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**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Departmental Expenditure (8 Jul 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Féin) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of allowing all community groups have a fee waiver of QQI fees.

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**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Early Child Care Education (8 Jul 2014)**

Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there is a cap on the fees that early child care providers can charge parents who qualify for subsidised child care under the community childcare subvention scheme and the child care education and training schemes; and if not, if he will provide details on the average weekly cost payable by parents under each scheme. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2263>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Transport Eligibility (10 Jul 2014)**

Billy Timmins (Wicklow, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding a child who will be starting post-primary school in September where there is no school transport to their nearest second level school; if special concessions will be made to ensure a place on a school bus to an alternative school that passes this person's home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-10a.168>

**Questions - Priority Questions: Schools Review (8 Jul 2014)**

Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the value for money report on small schools will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-07-08a.7>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Service Provision (9 Jul 2014)**

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which special needs teachers remain available to all schools throughout the country; if any particular areas with requirements above the national average in this regard have been identified; his proposed action regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.265>

**Other Questions: Special Educational Needs Staffing (8 Jul 2014)**

Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department will be issuing a new circular on special needs assistants in view of the recent acknowledgment that the circular issued before Easter was badly phrased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-07-08a.105>

**Other Questions: Special Education Review (8 Jul 2014)**

Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will be accepting and implementing the recent recommendations of the National Council for Special Education for a new model of allocating teaching resources for students with special educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-07-08a.93>

**Other Questions: Special Educational Needs Data (8 Jul 2014)**

Mick Wallace (Wexford, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills regarding section 6 of Circular 0030/2014, the reason for the decision to prohibit health staff from giving their professional opinion about the educational resources required by a child with special educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-07-08a.66>

**Priority Questions: Education Policy (8 Jul 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-07-08a.23>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Service Provision (8 Jul 2014)**

Mick Wallace (Wexford, Independent) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills in relation to section 4 of Circular 0030/2014, if children are expected to assist in catering for the care needs of their fellow pupils who have special educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.16>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Service Provision (8 Jul 2014)**

Richard Boyd Barrett (Dún Laoghaire, People Before Profit Alliance) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for increasing special needs resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.50>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing (8 Jul 2014)**

Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extent to which he expects to be in a position to meet the full requirement in respect of special needs teachers and special needs assistants in all schools throughout the country in the coming year, with particular reference to the need to address those areas most seriously affected by demographic trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.53>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing (8 Jul 2014)**

Richard Boyd Barrett (Dún Laoghaire, People Before Profit Alliance) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he agrees that, as a trained professional, the class teacher in a primary or secondary school is best placed to judge whether the appointment of a special needs assistant is necessary to assist a child in his or her journey through the education system; and the role of the class teacher in the current system of allocating SNAs. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.80>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Service Provision (8 Jul 2014)**

Michael McGrath (Cork South Central, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if it is his Department's policy that all children on the autism spectrum who qualify for home tuition should, instead of availing of the home tuition scheme, be attending a nominated specialist preschool from the age of three; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.472>

**Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing (8 Jul 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children attending resource teachers during each of the past five years; and the number of resource teachers employed during each of those years.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.573>

**Written Answers — Department of Health: Special Educational Needs Service Provision (8 Jul 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding entitlement to engage with social workers for children and adults with severe and profound disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1881>

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

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: State Bodies Data (9 Jul 2014)**

Mary Lou McDonald (Dublin Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will provide in tabular form the annual salary of the chief executive officers of all commercial State companies under his remit. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.1245>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (8 Jul 2014)**

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in care with a disability; and the number of these children who have an allocated social worker. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2209>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Appointments to State Boards (8 Jul 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will provide in tabular form the number of appointments to State boards under his Department's remit made since March 2011 to date; the number of vacancies on State boards under his Department's remit since March 2011 to date; the number of vacancies on State boards under his Department's remit publically advertised since March 2011 to date; and the number of appointments to State boards under his remit drawn directly from the public advertisement process.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2230>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child and Family Agency Expenditure (8 Jul 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 255 of 12 June 2014, if he will provide in detail the expenses claimed by members of staff attending the Health Service Executive child care conferences; his views on the number of staff attending these conferences; and the section of the HSE to which they are affiliated. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2233>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Legislative Process (8 Jul 2014)**

Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of Bills his Department has published since March 2011; the number of regulatory impact assessments that his Department has published since March 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2236>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Cafes Expenditure (8 Jul 2014)**

Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the sources of funding from his Department or agencies of his Department for youth cafes; if any new youth cafes are being funded at present; if so where application forms can be sourced for this funding; the closing date for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2242>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services Funding (8 Jul 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 698 of 24 June 2014, the level of this funding that went to the Centre for Effective Services for assisting his Department in compiling the document. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2245>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Departmental Expenditure (9 Jul 2014)**

Mary Lou McDonald (Dublin Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will provide the annual saving to the Exchequer from a 20% reduction in all professional fees for his Department, including but not limited to legal, consultancy, IT-related, advisory, advertising and accountancy; and the company name and amount invoiced between 1 June 2013 and 31 May 2014. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.1215>

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

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Child Protection (10 Jul 2014)**

Clare Daly (Dublin North, United Left) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality in view of comments made by her following the special section 42 inquiry in relation to encouraging persons to report concerns they have regarding children, if persons can do this through calling the 116000 missing children hotline. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-10a.384>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Garda Investigations (9 Jul 2014)**

Joan Collins (Dublin South Central, United Left) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will confirm that after the Health Information Quality Authority exposed foster care abuses into the Dublin north-west foster services in 2013, all the cases were forwarded to the Garda for investigation. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.1236>

**Written Answers — Department of Public Expenditure and Reform: Child Protection (8 Jul 2014)**

Clare Daly (Dublin North, United Left) To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the protocols for dealing with a convicted paedophile who is in public employment in terms of the steps taken to advise staff or management of the person's history particularly when he or she is working in an environment where he or she has access to children. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.746>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Prison Committals (8 Jul 2014)**

Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the restrictions and or guidelines in place for persons who have been convicted of sex offences seeking housing within communities after release from prison; if, for example, there are proximity regulations with regard to living next to schools; the legislation currently in place to ensure that communities are protected whilst also maintaining the rights of the person to live their life after serving their sentence. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1576>

### **Family: including adoption**

#### **Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Inter-Country Adoptions (8 Jul 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will ensure a bilateral agreement is made with Russia to allow Irish families to adopt children from Russia without further delay. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2260>

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

#### **Written Answers — Department of Health: HIQA Inspections (8 Jul 2014)**

Billy Timmins (Wicklow, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the Health Information Quality Authority findings from a number of inspections on disability services for children and young persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1973>

#### **Written Answers — Department of Health: Mental Health Commission Reports (8 Jul 2014)**

Billy Timmins (Wicklow, Independent) To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the chairman's forward to the Mental Health Commission annual report 2013. in which he states that, since 2007, staffing in mental health services has been reduced by the implementation of recruitment embargoes and employment moratoriums; the medium and long-term effect of such policies is to endanger the delivery of confident and responsive community-based services as envisaged in A Vision for Change; this situation needs to be reversed by the continued allocation of new revenue for the full development of community mental health teams and concomitant services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1756>

#### **Written Answers — Department of Health: Mental Health Services Provision (10 Jul 2014)**

Colm Keaveney (Galway East, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Health the number of cognitive behavioural theorists currently employed within each Health Service Executive operational area; the number of whole-time equivalent posts there are; if he will increase that number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-10a.530>

#### **Written Answers — Department of Health: Health Services Access (8 Jul 2014)**

Jim Daly (Cork South West, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to cases where social workers for organisations such as Enable Ireland and citizen's information are advising persons that they cannot avail of services such as personal care assistants, assisted living scheme and public health nurse visits unless they have a medical card; if this is correct information; if he is satisfied with this arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1936>

### **Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Health Services Reform (9 Jul 2014)**

Stephen Donnelly (Wicklow, Independent) To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has commissioned independent analysis on potential savings in the Irish health system since March 2011; if so, whether this analysis is available; if no independent analysis on potential savings has been undertaken whether he will consider commissioning such analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-07-09a.43>

**Written Answers — Department of Health: Disabilities Services Funding (10 Jul 2014)**

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Health the total State spend on Health Service Executive disability services for the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and to date in 2014; if he will provide a breakdown of same by year and by scheme and-or project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-10a.496>

**Topical Issue Debate: Mental Health Services Provision (9 Jul 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-07-09a.334>

**Written Answers — Department of Health: Services for People with Disabilities (9 Jul 2014)**

Aengus Ó Snodaigh (Dublin South Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Health the number of local health areas without an early intervention team and the cost of ensuring such teams are established in these remaining areas. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.1084>

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

**Seanad: Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014: Committee Stage (8 Jul 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-07-08a.138>

**Seanad: Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014: Committee Stage (Resumed) (8 Jul 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-07-08a.331>

**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Social Welfare Benefits Administration (10 Jul 2014)**

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has considered making video guides to assist people with filling in application forms for payments such as domiciliary care allowance. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-10a.248>

**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Fuel Allowance Eligibility (9 Jul 2014)**

Aengus Ó Snodaigh (Dublin South Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending fuel allowance to recipients of family income supplement. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.572>

**Written Answers — Department of Public Expenditure and Reform: Economic Models (8 Jul 2014)**

Kevin Humphreys (Dublin South East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on developing an economic model to measure the impact and who loses or gains most from public service spending cuts or tax increases as the UK Treasury has; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.671>

**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Family Income Supplement Expenditure (8 Jul 2014)**

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget allocation in her Department for family income supplement in the years 2012, 2013 and to date in 2014. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.840>

**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: One-Parent Family Payment Eligibility (8 Jul 2014)**

Ciara Conway (Waterford, Labour) To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce an adequate number of free child care places, as previously promised, to counteract the difficulties being faced by parents who are losing the one-parent family payment; the timeline in place to provide the child care places; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.991>

**Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Homeless Accommodation Funding (9 Jul 2014)**

Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government the number of voluntary homeless charities in the Dublin area; the amount of public money that they receive each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.824>

**Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Homeless Accommodation Funding (9 Jul 2014)**

Dessie Ellis (Dublin North West, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government the amount spent in 2013 on emergency accommodation; and the amount to date in 2014. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.842>

**Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Property Taxation Administration (8 Jul 2014)**

Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government the reason Dublin's local property taxes are going to be reassigned to other regions when this tax can support the crisis situation with the homeless in Dublin; if he will defend the interests of Dublin citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1226>

**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Social Welfare Payments Administration (9 Jul 2014)**

Aengus Ó Snodaigh (Dublin South Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost in 2015 of restoring maternity benefit to the payment level prior to budget 2014. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.583>

**Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Back to Education Allowance Payments (8 Jul 2014)**

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of restoring child benefit to families with children who are in full-time second level education but who have reached 18 years of age. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.843>

**Written Answers — One-Parent Family Payments (8 Jul 2014)**

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of reversing reductions in the earnings disregard for the one parent family payment introduced in Budget 2012. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.837>



**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Legislative Process (8 Jul 2014)**

Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Bills her Department has published since March 2011; the number of regulatory impact assessments her Department has published since March 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1579>

**Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Bill 2014: From the Seanad (11 Jul 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2014-07-11a.48>

**Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Bill 2014: Report and Final Stages (10 Jul 2014)**

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2014-07-10a.186>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Appointments to State Boards (8 Jul 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide in tabular form the number of appointments to State boards under her Department's remit made from March 2011 to date; the number of vacancies on State boards under her Department's remit from March 2011 to date; the number of vacancies on State boards under her Department's remit publically advertised from March 2011 to date; and the number of appointments to State boards under her remit drawn directly from the public advertisement process.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1570>

**Written Answers — Department of An Taoiseach: Public Relations Contracts Data (8 Jul 2014)**

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Taoiseach if he will detail, in tabular form, the use of external public relations firms employed by his Department since coming to office; a list of uses of each external public relations firm; the internal Department policy with regard to employing external groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.140>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission Investigations (10 Jul 2014)**

Clare Daly (Dublin North, United Left) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she intends to instruct GSOC to carry out an inquiry into the leaking of information to the media in relation to the removal of two Roma children from their families, the consequences of which were enormously damaging for the families concerned and which, although outside the scope of the special section 42 inquiry, based on the evidence examined by the inquiry was believed to have come from Garda sources. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-10a.375>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Ombudsman for Children Reports (10 Jul 2014)**

Clare Daly (Dublin North, United Left) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when and the way she will implement the recommendations of the special Section 42 inquiry in to the removal of two Roma children from their families with regard to resourcing advocacy services for Roma and undertaking an assessment of needs regarding the supports which are necessary for the Roma community in association with members of the community themselves.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-10a.378>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Courts Service (8 Jul 2014)**

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide an update on the work of her Department in proposing reforms of the family law courts; and if these reforms will be progressed through legislative amendments or a referendum.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1662>

**Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Legislative Process (8 Jul 2014)**

Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of Bills his Department has published since March 2011; the number of regulatory impact assessments that his Department has published since March 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.2236>

**Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Garda Investigations (8 Jul 2014)**

Pádraig MacLochlainn (Donegal North East, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide an update on the concerns in relation to the resource and IT limitations of the computer crime investigation unit of the Garda Síochána that has led to serious delays in prosecuting persons suspected of having images of child abuse stored on their computers. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1554>

**Other**

**Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Voluntary Sector Funding (10 Jul 2014)**

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government the criteria used and the basis of the scoring system employed in the allocation of funding in the scheme to support national organisations 2014-2016; the organisations funded and those applicant organisations not funded; the reasons for the decision and scoring awarded in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-10a.307>

**Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Voluntary Sector Funding (9 Jul 2014)**

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Independent) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government the reason money under the Pobal-administered funding for voluntary organisations has been cut to the Neurological Alliance of Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this organisation is a vital representative and advocacy group for over 700,000 persons here living with a neurological condition; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Ireland has the lowest number of neurologists in Europe and this area is in serious need of effective advocacy; if he will reinstate the funding immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.836>

**Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Traveller Community (9 Jul 2014)**

Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government if he is willing to reconsider his decision not to continue funding Traveller community groups under a national programme in view of the fact that Travellers are the most marginalised group in Irish society and the work done by these groups to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-09a.839>

**Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Community Development Initiatives (8 Jul 2014)**

Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a public meeting that has been organised in response to a local community's experience of economic decline and underdevelopment (details supplied); the ways in which his Department directly, or agencies accountable, either directly or indirectly to his Department, including the local authorities, Pobal and the Dormant Accounts Fund, can provide assistance and facilitation to a community that is taking steps in this way to organise itself and develop its resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter.  
<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2014-07-08a.1169b>

**Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Disabilities Services Funding (8 Jul 2014)**

Willie O'Dea (Limerick City, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government if he will reconsider a decision not to provide funding for Deaforward, an essential support service for the deaf community; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that as a result of this the Deaforward office must now close; and if he will make a statement on the matter.  
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