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#### **a. Education (incl ECCE and Child Care)**

**Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers**

*Department of Children and Youth Affairs*

- [Child Care Services Funding](#), Kathleen Funchion (Carlow-Kilkenny, Sinn Fein)
- [Child Care Services](#), Brendan Smith (Cavan-Monaghan, Fianna Fail)

*Department of Education and Skills*

- [Child Care Services Provision](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [DEIS Data](#), Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)
- [Early Childhood Care and Education Standards](#), Joe Carey (Clare, Fine Gael)

- [Education Policy](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [Garda Vetting of Personnel](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [Preschool Services](#), Clare Daly (Dublin Fingal, Independent)
- [Programme for Government Review](#), Thomas Byrne (Meath East, Fianna Fail)
- [Pupil-Teacher Ratio](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Pupil-Teacher Ratio](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [Pupil-Teacher Ratio](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [School Admissions](#), Brendan Smith (Cavan-Monaghan, Fianna Fail)
- [School Equipment](#), Fiona O'Loughlin (Kildare South, Fianna Fail)
- [School Funding](#), Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-Leitrim, Fine Gael)
- [School Patronage](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [School Patronage](#), Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-Leitrim, Fine Gael)
- [School Staff](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [School Textbooks](#), Fiona O'Loughlin (Kildare South, Fianna Fail)
- [Schools Establishment](#), Aindrias Moynihan (Cork North West, Fianna Fail)
- [Skills Shortages](#), Micheál Martin (Leader of the Opposition; Cork South Central, Fianna Fail)
- [Student Grant Scheme](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [Student Support Schemes](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)

## Debates

- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [DEIS Administration](#)
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [School Accommodation](#)
- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [Teachers' Professional Development](#)
- Dáil debates, Topical Issue Debate, [Early Childhood Care and Education Funding](#)
- Dáil debates, Topical Issue Debate, [School Patronage](#)
- Dáil debates, Topical Issue Debate, [Schools Building Projects Status](#)
- Seanad debates, Commencement Matters, [School Patronage](#)

## **b. Child Protection/ Child and Youth Services/ Children in Care** Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

### *Department of Children and Youth Affairs*

- [Child Protection Services Provision](#), Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-Leitrim, Fine Gael)
- [Child Protection](#), Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-Leitrim, Fine Gael)
- [Child Protection](#), Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-Leitrim, Fine Gael)
- [Children and Family Services Provision](#), Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-Leitrim, Fine Gael)
- [Departmental Funding](#), Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-Leitrim, Fine Gael)
- [Youth Services Funding](#), Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-Leitrim, Fine Gael)

## Debates

- Dáil debates, Topical Issue Debate, [Youth Services](#)

- Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs, [General Scheme of Childcare \(Amendment\) Bill 2017: Discussion \(Resumed\)](#)

## c. Family

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

*Department of Children and Youth Affairs*

- [Children's Rights](#), Clare Daly (Dublin Fingal, Independent)

### Debates

- Dáil debates, [Maternity Leave and Benefit: Motion \[Private Members\]](#)

## d. Health and Wellbeing

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

*Department of Health*

- [Brexit Issues](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [Cross-Border Health Services Provision](#), Brendan Smith (Cavan-Monaghan, Fianna Fail)
- [Food Poverty](#), Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)
- [General Practitioner Services](#), Mattie McGrath (Tipperary, Independent)
- [Hospital Waiting Lists](#), Shane Cassells (Meath West, Fianna Fail)
- [Mental Health Services Expenditure](#), John Lahart (Dublin South West, Fianna Fail)
- [Mental Health Services Provision](#), Billy Kelleher (Cork North Central, Fianna Fail)
- [National Children's Hospital](#), Róisín Shortall (Dublin North West, Social Democrats)
- [Obesity Strategy](#), Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin (Cavan-Monaghan, Sinn Fein)

*Department of Education and Skills*

- [School Transport Provision](#), Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)
- [School Transport Provision](#), Carol Nolan (Offaly, Sinn Fein)
- [School Transport Review](#), Brendan Smith (Cavan-Monaghan, Fianna Fail)

### Debates

- Seanad Debates, Commencement Matters, [Primary Care Centres](#)

## e. Disability and Special Educational Needs

### Parliamentary Questions- Written Answers

*Department of Health*

- [Disabilities Assessments](#), Billy Kelleher (Cork North Central, Fianna Fail)
- [Medical Card Eligibility](#), Séamus Healy (Tipperary, Workers and Unemployed Action Group)
- [Medical Card Eligibility](#), Seán Fleming (Laois, Fianna Fail)

*Department of Education and Skills*

- [Special Educational Needs Data](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Aindrias Moynihan (Cork North West, Fianna Fail)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Gino Kenny (Dublin Mid West, People Before Profit Alliance)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Joan Collins (Dublin South Central, Independent)
- [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#), Thomas Byrne (Meath East, Fianna Fail)
- [Special Educational Needs Staff](#), Bernard Durkan (Kildare North, Fine Gael)
- [Special Educational Needs](#), Joan Burton (Dublin West, Labour)

**Debates**

- Dáil debates, [Leaders' Questions](#)
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [Special Educational Needs Service Provision](#)

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

*Department of Social Protection*

- [Child Benefit Data](#), Willie O'Dea (Limerick City, Fianna Fail)
- [Family Income Supplement Payments](#), John Brady (Wicklow, Sinn Fein)
- [Social Welfare Benefits Data](#), Willie O'Dea (Limerick City, Fianna Fail)

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

- [Domestic Violence Incidence](#), Clare Daly (Dublin Fingal, Independent)
- [Homeless Accommodation Provision](#), Ruth Coppinger (Dublin West, Solidarity)
- [Homeless Persons Data](#), Ruth Coppinger (Dublin West, Solidarity)
- [Homelessness Strategy](#), John Curran (Dublin Mid West, Fianna Fail)
- [Housing Policy](#), Eoin Ó Broin (Dublin Mid West, Sinn Fein)
- [Social and Affordable Housing Funding](#), David Cullinane (Waterford, Sinn Fein)

**Debates**

- Dáil debates, Other Questions, [Housing Policy](#)

- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [Homelessness Strategy](#)
- Dáil debates, Priority Questions, [Social and Affordable Housing Funding](#)

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