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### 1. Coming up this week in the Houses of the Oireachtas (10 October 2016 – 14 October 2016)

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### 2. Last week's Oireachtas Questions and Debates (3 October 2016 – 7 October 2016)

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

Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

*Department of Justice and Equality*

- [Unaccompanied Minors and Separated Children](#), Eamon Scanlon (Sligo-Leitrim, Fianna Fail)
- [Unaccompanied Minors and Separated Children](#), Pat Casey (Wicklow, Fianna Fail)
- [Refugee Resettlement Programme](#), Darragh O'Brien (Dublin Fingal, Fianna Fail)

- [Unaccompanied Minors and Separated Children](#), Seán Crowe (Dublin South West, Sinn Fein)

*Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*

- [Immigration Policy](#), Seán Haughey (Dublin Bay North, Fianna Fail)
- [Refugee Data](#), Seán Crowe (Dublin South West, Sinn Fein)

**Debates**

- Seanad debates, Commencement Matters, [Direct Provision System](#)

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

**Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers**

*Department of Education and Skills*

- [Bullying in Schools](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Education Policy](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Schools Building Projects Status](#), Darragh O'Brien (Dublin Fingal, Fianna Fail)
- [School Patronage](#), Jan O'Sullivan (Limerick City, Labour)
- [Educational Disadvantage](#), Seán Haughey (Dublin Bay North, Fianna Fail)
- [Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools Scheme](#), Brendan Ryan (Dublin Fingal, Labour)
- [School Guidance Counsellors](#), Thomas Byrne (Meath East, Fianna Fail)
- [Speech and Language Therapy Provision](#), Margaret Murphy O'Mahony (Cork South West, Fianna Fail)
- [Pupil-Teacher Ratio](#), Willie Penrose (Longford-Westmeath, Labour)
- [Pupil-Teacher Ratio](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

*Department of Children and Youth Affairs*

- [Preschool Services](#), Pearse Doherty (Donegal, Sinn Fein)
- [Child Care Services Regulation](#), Joe Carey (Clare, Fine Gael)

**Debates**

- Seanad debates, [Action Plan for Education: Statements](#)
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [School Patronage](#)
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [School Accommodation Provision](#)
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [National Educational Psychological Service](#)
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [Back to School Costs](#)
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [Schools Building Projects](#)

**c. Child Protection/ Child and Youth Services/ Children in Care**

## Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

### *Department of Children and Youth Affairs*

- [Youth Services Data](#), Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats)
- [Child and Family Agency](#), Clare Daly (Dublin Fingal, United Left)

### *Department of Justice and Equality*

- [Garda Vetting Applications](#), Pat Gallagher (Donegal, Fianna Fail)

## Debates

- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [Child Abuse Prevention](#)
- Dáil debates, [Criminal Law \(Sexual Offences\) Bill 2015: Second Stage](#)

## d. Family

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

#### *Department of Health*

- [Legislative Measures](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)

#### *Department of Social Protection*

- [Adoption Registration](#), Jack Chambers (Dublin West, Fianna Fail)

## e. Health and Wellbeing

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

#### *Department of Health*

- [Hospital Waiting Lists](#), John Deasy (Waterford, Fine Gael)
- [Health Services Provision](#), Gino Kenny (Dublin Mid West, People Before Profit Alliance)
- [Legislative Programme](#), John Curran (Dublin Mid West, Fianna Fail)
- [Obesity Strategy](#), Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire (Cork South Central, Sinn Fein)
- [Mental Health Services Data](#), Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats)
- [Medical Card Eligibility](#), Michael Healy-Rae (Kerry, Independent)
- [Medical Card Eligibility](#), Brendan Griffin (Kerry, Fine Gael)
- [Cross-Border Health Initiatives](#), Pearse Doherty (Donegal, Sinn Fein)

## Debates

- Seanad debates, Commencement Matters (Resumed), [Psychological Services](#)

- Dáil debates, [Mental Health Services: Motion](#) [Private Members]
- Dáil debates, [Health \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Bill 2016](#): Second Stage (Resumed)

## **f. Disability and Special Educational Needs**

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

#### *Department of Education and Skills*

- [Home Tuition Scheme Eligibility](#), Richard Boyd Barrett (Dún Laoghaire, People Before Profit Alliance)
- [School Transport Provision](#), Thomas Byrne (Meath East, Fianna Fail)
- [School Transport Expenditure](#), Thomas Byrne (Meath East, Fianna Fail)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Mick Wallace (Wexford, Independent)
- [Speech and Language Therapy Provision](#), Margaret Murphy O'Mahony (Cork South West, Fianna Fail)
- [School Transport Review](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [School Transport Availability](#), James Lawless (Kildare North, Fianna Fail)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Margaret Murphy O'Mahony (Cork South West, Fianna Fail)
- [Special Education Review](#), Mick Wallace (Wexford, Independent)
- [School Transport](#), John McGuinness (Carlow-Kilkenny, Fianna Fail)
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- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Brendan Smith (Cavan-Monaghan, Fianna Fail)
- [Home Tuition Scheme](#), Clare Daly (Dublin Fingal, United Left)
- [Special Educational Needs Expenditure](#), Tommy Broughan (Dublin Bay North, Independent)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

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

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

#### *Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government*

- [Homelessness Strategy](#), Ruth Coppinger (Dublin West, Anti-Austerity Alliance)
- [Homelessness Strategy](#), Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire (Cork South Central, Sinn Fein)

#### *Department of Social Protection*

- [Family Income Supplement Payments](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [One-Parent Family Payment Eligibility](#), Joan Collins (Dublin South Central, United Left)

- [Family Income Supplement Payments](#), Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent)
- [One-Parent Family Payment Payments](#), Willie O'Dea (Limerick City, Fianna Fail)
- [Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance Scheme Payments](#), Tommy Broughan (Dublin Bay North, Independent)
- [Anti-Poverty Strategy](#), Paul Murphy (Dublin South West, Anti-Austerity Alliance)
- [Child Support Payments](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [School Meals Programme](#), Pearse Doherty (Donegal, Sinn Fein)

*Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government*

- [Traveller Accommodation](#), Eoin Ó Broin (Dublin Mid West, Sinn Fein)
- [Homelessness Strategy](#), Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire (Cork South Central, Sinn Fein)
- [Local Authority Housing Provision](#), Ruth Coppinger (Dublin West, Anti-Austerity Alliance)
- [Emergency Accommodation Data](#), Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)
- [Homelessness Strategy](#), Ruth Coppinger (Dublin West, Anti-Austerity Alliance)

**Debates**

- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [One-Parent Family Payment](#)
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [One-Parent Family Payment](#)
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [Child Poverty](#)
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [Local Authority Housing Funding](#)

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