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1. Coming up this week in the Houses of the Oireachtas (24 October 2016 – 28 October 2016)

Dáil and Seanad Agenda

- 2. Last week's Oireachtas Questions and Debates (17 October 2016 21 October 2016)
- a. Asylum and Immigration
- b. Education (incl ECCE and Child Care)
- c. Child Protection/ Child and Youth Services/ Children in Care
- d. Health and Wellbeing
- e. Disability and Special Educational Needs
- f. Child Benefit / Social Welfare/ Poverty / Housing
- a. Asylum and Immigration **Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers**

Department of Justice and Equality

- Refugee Resettlement Programme, John Halligan (Waterford, Independent)
- <u>Direct Provision System</u>, Jan O'Sullivan (Limerick City, Labour)
- Ombudsman for Children Remit, Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein)

b. Education (incl ECCE and Child Care)Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Education and Skills

- <u>Preschool Services</u>, Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- School Transport Review, Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)
- <u>School Patronage</u>, Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- <u>School Patronage</u>, Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)
- School Patronage, Ruth Coppinger (Dublin West, Anti-Austerity Alliance)
- Disadvantaged Status, Jack Chambers (Dublin West, Fianna Fail)
- <u>Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools Scheme</u>, Aengus Ó Snodaigh (Dublin South Central, Sinn Fein)
- <u>Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools Scheme</u>, Tommy Broughan (Dublin Bay North, Independent)
- Schools Healthy Living Strategies, Michael Healy-Rae (Kerry, Independent)

Department of Children and Youth Affairs

• <u>Child Care Services Funding</u>, Brendan Smith (Cavan-Monaghan, Fianna Fail)

Department of Health

• Early Childhood Care and Education Programmes, Pearse Doherty (Donegal, Sinn Fein)

Debates

- Dáil debates, Questions on Proposed Legislation
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- Dáil debates, Funding for Education: Motion [Private Members]
- Dáil debates, Topical Issues, School Patronage
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, Arts in Education Charter
- Seanad debates, Commencement Matters, Educational Disadvantage
- Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs, <u>National Collaborative Forum for</u> the Early Years Care and Education Sector: Early Childhood Ireland

c. Child Protection/ Child and Youth Services/ Children in Care Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Justice and Equality

• Garda Vetting Applications Data, John Curran (Dublin Mid West, Fianna Fail)

Department of Education and Skills

• Garda Vetting Legislation, Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)

Department of Children and Youth Affairs

• Youth Work Projects Funding, Colm Brophy (Dublin South West, Fine Gael)

Debates

Seanad debates, <u>Children and Youth Affairs: Statements</u>

d. Health and Wellbeing Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Health

- Hospital Waiting Lists, John Brady (Wicklow, Sinn Fein)
- National Treatment Purchase Fund Waiting Times, Anne Rabbitte (Galway East, Fianna Fail)
- Legislative Programme, Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- Mental Health Services Staff, Gino Kenny (Dublin Mid West, People Before Profit Alliance)
- National Drugs Strategy, Jack Chambers (Dublin West, Fianna Fail)
- Obesity Strategy, Louise O'Reilly (Dublin Fingal, Sinn Fein)
- Mental Health Services Staff, Darragh O'Brien (Dublin Fingal, Fianna Fail)
- Mental Health Services Staff, Michael Moynihan (Cork North West, Fianna Fail)
- Mental Health Services Provision, Timmy Dooley (Clare, Fianna Fail)
- Mental Health Services Provision, Alan Kelly (Tipperary, Labour)
- Mental Health Services Funding, Richard Boyd Barrett (Dún Laoghaire, People Before Profit Alliance)
- Mental Health Services Provision, Lisa Chambers (Mayo, Fianna Fail)
- Mental Health Policy, Catherine Connolly (Galway West, Independent)
- Mental Health Services Staff, James Lawless (Kildare North, Fianna Fail)
- Mental Health Services Staff, Anne Rabbitte (Galway East, Fianna Fail)

Debates

- Dáil debates, Questions, Cabinet Committee Meetings
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, HSE National Service Plan
- Dáil debates, Questions on Proposed Legislation
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, Mental Health Services Funding

e. Disability and Special Educational Needs Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Health

- Services for People with Disabilities, Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- Speech and Language Therapy Provision, John Brassil (Kerry, Fianna Fail)

Department of Education and Skills

- Special Educational Needs Service Provision, Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)
- Special Educational Needs Service Provision, Jack Chambers (Dublin West, Fianna Fail)
- Special Educational Needs Data, Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)
- Special Educational Needs Service Provision, Peter Burke (Longford-Westmeath, Fine Gael)
- Garda Vetting of Personnel, John Curran (Dublin Mid West, Fianna Fail)
- Special Educational Needs Service Provision, Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)

Debates

- Dáil debates, Other Questions, Speech and Language Therapy Provision
- Dáil debates, Topical Issue Debate, <u>Services for People with Disabilities</u>
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, Speech and Language Therapy Provision
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, <u>Occupational Therapy</u>
- Seanad debates, <u>Recognition of Irish Sign Language for the Deaf Community Bill 2016:</u>
 Second Stage

f. Child Benefit / Social Welfare/ Poverty / Housing Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

Department of Social Protection

• Child Benefit Eligibility, Eamon Ryan (Dublin Bay South, Green Party)

Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government

- Housing Provision, Fergus O'Dowd (Louth, Fine Gael)
- Housing Provision, Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- <u>Social and Affordable Housing Data</u>, Bríd Smith (Dublin South Central, People Before Profit Alliance)

Debates

• Seanad debates, Fire Safety in Traveller Accommodation: Statements

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