is foreseeable and that no child will lose the care they require to access an equal standard of education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-05a.88>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Service Provision (4 Jun 2014)

Denis Naughten (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the provisions of Department circular 0030/2014 in view of concerns that it will detrimentally impact upon children with special needs, including those with Down's syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.171>

Seanad: Adjournment Matters: Pupil-Teacher Ratio (5 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-06-05a.296>

Topical Issue Debate: School Placement (4 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-04a.142>

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

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services Provision (5 Jun 2014)

Gerry Adams (Louth, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there is any central Government funding available to newly established not for profit organisations who provide care services to young adults who were in the care of the State as children but, on reaching the age of 18, find themselves with little support, social exclusion and, more crucially, no homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-05a.343>

Local and Community Development Programmes: Motion (Resumed) [Private Members] (5 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-05a.235>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Topical Issue Debate: Mother and Baby Homes Inquiries (5 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-05a.317>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Residential Institutions Issues (5 Jun 2014)

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if, in relation to the recent public disclosure that the remains of several hundred children are located at the site of the former Bon Secours institution in Tuam, County Galway, An Garda Síochána has initiated an immediate investigation; if the site has been isolated as a crime scene; if forensic examinations are under way; the assistance the Government can provide in terms of identifying each set of remains, tracing relatives, and providing for proper burial; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-05a.230>

Written Answers — Department of Health: Residential Institutions Issues (4 Jun 2014)

Seán Kenny (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Health if any inquiries are being made into, or if any official knowledge exists about, the burial of children at the children's home in Tuam, County Galway between 1925 and 1961; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.474>

Leaders' Questions (5 Jun 2014)

Sandra McLellan (Cork East, Sinn Féin) Citizens have been confronted in recent years with one revelation after another regarding the abuse of people in religious-run institutions that were supported by this State. The scale of the abuse perpetrated against Irish women and children that has been exposed by these cases is absolutely horrific. In order to get to the truth of these scandals, it was necessary to have the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse, generally known as the Ryan commission, whose report was published in 2009, the Ferns inquiry, the Cloyne report and the Murphy report. We also had the scandal of the Magdalen laundries. The State is still failing to face up to its responsibilities in regard to the Bethany Home or to apologise to its victims. If we were to have adopted the approach the Government is now advocating in regard to the Tuam babies scandal, the various inquiries and reports to which I referred would not have seen the light of day. Is it not crystal clear, therefore, that a full public inquiry is the only conceivable course of action when confronted with the gravity of the scandal that has now come to light in Tuam? <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-05a.162>

Family: including adoption

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Inter-Country Adoptions (4 Jun 2014)

David Stanton (Cork East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 16 and 19 of 12 February 2014 relating to inter-country adoptions from India, the further progress that has been made in completing the full process of delegation to an accredited agency to handle these adoptions; the transitional arrangements in place for prospective adoptive parents, in particular those who are at risk of being aged out, to progress adoptions while awaiting the for the accredited agency to become fully operational; the timeframe established for this process; when he expects India to reopen to adoptions from Ireland in all adoption categories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.674>

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

Written Answers — Department of Health: Orthodontic Service Provision (4 Jun 2014)

Marcella Corcoran Kennedy (Laois-Offaly, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a large number of children are awaiting orthodontic treatment in the midlands Health Service Executive area and that no consultant orthodontist has been appointed; the steps he is taking to have this vacancy filled as soon as possible to enable the persons on the waiting list to be treated; the steps he will take to ensure children who qualify for treatment and have not received that treatment by the age of 18 years will be treated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.572>

Written Answers — Department of Health: Medical Card Data (4 Jun 2014)

John O'Mahony (Mayo, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card applications that are with medical advisers in the primary care reimbursement service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.587>

Written Answers — Department of Health: Universal Health Insurance White Paper (5 Jun 2014)

Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the plans for the allied health professionals such as speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists under his universal health insurance plans; the way these services will be provided; by whom; the persons who will employ such therapists; and the way they will be paid for. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-05a.319>

Written Answers — Department of Health: Health Services Staff (4 Jun 2014)

Pearse Doherty (Donegal South West, Sinn Féin) To ask the Minister for Health if it is the policy of his Department to recruit new graduates in Donegal mental health services over those who hold a qualification of longer standing who would be entitled to a higher rate of remuneration as a cost-cutting measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.489>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht: Select Sub-Committee on the Environment, Community and Local Government: Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014: Committee Stage (4 Jun 2014) <http://www.kildarestreet.com/committees/?id=2014-06-04a.79>

Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2014: Second Stage (Resumed) (5 Jun 2014)
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-05a.283>

Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2014: Second Stage (4 Jun 2014)
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-04a.345>

Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Private Residential Tenancies Board (4 Jun 2014)

Joan Collins (Dublin South Central, United Left) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government regarding the Private Residential Tenancies Board rent controls study, the date on which the study commenced; the specific terms of reference; the person conducting the study; and when it is due to be published. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.300>

Other Questions: State Properties (4 Jun 2014)

Clare Daly (Dublin North, United Left) To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the initiatives the Office of Public Works has undertaken to make empty State property and facilities available to local authorities to assist in dealing with the housing crisis. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-04a.69>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Seanad: Racism in Ireland: Motion (4 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-06-04a.263>

Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Bill 2014: Report and Final Stages (4 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-04a.289>

Reform of Judicial Appointments Procedures Bill 2013: Second Stage [Private Members] (6 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-06a.48>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Juvenile Offenders (4 Jun 2014)

Seán Ó Fearghaíl (Kildare South, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current level of supports available to juveniles and young persons leaving the prison system, particularly in the areas of reintegration-rehabilitation, education, employment and residential accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.453>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Prison Visiting Committees Appointments (4 Jun 2014)

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide a list of all persons appointed to prison visiting committees from 1 April 2011 to date in 2014, in tabular form, including the name, date appointed and visiting committee in each case; a list of expenses incurred by each appointee over the course of his or her appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.418>

Topical Issue Debate: Crime Investigation (4 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-04a.148>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Courts Service (4 Jun 2014)

Dara Calleary (Mayo, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the fact that due to staff shortages and cutbacks, District Court lodgments are being made just once a week; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that this is affecting the lodgment of maintenance payments to recipients' bank accounts; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that this is having a detrimental affect on such maintenance payment recipients, who are waiting five days for the payment to clear; her plans to rectify the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.408>

Other

Priority Questions: Public Sector Staff Recruitment (4 Jun 2014)

Richard Boyd Barrett (Dún Laoghaire, People Before Profit Alliance) To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will lift the public sector recruitment embargo; his views on whether staff shortages in areas such as the health service, local government and associated services are now resulting in the unacceptable decline in the quality of those services; if he has carried out a cost-benefit analysis of the cost and efficiency of outsourcing across all Government Departments and State bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-04a.27>

Local and Community Development Programmes: Motion [Private Members] (4 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-04a.355>

Priority Questions: Budget 2014 (4 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-04a.43>

Written Answers — Department of Public Expenditure and Reform: Budget 2015 (4 Jun 2014)

Seán Fleming (Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the budget planning process for budget 2015 has commenced; the priorities that he has set for the next budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-04a.37>