

## Oireachtas Monitor 195 Published: 14 December 2015

### 1. Coming up this week in the Houses of the Oireachtas (14 December 2015 – 18 December 2015)

- [Dail and Seanad Agenda](#)

### 2. Last week's Oireachtas Questions and Debates ( 7 December 2015 - 11 December 2015)

- [a. Asylum/Immigration](#)
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#### **a. Asylum/Immigration**

##### **Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers**

Department of Social Protection

- [Direct Provision Expenditure](#), Willie O'Dea (Limerick City, Fianna Fail)

Department of Justice and Equality

- [Direct Provision Expenditure](#), Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein)
- [Legislative Measures](#), Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent)
- [Asylum Seeker Accommodation](#), Arthur Spring (Kerry North-West Limerick, Labour)
- [Refugee Numbers](#), Arthur Spring (Kerry North-West Limerick, Labour)

## Debates

- Dail Debates, [International Protection Bill 2015: Second Stage](#)
- Seanad Debates, [International Protection Bill 2015: Committee Stage \(Resumed\) and Remaining Stages](#)

## b. Education (incl. ECCE and Child Care)

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Education and Skills

- [Ministerial Meetings](#), Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)
- [School Enrolments](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Schools Building Projects Administration](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [State Examinations](#), Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein)
- [Pupil-Teacher Ratio](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [School Management](#), Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent)
- [Student Support Schemes](#), Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent)
- [Consultancy Contracts Data](#), Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)
- [Educational Disadvantage](#), Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail)
- [Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance Scheme Data](#), Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent)
- [School Enrolments](#), Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail)
- [Religious Instruction in Schools](#), Ruth Coppinger (Dublin West, Socialist Party)
- [School Patronage](#), Mattie McGrath (Tipperary South, Independent)
- [School Curriculum](#), Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein)
- [School Patronage](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Education Policy](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Gaelscoileanna Issues](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [School Patronage](#), Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein)
- [Religious Education](#), Seán Fleming (Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail)
- [Teacher Data](#), Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail)
- [Information and Communications Technology](#), Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent)
- [Early Start Programme](#), Joanna Tuffy (Dublin Mid West, Labour)

## Debates

- Dáil debates, [Equality in Education Bill 2015: First Stage](#)
- Committee on Education and Social Protection: Select Sub-Committee on Education and Skills, [Estimates for Public Services 2015, Vote 26](#) - Education and Skills (Supplementary)
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [School Accommodation](#)
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [School Admissions](#)
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [School Patronage](#)

## c. Child Services/ Children in Care

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Children and Youth Affairs

- [Departmental Reports](#), Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)
- [Child Care Services](#) Data, Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- [Children in Care](#), Mattie McGrath (Tipperary South, Independent)
- [Child and Family Agency Staff](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- [Youth Cafés Expenditure](#), Seán Fleming (Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail)
- [Child and Family Agency Services](#), Paul Murphy (Dublin South West, Socialist Party)

Department of Education and Skills

- [Residential Institutions](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)

## d. Child Abuse/ Child Protection

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Education and Skills

- [Child Abuse](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)

## e. Disability and Special Educational Needs

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Education and Skills

- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), John Lyons (Dublin North West, Labour)
- [Special Educational Needs Resources](#), Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent)
- [Special Educational Needs Staffing](#), Tom Fleming (Kerry South, Independent)
- [Special Educational Needs Staffing](#), Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Special Educational Needs Data](#), Denis Naughten (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Ciarán Lynch (Cork South Central, Labour)
- [Autism Support Services](#), Shane Ross (Dublin South, Independent)

### Debates

- Dail Debates, Priority Questions, [Special Educational Needs Staffing](#)
- Dail Debates, Other Questions, [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#)
- Dail Debates, Other Questions, [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#)
- Seanad Debates, Commencement Matters, [Special Educational Needs Staffing](#)

## f. Health and Wellbeing

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Health

- [Mental Health Services](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- [Primary Care Services Provision](#), Billy Kelleher (Cork North Central, Fianna Fail)
- [Legislative Programme](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- [Health Services Data](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- [Health Services Staff Data](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- [Primary Care Services Provision](#), Billy Kelleher (Cork North Central, Fianna Fail)
- [Drug Treatment Programmes Funding](#), Billy Kelleher (Cork North Central, Fianna Fail)
- [Social and Affordable Housing Data](#), Barry Cowen (Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail)
- [Addiction Prevention Programmes](#), Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent)
- [Tattooing and Body Piercing Regulation](#), John Paul Phelan (Carlow-Kilkenny, Fine Gael)
- [Medical Card Eligibility](#), Tom Fleming (Kerry South, Independent)
- [Medical Card Eligibility](#), Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent)
- [Medical Card Eligibility](#), Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent)
- [National Children's Hospital Expenditure](#), Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)
- [Hospital Services](#), Gerry Adams (Louth, Sinn Fein)

Department of Education and Skills

- [Schools Mental Health Strategies](#), Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail)

### Debates

- Seanad Debates, Commencement Matters, [Primary Care Centres](#)
- Dail Debates, [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Bill 2008 \[Seanad\]: Second Stage](#)
- Dail Debates, [Mental Health \(Amendment\) Bill 2008 \[Seanad\]: Committee and Remaining Stages](#)
- Seanad Debates, [Assisted Decision-Making \(Capacity\) Bill 2013: Committee Stage](#)
- Dail Debates, [Suicide Prevention Authority Bill 2015: First Stage](#)

## g. Child Benefit/ Social Welfare/ Poverty/ Housing

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Finance

- [NAMA Social Housing Provision](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)

Department of Social Protection

- [Ministerial Meetings](#), Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)
- [Housing Provision](#), Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central, Independent)

- [Rent Supplement Scheme Payments](#), Gerry Adams (Louth, Sinn Fein)
- [Rent Supplement Scheme Data](#), Barry Cowen (Laois-Offaly, Fianna Fail)
- [Domiciliary Care Allowance Data](#), Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent)

Department of Environment, Community and Local Government

- [Local Authority Housing Data](#), Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent)
- [Social and Affordable Housing Provision](#), Richard Boyd Barrett (Dún Laoghaire, People Before Profit Alliance)
- [Housing Issues](#), Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Independent)
- [Local Authority Housing Provision](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Traveller Accommodation](#), Éamon Ó Cuív (Galway West, Fianna Fail)
- [NAMA Social Housing Provision](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Local Authority Housing Waiting Lists](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Housing Estates](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Commencement of Legislation](#), Thomas Pringle (Donegal South West, Independent)
- [Rent Controls](#), Peter Mathews (Dublin South, Independent)

Department of Education and Skills

- [Departmental Programmes](#), Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein)
- [Education Policy](#), Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein)

#### Debates

- Dail Debates, Other Questions, [Rental Accommodation Scheme Eligibility](#)
- Dail Debates, Priority Questions, [Local Authority Housing Provision](#)

## **h. Juvenile Justice/ Human Rights/ Equality**

### **Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers**

Department of Justice and Equality

- [Courts Service](#), Mattie McGrath (Tipperary South, Independent)
- [Legal Aid Service Expenditure](#), Mattie McGrath (Tipperary South, Independent)

#### Debates

- Seanad Debates, [Prisons Bill 2015: Second Stage](#)
- Seanad Debates, [Courts Bill 2015: Second Stage](#)

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