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Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Written Answers: School Staffing

Deputy Finian McGrath asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the gender breakdown of primary school principals by county.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000062?opendocument#WRO00150>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: School Transport Eligibility

Deputy Finian McGrath asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the circumstances in which students are sanctioned for subsidised school bus transport to bring them to a primary school outside of their local school.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000062?opendocument#WRO00650>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Early Childhood Education

Deputy Colm Keaveney asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the number of schools in the primary sector that are operating early childhood care and education facilities in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000061?opendocument#WRN02350>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Schools Building Projects Status

Deputy Colm Keaveney asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the number of schools in the primary sector that have had funding approved for extensions and the number awaiting approval, broken down by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000061?opendocument#WRN02550>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Special Educational Needs Services Provision

Deputy Michelle Mulherin asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the provision and courses for personal development and education that are available to a young person with autism after they attain the age of 18 years recognising their special needs and the desirability of developing their potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000062?opendocument#WRO00950>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Bullying in Schools

Deputy Dan Neville asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the procedure for dealing with advice to school principals in dealing with response to cyber bullying.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000063?opendocument#WRP00450>

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Written Answers: Special Educational Needs Services Provision

Deputy Thomas P. Broughan asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if he will publish in full his Autism policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100057?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Written Answers: Community Childcare Subvention Scheme

Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the reason the children of participants in jobbridge are not included in band A for the childcare subvention scheme in view of the importance of this innovative scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100068?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 School Patronage

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100036?opendocument#JJ00550>

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

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Written Answers: Children Services Committees

Deputy Róisín Shortall asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will report on the Children's Services Committees which have already been established; the catchment population and child population which each serves; and if she will provide this information for all proposed Children Services Committees.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100068?opendocument#WRW01350>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Youth Services

Deputy Clare Daly asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the way she can justify the 11 to 14% cut backs in services to young persons at community level, particularly as research shows that such investment saves the State in the long run.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000072?opendocument#WRY02900>

Family: Including adoption

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Foreign Adoptions

Deputy Joe McHugh asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will explain the distinction between a Hague convention and a Hague standard in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the number of Irish couples with pre-Hague section 63 declarations who have adopted children from Russia since the Hague concord; the reason a hold has been placed on registering adoptions from Russia; if she will advise the family on the way they should now approach the matter; and if she will acknowledge that the couple acted to-date in good faith;

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000069?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Foreign Adoptions

Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordán asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will clarify the situation whereby couples who commenced their international adoption of children prior to the ratification of the Hague Convention by Ireland cannot register their children with the Adoption Authority of Ireland despite being the de facto parent and legal guardian to said child; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there are 20 such couples in this situation and that the Adoption Authority of Ireland was originally meant to bring High Court action on this issue to have it resolved but has now decided not so.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000072?opendocument#WRY02900>

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Written Answers: Inter-Country Adoptions

Deputy Seán Ó Fearghail asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will investigate the case of an inter-country adoption raised in correspondence (details supplied); if she will advise on the way the adoption process can be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100068?opendocument#WRW01350>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Committee 20/03/2013 Social Media: Discussion with Google and Digital Rights Ireland

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetakes/TRJ2013032000003?opendocument#C00200>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Child Care Reports

Deputy Robert Troy asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she has established an independent child death review unit to review all incidences of death or serious injury of a child while in the care of the State as committed to in the aftermath of the publication of the independent child death report.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000072?opendocument#WRY03200>

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

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Disability Services: Motion [Private Members]

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000039?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Services for People with Disabilities

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000075?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Health Services Provision

Deputy Billy Kelleher asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly his assessment of the new Health Service Executive regional service plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000008?opendocument#F00300>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Health Service Recruitment

Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly when he intends to move forward with employing extra occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and psychological services to address the shortfall which exists in all three services; the numbers of new recruits expected to be employed; the locations that will be targeted for the deployment of new therapists; if the budget that was withdrawn in 2012 has been reinstated for 2013 in respect of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000009?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Topical Issue Debate: Access to Health Services

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100035?opendocument#HH00100>

Dáil Éireann 20/03/2013 Written Answers: Suicide Prevention

Deputy Willie O'Dea asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly the measures he is putting in place to tackle suicide; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032000049?opendocument>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection Debate 20/03/2013: Report on Child and Family Income Support: Discussion

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetales/EDJ2013032000003?opendocument>

Joint Committee on Health and Children 21/03/2013 Tackling Childhood Poverty: Discussion

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetales/HEJ2013032100004?opendocument#C00200>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Written Answers: Magdalen Laundries Issues

Deputy Seán Ó Fearghail asked the Minister for Justice and Equality several questions on the Magdalen Laundries.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100064?opendocument#WRS00550>

Seanad Éireann 20/03/2013 Restorative Justice Process: Motion

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2013032000037?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Written Answers: Prison Accommodation

Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter the number of cells in each institution here; the number that accommodate two, three, four or more prisoners; the current levels of overcrowding within each prison with reference to the safe levels of custody on each prison as identified by the Inspector of Prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100065?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 21/03/2013 Written Answers: Legal Aid Service Reform

Deputy Seán Ó Fearghail asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter if his attention has been drawn to the recently published report Access to Justice; A Report of the Legal Aid Task Force; his views on the concerns raised in the report regarding increased pressure placed on the civil legal aid scheme resulting in a denial of access to justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2013032100064?opendocument>

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