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Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: School Completion Programme (11 Jun 2014)

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will make no further cuts to the school completion programme funding this year 2014/2015; if he will restore funding to 2008 level over an agreed timeframe; and if he will declare all DEIS initiatives exempts from cuts to funding. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-11a.462>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: School Completion Programme (10 Jun 2014)

Brendan Ryan (Dublin North, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if funding for school completion programmes in DEIS schools is ring fenced from cuts in 2014; if not, if it can be ring fenced and protected for this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1404>

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

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs his plans to increase the capitation to child care providers for the free preschool year; the effect an increase of €10 per child would have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-12a.713>

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

Noel Coonan (Tipperary North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the vocational training a person must undertake in to qualify for the child care employment and training support scheme, in particular the reasons a person completing a Tús placement cannot avail of the scheme while a person doing a community employment scheme can avail of the subsidised child care; the reason for the disparity in qualifying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-12a.719>

Written Answers — Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport: School Transport Administration (11 Jun 2014)

Seán Fleming (Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of different versions of the report into corruption in Bus Éireann's administration of the school transport contract did the Audit Review Group in Bus Éireann sign off on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-11a.454>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Departmental Investigations (10 Jun 2014)

Clare Daly (Dublin North, United Left) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the version of the report into corruption in Bus Éireann's running of school transport is the same version that was given to An Garda Síochána. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.355>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing (10 Jun 2014)

Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will reconsider Circular 0030/2014 regarding special needs assistants provision and to ensure that all children receive the necessary supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.417>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Discipline (10 Jun 2014)

Richard Boyd Barrett (Dún Laoghaire, People Before Profit Alliance) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide the guidelines regarding time out rooms in schools; the way they are used; the recommendations regarding design including the way windows should be made secure; if there should be a handle on the inside of the door; and the kind of observation there is when a child is in the room. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.457>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Teaching Qualifications (12 Jun 2014)

Michael McCarthy (Cork South West, Labour) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the necessary qualifications in special needs teaching required for teachers to be employed in special needs schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-12a.224>

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

Order of Business (12 Jun 2014)

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) Earlier this week we discussed the devastating consequences of how society viewed certain families and people, such as single mothers. Today, we have many different family configurations. In that context, what is the position on the children and family relationships Bill? The heads of the Bill were published earlier this year, but the Bill now seems to be stalled. When will we see full implementation of this legislation. I understand the Minister for Education and Skills has had a report on the future of small schools in his possession for more than 12 months. When will that report on the future, viability and sustainability of small schools be published? Will the Oireachtas get an opportunity to discuss the findings of that report? <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-12a.322>

Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children: Children Reports: Office of Ombudsman for Children (10 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/committees/?id=2014-06-10a.234>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child and Family Agency Expenditure (12 Jun 2014)

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount each person who attends the Health Service Executive child conferences claim in expenses for attending same. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-12a.716>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Departmental Staff Data (12 Jun 2014)

Michael McGrath (Cork South Central, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will provide a detailed list in tabular form of all staff vacancies, within his Department and in each agency under his Department's remit, at principal officer grade or above, including the title of the vacant post and the functional area to which it belongs; the time the post has been vacant; the salary attached to the post in question; in respect of agencies where Civil Service grades do not apply, if he will include vacancies where the post attracts a salary equivalent to or greater than a principal officer grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-12a.722>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Sexual Offences (10 Jun 2014)

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 646 of 27 May 2014, his plans to address the funding crisis of rape support services to ensure that the State is in compliance with the directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1400>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child and Family Agency Staff (10 Jun 2014)

Clare Daly (Dublin North, United Left) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of staff at TUSLA, the Child and Family Agency, that are currently employed at the social worker management grade; the number of those that are qualified social workers; and the number registered with CORU <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1410>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Mother and Baby Homes Inquiries (10 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1393>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

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

Dara Calleary (Mayo, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the procedures the Health Service Executive should follow when a complaint of suspected abuse within a family is made by a minor; the timelines that should be followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-12a.725>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Child Abuse (10 Jun 2014)

Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights in a case (details supplied), if he will outline the State's response to this and other cases which are in process relating to persons who were abused as children in State-funded day schools; whether he will outline recent actions by the Chief State Solicitor's office in this regard and the steps now open to such persons in order to obtain justice and redress; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.314>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Residential Institutions Issues (10 Jun 2014)

Denis Naughten (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will confirm that it is his intention to legislate to retain evidence given to the Ryan commission by victims of abuse; if it is also his intention to make provision in any such legislation on evidence and documentation collated in connection with the vaccine trial module of the inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.401>

Family: including adoption

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Foreign Adoptions (11 Jun 2014)

Aodhán Ó Ríordáin (Dublin North Central, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he has personally been in touch with the relevant authorities in Russia since his appointment last month to get an up-to-date position regarding ongoing bilateral negotiations regarding inter country adoption; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-11a.465>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Registration of Births (10 Jun 2014)

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding original and adopted birth certificates (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.633>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Adoption Data (10 Jun 2014)

Micheál Martin (Leader of the Opposition; Cork South Central, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she or her Department received a report from Adoption Rights Now outlining concerns regarding adoption in Ireland since 1922 and about high mortality rates amongst infants in particular institutions; the actions that have been taken since she received the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.955>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Adoption Records Provision (10 Jun 2014)

Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs his plans to amend legislation so that all adopted persons here can access their birth certificate and their adoption files once they turn 18 and become an adult; if he has no such plans, the reasons for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1416>

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

Written Answers — Department of Health: Disability Support Services (10 Jun 2014)

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered dismantling the red tape in the disability sector by ceasing to fund section 39 groups and having the Health Service Executive take over the lead role; if he has considered having a one-stop-shop to deal with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1088>

Written Answers — Department of Health: Shared Service Functions (10 Jun 2014)

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health the shared services departments that exist in his Department and in the Health Service Executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1102>

Written Answers — Department of Health: Alcohol Pricing (10 Jun 2014)

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with below cost selling of alcohol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1111>

Written Answers — Department of Health: Primary Care Centres Provision (10 Jun 2014)

Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding his proposed primary care centres to include the budget, services to be provided and the date on which they will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.1080>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014: Report Stage (Resumed) (11 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-11a.369>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Social Welfare Payments Administration (12 Jun 2014)

Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide in tabular form a breakdown of the numbers of applications for social welfare payments that involve a medical assessment by payment type; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-12a.279>

Other Questions: Social Welfare Benefits Applications (10 Jun 2014)

Joan Collins (Dublin South Central, United Left) To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is satisfied with the processing times for current social welfare payments that require a medical assessment. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-10a.123>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Social Welfare Appeals Waiting Times (10 Jun 2014)

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which her Department continues to monitor the time taken to process appeals for various means tested payments or claims based on a medical entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-10a.65>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Seanad: Mother and Baby Homes: Statements (11 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-06-11a.232>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Equality Issues (11 Jun 2014)

Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there is a need for a referendum on marriage equality as Article 40.1. of the Constitution states that all citizens shall be treated equally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-06-11a.327>

Protected Disclosures Bill 2013: Report Stage (12 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-12a.102>

Death and Burial of Children in Mother and Baby Homes: Motion (Resumed) [Private Members] (11 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-06-11a.649>

Seanad: Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2014: Second Stage (10 Jun 2014)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-06-10a.76>