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1. This week in the Oireachtas (07 May - 10 May 2013)

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2. Oireachtas Questions and Debate (29 April -03 May 2013)

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Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: After-School Support Services (9 May 2013)

[Robert Troy](#) (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide a progress report on the new after-school childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.322>

Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Preschool Services (9 May 2013)

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she intends to introduce a second free pre-school year; the evaluation she has conducted of the effectiveness of the free pre-school year;; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.296>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Provision (9 May 2013)

Billy Kelleher (Cork North Central, Fianna Fail) | [Oireachtas source](#)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will amend the Child Care Act of 1991 to ensure the regulation of all paid childminders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.23>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: After-School Support Services (9 May 2013)

Barry Cowen (Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide a progress on the new after-school childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.26>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Provision (8 May 2013)

Denis Naughten (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent)

210. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will confirm that all childcare services provided by persons employed outside the child's own home will be subject to the provisions of the Children First Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.610>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (9 May 2013)

Brendan Griffin (Kerry South, Fine Gael)

94. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the supports that exist for secondary schools to provide scribes and readers for students who need them for in house school exams; if he will agree that the failure to provide such services outside of State exams disadvantages those who need this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.256>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (8 May 2013)

Pearse Doherty (Donegal South West, Sinn Fein)

83. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he intends to review the situation whereby children with Down's syndrome are unable to access the maximum allocation of resource hours; if he will review Spec Ed 02/05 to ensure that children with Down's syndrome are recognised in their own right; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.231>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (8 May 2013)

[Thomas Pringle](#) (Donegal South West, Independent)

87. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will add Down syndrome to the low incident list of intellectual disabilities to ensure that children can access the full suite of resources to help them to develop through the education system to their full ability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.245>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (7 May 2013)

[Helen McEntee](#) (Meath East, Fine Gael)

164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will give an assurance to all those affected by Down syndrome that the awaited National Council for Special Education report on whether Down syndrome should be reclassified as a low-incidence disability in all incidents regardless of assessed cognitive ability will be examined and acted upon by his office promptly on receipt of the report. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.240>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (7 May 2013)

[Peter Mathews](#) (Dublin South, Fine Gael)

174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide additional resources and resource hours to schools who have pupils with Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.271>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: School Enrolments (8 May 2013)

[Jonathan O'Brien](#) (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the mechanisms in place to ensure that children who have been adopted or fostered are not disadvantaged from enrolling in local schools where there is a high demand due to their inability to enrol at an early age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.236>

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

[Mary Lou McDonald](#) (Dublin Central, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans, if any, to address the need for prospective parent awareness of the importance of love, nurture and stability in the early and formative years of their children's lives for their general development, health and fulfilment throughout all their days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.356>

Other Questions: Child Development (9 May 2013)

[Robert Troy](#) (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)

I will be very brief. When Barack Obama, who is arguably the most powerful man in the world, was re-elected to the White House, he sent out a tweet about how the most difficult and rewarding job of all was being a father. When one looks at it in that context, it is very important that we put in the necessary supports to support people who are doing the most difficult and rewarding job of all, namely, parenting. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.356#g365>

Other Questions: Ombudsman for Children Reports (9 May 2013)

[Pearse Doherty](#) (Donegal South West, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will advise her and her Department's analysis, if same has been done, of the more than 1,200 complaints recorded and addressed by the Ombudsman for Children in 2012; if it is the practice that year on year such an analysis is undertaken in order to take appropriate action to help reduce, if not eliminate, the causes of repeat issues arising; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.350>

Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Child and Family Agency (9 May 2013)

[Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin](#) (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has proceeded to seek expressions of interest from interested persons or nominations of specific persons who would be prepared to serve as members of the board of the yet to be established Child and Family Agency; the number of board positions she intends for the new Agency; if a person ([details supplied](#)) has taken up her position as Chair of the board of the existing Family Support Agency;; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.305>

Written answers - Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (9 May 2013)

[Séamus Kirk](#) (Louth, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in residential general care who now have a written care plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.8>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Foster Care Provision (7 May 2013)

[Róisín Shortall](#) (Dublin North West, Independent)

362. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress made to date in relation to each of the actions set down in the Health Information and Quality Authority report, Inspection of the Health Service Executive Dublin North West Local Health Area Fostering Service in the HSE Dublin North East Region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.824>

Topical Issue Debate: Children in Care (8 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-08a.153>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (9 May 2013)

[Séamus Kirk](#) (Louth, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in residential general care who now have a written care plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.8>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Provision (9 May 2013)

[Brian Stanley](#) (Laois-Offaly, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reporting protocols in place regarding children in high support units who engage in anti-social behaviour in off-site settings and more serious activities, including criminal damage; the protocols in place when it is apparent that children placed in high support units have taken alcohol or may have engaged in other substance abuse activities; if these latter incidents are also covered by reporting protocols; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.48>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Provision (9 May 2013)

[Gerry Adams](#) (Louth, Sinn Fein)

32. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the implications for her Department's planning for the future of the projections contained in the new study from the Central Statistics Office entitled Population and Labour Force Projections 2016-2046 that predicts a 17% to 20% increase in the number of children of primary school age over the next eight years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.69>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Reports (7 May 2013)

[Pearse Doherty](#) (Donegal South West, Sinn Fein)

357. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has considered the findings of the child law project report which indicates that children in County Donegal are 10 times more likely to be put into State care; her views on the report; the plans in place to ensure that there are appropriate facilities in place for the children concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.810>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Foster Care Provision (7 May 2013)

[Róisín Shortall](#) (Dublin North West, Independent)

362. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress made to date in relation to each of the actions set down in the Health Information and Quality Authority report, Inspection of the Health Service Executive Dublin North West Local Health Area Fostering Service in the HSE Dublin North East Region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.824>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services (9 May 2013)

[Denis Naughten](#) (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps being taken to protect frontline youth services in view of the funding cuts experienced by the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.87>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services (8 May 2013)

[Denis Naughten](#) (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent)

209. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps being taken to protect frontline youth services in view of the projected 50% cut in the budget between 2009 and 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.607>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services (9 May 2013)

[Bernard Durkan](#) (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

193. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she has had discussions with providers of youth support services throughout the country with a view to targeting areas or priority deemed to be in need of early attention; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.540>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Youth Services (8 May 2013)

[Denis Naughten](#) (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent)

209. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps being taken to protect frontline youth services in view of the projected 50% cut in the budget between 2009 and 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.607>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (9 May 2013)

[Séamus Kirk](#) (Louth, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in residential general care who now have a written care plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.8>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Aftercare Services (9 May 2013)

[Eamonn Maloney](#) (Dublin South West, Labour)

19. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the structures and support mechanisms that can be provided to young persons who leave State care where there is no family support.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.37>

Topical Issue Debate: Children in Care (8 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-08a.153>

Other Questions: Ombudsman for Children Reports (9 May 2013)

[Pearse Doherty](#) (Donegal South West, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will advise her and her Department's analysis, if same has been done, of the more than 1,200 complaints recorded and addressed by the Ombudsman for Children in 2012; if it is the practice that year on year such an analysis is undertaken in order to take appropriate action to help reduce, if not eliminate, the causes of repeat issues arising; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.350>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Aftercare Services (9 May 2013)

[Eamonn Maloney](#) (Dublin South West, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the structures and support mechanisms that can be provided to young persons who leave State care where there is no family support.

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Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (9 May 2013)

[Seán Ó Feargháil](#) (Kildare South, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in care who now have an allocated social worker; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.66>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Foster Care Provision (7 May 2013)

[Róisín Shortall](#) (Dublin North West, Independent)

362. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress made to date in relation to each of the actions set down in the Health Information and Quality Authority report, Inspection of the Health Service Executive Dublin North West Local Health Area Fostering Service in the HSE Dublin North East Region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.824>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (9 May 2013)

[Peadar Tóibín](#) (Meath West, Sinn Fein)

21. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to help reverse the increase of deaths by suicide of children in care, children known to the Health Service Executive's child welfare and protection service and young persons in aftercare in 2012 or the 2011 number of

cases notified to the National Review Panel ([details supplied](#)); and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.41>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Children in Care (9 May 2013)

[Seán Ó Fearghail](#) (Kildare South, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in care who now have an allocated social worker; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.66>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Ministerial Dialogue (9 May 2013)

[Bernard Durkan](#) (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she continues to have dialogue with the various stakeholders in relation to issues affecting the welfare, well-being and health of children and young persons; the extent to which dominant issues have arisen in this regard; if she has a preference for particular and or specific policies to target any such issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.72>

Asylum/Immigration

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Asylum Seeker Accommodation (9 May 2013)

[Michael Colreavy](#) (Sligo-North Leitrim, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the suitability of centres for child and family accommodation of asylum seekers; if she has urged the Department for Justice and Equality to introduce an independent complaints mechanism and independent inspection office of direct provision centres in order to ensure the highest standards of welfare and protection, particularly of children; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.51>

Seanad: Adjournment Matters: Direct Provision (8 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2013-05-08a.252>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Asylum Applications (7 May 2013)

[Nicky McFadden](#) (Longford-Westmeath, Fine Gael)

297. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will outline the way the Common European Asylum System will ensure that the European Union has a fair and effective system for processing asylum applications that is also robust and not open to abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.633>

Family: Including adoption

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Illegal Adoptions

[Clare Daly](#) (Dublin North, Socialist Party)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if, in view of the recent apology given by the Australian Prime Minister to the victims of illegal adoptions carried out in that country in the 1960s, if an inquiry will be established into the illegal adoptions carried out here in the post 1952 period when adoption legislation was in force. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.79>

Other Questions: Adoption Services Provision (9 May 2013)

[Michael Moynihan](#) (Cork North West, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the Adoption (Tracing and Information) Bill will be introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.339>

Ceisteanna - Questions - Priority Questions: Adoption Records (9 May 2013)

[Mick Wallace](#) (Wexford, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied that adoption records are adequately protected; her plans to improve their protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.330>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Domestic Adoptions (9 May 2013)

[Sandra McLellan](#) (Cork East, Sinn Fein)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of domestic births placed for adoption in each of the past three years, 2010, 2011 and 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.60>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Inter-Country Adoptions (9 May 2013)

[Sandra McLellan](#) (Cork East, Sinn Fein)

30. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the signed agreement with Vietnam regarding inter-country adoptions came into operational effect before the end of April 2013 as previously advised; the up-to-date position regarding arrangements for inter-country adoptions with Ethiopia, India and Russia; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.63>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Adoption Legislation (9 May 2013)

[Clare Daly](#) (Dublin North, Socialist Party)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason for the delay in introducing the Adoption (Tracing and Information) Bill; and the steps being taken to protect birth/adoption records held in private hands. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.75>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Protection Issues (9 May 2013)

[Martin Ferris](#) (Kerry North-West Limerick, Sinn Fein) |

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her reaction to and the steps that will be taken to address both the historic failures and the contemporary deficiencies highlighted in the recently published reviews of a number of Catholic Dioceses undertaken by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.14>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Protection Issues (9 May 2013)

[Bernard Durkan](#) (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

196. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she has adequate resources available to her Department in line with requirements and responsibilities arising from

child protection legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.548>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Abuse (9 May 2013)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she intends to enhance the procedures to ensure a rapid response to reports and or suspicions of child abuse; if she has in mind any particular initiatives in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.566>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Bullying of Children (9 May 2013)

www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.82

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Reports (8 May 2013)

[Denis Naughten](#) (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent)

208. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason for the delay in publishing the results of the audit produced on foot of the recommendations in the report on the Roscommon Child Care Case; the reason the results of this audit, produced on foot of an inquiry are to be amalgamated with two further audits; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.604>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Protection Services (9 May 2013)

[Bernard Durkan](#) (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

194. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which incidents of physical, psychological or other forms of child abuse have been notified to her Department in each of the past two years to date; the extent to which adequate follow up response has been achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.544>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Bullying in Schools (9 May 2013)

[Catherine Murphy](#) (Kildare North, Independent) | [Oireachtas source](#)

204. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will outline her progress within her Ministerial remit on combatting incidences of bullying amongst young persons; in particular, if she has consulted with the Department of Education and Skills on a multi-Departmental approach to combatting homophobic bullying in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.569>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Missing Persons Hotline (8 May 2013)

[Joan Collins](#) (Dublin South Central, People Before Profit Alliance)

205. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide an update in the 116000 missing child number. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.597>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Internet Safety Issues (8 May 2013)

[Billy Kelleher](#) (Cork North Central, Fianna Fail)

161. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the action he will take against websites that promote harmful and unhealthy behaviour such as promoting anorexia and bulimia and other eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.471>

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

Other Questions: Child Development (9 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-09a.356>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Internet Safety Issues (9 May 2013)

[Éamon Ó Cuív](#) (Galway West, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the action her Department will take to help young persons counter the effects of websites that encourage harmful and unhealthy behaviour, such as promoting anorexia and bulimia and other eating disorders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.44>

Written Answers — Department of Health: National Substance Misuse Strategy (7 May 2013)

[John Lyons](#) (Dublin North West, Labour)

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the introduction of the national alcohol strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.862>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Mental Health Services Provision (9 May 2013)

[Bernard Durkan](#) (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

201. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which she continues to liaise with health service providers, youth organisations and educationalists with particular reference to the identification of the causes of depression amongst young persons; the extent to which she continues to find it possible to address these issues or introduce new initiatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.560>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Sunbed Usage (9 May 2013)

[Pádraig MacLochlainn](#) (Donegal North East, Sinn Féin)

13. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she or her Department have engaged directly with the Department of Health to ensure that legislation currently being drafted on the issue of sunbed use and access adequately addresses the serious problem of under-18 use of these machines with all the potential adverse effects on children's health and their well-being in later life; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.17>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Poverty (9 May 2013)

[Bernard Durkan](#) (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

197. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which her Department has been made aware of youth poverty; her strategy to address any such issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.552>

Topical Issue Debate: Homeless Persons Supports (7 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-05-07a.246>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Juvenile Offenders (9 May 2013)

[Bernard Durkan](#) (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

200. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the extent to which her Department expects to examine issues surrounding juvenile offenders with particular reference to identifying the social and or economic contributory factors; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.557

Seanad: Domestic Violence: Motion (8 May 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2013-05-08a.187>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Appointments to State Boards (9 May 2013)

[Patrick Nulty](#) (Dublin West, Labour)

170. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to his announcement of 16 April 2013 the names of fourteen persons who are to serve as members of the board of the Equality Authority in the interim before the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission is established; the names of the two persons appointed by him on the nomination of representatives of employees as required by Section 44(1)(a) of the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2011; the names of the two persons appointed by him on the nomination of representatives of employers as required by Section 44(1)(b) of the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2011; the organisation or organisations representing employees and representing employers that made those nominations;; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.468>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Employment Rights Issues (8 May 2013)

[Seán Kyne](#) (Galway West, Fine Gael)

170. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when it is envisaged that the newly constituted Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission will be in a position to examine and report on the effects of Section 37 of the 1998 Employment Equality Act; and if he will indicate a timeframe for implementing the recommendations, if any, on legislative changes.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-08a.500>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Staff (7 May 2013)

[Peadar Tóibín](#) (Meath West, Sinn Fein)

282. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the legislation used in the appointment process to the recently announced Equality Board. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-07a.591>

Written Answers — Department of Environment, Community and Local Government: Constitutional Convention (9 May 2013)

[John Lyons](#) (Dublin North West, Labour)

152. To ask the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government if a decision has been reached on holding a referendum on reducing the voting age to 16 following the Constitutional Convention's recommendation; and if he is considering holding this referendum at the same time as the Seanad abolition referendum in October 2013. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-05-09a.413>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Legal Aid Service Expenditure (8 May 2013)

[Seán Kyne](#) (Galway West, Fine Gael)

152. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if additional resources will be made available to the Legal Aid Board to enhance the support, advice and information available to persons in financial difficulties such as mortgage arrears.