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

Dáil Éireann 07/02/2013 Written Answers: Special Educational Needs

Deputy Willie Penrose asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if he has given any consideration to expanding the role of special needs assistants in schools throughout the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020700043?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: School Patronage

Deputy Charlie McConalogue asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if any guidance or directions have been given by his Department to schools located within areas in which

patronage surveys are being carried out regarding the organising by schools of meetings to discuss the patronage surveys; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500060?opendocument>

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

Dáil Éireann 07/02/2013 Written Answers: Family Support Services

Deputy Seán Ó Feargháil asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the current position in relation to funding for the family support agency; her views that the existing network of family resource centres are adequately funded; if she has plans to fund further centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020700048?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 06/02/2013 Written Answers: Foster Care Expenditure

Deputy Brian Stanley asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the per capita funding paid to fostering agencies by the Health Service Executive has been reduced by 33%; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020600111?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 06/02/2013 Written Answers: Foster Care Expenditure

Deputy Brian Stanley asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the cost to the State per annum for a child in foster placement with a family, including weekly/monthly payments to the family plus ancillary costs.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020600111?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 06/02/2013 Written Answers: Departmental Staff

Deputy Eoghan Murphy asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if there are any retired public sector workers from her Department, or any other part of the public sector, currently on her Department's payroll, for example, for sitting on a committee or preparing a report, but not exclusively these two areas; the number on the payroll; the cost to her Department; the services being delivered for this money; and the way that the positions were originally advertised.

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Dáil Éireann 06/02/2013 Written Answers: Departmental Banking

Deputy Simon Harris asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the amount of money held on deposit or in short term bank investments by each Government or State agency or body under her Department's remit; the rate of interest at which these deposits are held; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Community Development Projects

Deputy Damien English asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will provide details of all funding programmes in her Department that community, voluntary and

sporting organisations may apply to for funding; if she will provide a brief overview of each programme; the opening and closing dates of each programme; the minimum and maximum amounts of funding that may be applied for.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500078?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Child Care Services

Deputy Paudie Coffey asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald further to Parliamentary Question No. 1477 of 18 September 2012, if capital funding will be made available from her Department for 2013 to fund a maintenance programme for childcare facilities, the aim of which is to provide support to childcare settings to address medial, maintenance and renovation work or to purchase equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Capital Expenditure Programme

Deputy Sean Fleming asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the amount of her Department's €26 million capital spending for 2013 that will go towards construction projects; the projects involved; the details of these projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Departmental Expenditure

Deputy Thomas Pringle asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will outline in tabular form the total cost of all conferences and seminars attended by her Department in 2012; the purpose of each conference/seminar; the location; the number of delegates that attended from her Department/agencies or otherwise that were represented; the total cost of each conference/seminar; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Dáil Éireann 07/02/2013 Written Answers: Sexual Offences

Deputy Eoghan Murphy asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter his plans regarding new legislation or guidelines dealing with child abuse and rape cases, including improving protection to victims, improving available supports to victims, increasing the number and rotation of judges dealing with such cases, and sentencing guidelines/laws for the perpetrators of such acts.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020700047?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Garda Vetting of Personnel

Deputy Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter if he will provide details on the commencement of the National Vetting Bureau Act in March 2013; if all provisions in the Act will be commenced at this time; if the National Vetting Bureau will receive additional resources to process the applications in view of the fact that it is taking approximately 12 weeks for applications to be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500073?opendocument>

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

Dáil Éireann 07/02/2013 Written Answers: Mental Health Services

Deputy Finian McGrath asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly if he will support the National Mental Health Policy of not moving the intellectually disabled back into institutions from the community and to continue with the Programme for Government.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020700049?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 06/02/2013 Written Answers: Suicide Prevention

Deputy Tom Fleming asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly following the publication of the cross border report on suicide jointly funded by the National Office for Suicide Prevention and the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland, the action he will take to implement the recommendations in the report and the availability of sufficient funding and appointment of personnel with specific expertise to engage in intensive preventative programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020600112?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Order of Business:

Deputy Micheál Martin: Where do we stand with the Health Service Executive (Governance) Bill and the health (amendment) Bill, particularly in terms of the hospitals that will now be cut so dramatically?

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500028?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Psychological Services

Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the extent of the engagement between the National Educational Psychological Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Education Welfare Boards, in the interests of those students in both primary and post primary education in need of support.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500060?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Health Service Staff

Deputy Thomas P. Broughan asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly if he will report on the appointment of the Director of the National Suicide Office and the key aims of the agency for the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500079?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Primary Care Strategy

Deputy Dara Calleary asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly the total amounts invested in his Department's primary care strategy on an annual basis since 2010; if he will outline in a tabular

form the number of medical posts and the number of administration posts created under this strategy on a regional basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500079?opendocument>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection Debate 06/02/2013

Habitual Residence Condition: Discussion with Pavee Point.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetakes/EDJ2013020600008?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Child Benefit Waiting Times

Deputy Thomas P. Broughan asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton the current waiting time for an application for child benefit; the number of applicants currently waiting for their child benefit application to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500064?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Family Income Supplement Waiting Times

Deputy Thomas P. Broughan asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton the current waiting time for an application for family income supplement; the number of applicants currently waiting for their family income supplement application to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500064?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Child Poverty

Deputy Nicky McFadden asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the way the further €2.5 million allocated to her Department for the area based child poverty initiative will be utilised; if areas in the Midlands will be included in this initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500078?opendocument>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Dáil Éireann 06/02/2013 Written Answers: Proposed Legislation

Deputy Peadar Tóibín asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter his plans to introduce legislation that would provide for the recognition of Traveller ethnicity.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020600102?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 06/02/2013 Written Answers: Proposed Legislation

Deputy Jonathan O'Brien asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter if he plans to introduce legislation to rectify legal anomalies around the issue of surrogacy.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020600102?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 06/02/2013 Written Answers: Proposed Legislation

Deputy Pearse Doherty asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter the date on which he will publish legislative proposals to enhance the protection of children against sexual abuse and exploitation, including grooming; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020600102?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Courts Service

Deputy Joe Carey asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter his plans for the creation of specialised family law courts here; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500074?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 05/02/2013 Written Answers: Departmental Funding

Deputy Michael Moynihan asked the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government Phil Hogan the funding provided to the community sector for social partnership in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013020500053?opendocument>

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