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2. Oireachtas Questions and Debate (03-07 December 2012)

Children's Rights Referendum

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Order of Business. Deputy James Bannon: Information on James Bannon Zoom on James Bannon Given the implications of passing the children's rights referendum recently, could the Taoiseach update me as to when the courts Bill, which hopefully will bring much needed transparency to child care and family proceedings, will come before the House?

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400029?opendocument>

Education: including special needs, ECCE and childminding, minorities, disadvantage, literacy and numeracy, school staffing, school buildings, school patronage, curriculum

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Child Care Services. Deputy Robert Troy asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the number of persons employed in the childcare sector and the percentage of persons with varying levels of professional qualifications; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400082?opendocument#Child%20Care%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. School Enrolments. Deputy Seamus Kirk asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if he will outline the minimum and maximum number of pupils required in order for future second level schools to be built in a parish in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400065?opendocument#School%20Enrolments>

Dáil Éireann 06/12/2012 Education (Welfare) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2012: First Stage: Second Stage [Private Members]

[http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120600008?opendocument#Education%20%28Welfare%29%20%28Amendment%29%20%28No.%202%29%20Bill%202012:%20First%20Stage:%20Second%20Stage%20\[Private%20Members](http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120600008?opendocument#Education%20%28Welfare%29%20%28Amendment%29%20%28No.%202%29%20Bill%202012:%20First%20Stage:%20Second%20Stage%20[Private%20Members)

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Pupil-Teacher Ratio. Deputy Bernard Durkan asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn the extent to which he continues to be in a position to ameliorate the impact of the economic situation on the primary education sector with particular reference to class sizes and maintenance of the optimum number of teachers in areas where schools are only marginally short of qualification for an extra teacher on the basis of enrolments in the previous year and keeping in mind the need to cater for children with special needs and the multiplicity of language backgrounds from a large sector of pupils in individual schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400066?opendocument>

Asylum/Immigration

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012. Written Answers. Asylum Support Services. Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter his responsibilities in relation to children residing here in extreme poverty who are asylum seekers or the children of asylum seekers; if his attention has been drawn to the challenges faced by children who are living in direct provision, many of whom lack the most basic of opportunities for education and development; the extent of his Department's function in seeking to alleviate these challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400078?opendocument#Asylum%20Support%20Services>

Seanad Éireann 04/12/2012 Adjournment Matters. Child Protection (Children in Direct Provision) <http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012120400055?opendocument#Child%20Protection>

Dáil Éireann 06/12/2012 Written Answers. Deportation Orders. Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordáin asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter if he will provide in tabular form the number of deportation orders signed under Section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 since its enactment; the numbers of those enforced and the number of those subsequently revoked under Section 3 (11); and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120600075?opendocument#Deportation%20Orders>

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

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Youth Services. Deputy Michael Healy-Rae asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the amount the youth grant has been for the past three years; the total sum of money involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400082?opendocument#Youth%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Youth Services. Deputy Michael Healy-Rae asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if Dublin Vocational Education Committee is administering the youth grant for the entire country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400081?opendocument#Youth%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Health Service Executive Staff Responsibilities. Deputy Seán Kyne asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if she will report on the number of posts for child and family social workers that have been filled in 2012; if she will confirm the number of child and family social workers working in County Galway, including city; and if she will confirm the increase, if any, in the number of social workers nationally since the publication of the Ryan Report. <http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400082?opendocument#Health%20Service%20Executive%20Staff%20Responsibilities>

Dáil Éireann 06/12/2012 Written Answers. Child and Family Support Agency. Deputy Thomas P. Broughan asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald if the Family Resource Centre National Forum will be represented at board level in the new Child and Family Support

Agency.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120600077?opendocument#Child%20and%20Family%20Support%20Agency>

Dáil Éireann 06/12/2012 Written Answers. Foster Care. Deputy Róisín Shortall asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald the rates that will apply for foster payments in 2013

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120600077?opendocument#Foster%20Care>

Family: including adoption

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Inter-Country Adoptions. Deputy Róisín Shortall asked the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Frances Fitzgerald further to Parliamentary Question No. 560 of 16 October 2012, if she will outline the anticipated timeframe for the adoption process to reopen; and the criteria applied to applications.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400082?opendocument#Inter-Country%20Adoptions>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Seanad Éireann 04/12/2012 Adjournment Matters. Child Protection

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012120400055?opendocument#Child%20Protection>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Residential Institutions Redress Scheme Deputy Michael Healy-Rae asked the Minister for Education and Skills Ruairí Quinn if the Government will suspend the Fund Bill immediately and let the survivors of residential abuse finally take charge of their own lives and futures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400064?opendocument#Residential%20Institutions%20Redress%20Scheme>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Table of Contents. Domestic Violence. Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly several questions related to domestic violence.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400084?opendocument#Domestic%20Violence>

Dáil Éireann 05/12/2012 Written Answers. Deputy Finian McGrath asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter his views on correspondence regarding emergency services for children.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120500066?opendocument&highlight=children%20first#Child%20Protection>

Dáil Éireann 05/12/2012 Domestic Violence. Deputy Mary Mitchell O'Connor asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter the concerted action he intends to take in view of the fact that figures show that the number of women receiving support from domestic violence charities has more than doubled in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120500065?opendocument#Domestic%20Violence>

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

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Funding of Disability Services: Motion [Private Members]

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400043?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. National Disability Strategy. Deputy Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter his response to the appeal by nine leading disability organisations issued on 17 September 2012 calling on him to show leadership on an implementation plan for the National Disability Strategy in keeping with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400078?opendocument#National%20Disability%20Strategy>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Substance Misuse. Deputy Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin asked Dr. James Reilly when he plans to publish the action plan to implement the recommendations in the report of the National Substance Misuse Steering Group published on 7 February 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400085?opendocument&highlight=substance%20misuse>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Alcohol Advertising. Deputy Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly if he has received the sixth Report of the Alcohol Marketing Communications Body; his plan to publish same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400085?opendocument#Alcohol%20Advertising>

Seanad Éireann 05/12/2012 Mental Health Services.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/seanad2012120500039?opendocument#Mental%20Health%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 06/12/2012 Written Answers. Primary Care Centres Deputy Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly the position regarding the development of the primary care centre in Longford Town; if his attention has been drawn to any planning difficulties associated with sewage facilities, or any other facilities, some of which have been highlighted by residents of an estate (details supplied); if the site is fully compliant with all necessary building regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120600080?opendocument#Primary%20Care%20Centres>

Dáil Éireann 05/12/2012 Written Answers. Dental Services. Deputy Seán Fleming asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly if he will outline on a county basis or an area basis in the Health Service Executive the class in which children in primary schools receive their first dental check; the steps he will take to ensure that there is an equal service countrywide; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120500068?opendocument#Dental%20Services>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Health Services. Deputy Billy Kelleher asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly in relation to the proposed roll-out of the Health Service Executive programme for the restructuring of children's therapy services, if the Health Service Executive has a cohesive plan in relation to the reconfiguration of therapy service provision; what is the HSE objective; the process that will be worked through to achieve their objectives; the timeline of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400085?opendocument#Health%20Services>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Dáil Éireann 05/12/2012 Budget Statement 2013

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120500019?opendocument#Budget%20Statement%202013>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. One-Parent Family Payment Expenditure Deputy Aodhán Ó Ríordán asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton if she will provide the exact figure for savings made on the changes to one parent family payment in Budget 2012, broken down between employed and unemployed lone parents, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400070?opendocument#One-Parent%20Family%20Payment%20Expenditure>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Child Benefit Eligibility. Deputy Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton if her Department has reviewed arrangements for payment of child benefit in the other European Union member states; if so, the rule that apply to Irish citizens with children living in those EU member states; the way they compare to our approach in a reverse situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400069?opendocument#Child%20Benefit%20Eligibility>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Child Benefit Rates. Deputy Billy Timmins asked the Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton the position regarding multiple birth payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400069?opendocument#Child%20Benefit%20Rates>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. National Asset Management Agency. Deputy Seán Kyne asked the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government Phil Hogan if he will report on the use of the National Assets Management Agency stock of housing to alleviate the problem of homelessness and on the introduction of social housing.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400075?opendocument>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Deputy Seán Kyne asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter if he will report on the progress of the creation of the new Irish Human Rights

Equality Commission.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400078?opendocument#Human%20Rights%20Issues>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Constitutional Convention. Several Questions.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400025?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 06/12/2012 Report of the Expert Group on the Judgment in the A, B and C v. Ireland Case: Statements (Resumed)

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120600037?opendocument#Report%20of%20the%20Expert%20Group%20on%20the%20Judgment%20in%20the%20A,%20B%20and%20C%20v.%20Ireland%20Case:%20Statements%20%28Resumed%29>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Traveller Community. Deputy Gerry Adams asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Information on Alan Shatter Zoom on Alan Shatter if the Irish state will formally recognise Irish travellers as separate ethnic group.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400078?opendocument>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Detention Centres. Deputy Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter if he is pressing for action, including prosecution if appropriate, against those officers responsible for the ill-treatment of young offenders detained in St. Patrick's Institution, as recently exposed by the Inspector of Prisons report; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400078?opendocument#Detention%20Centres>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Detention Centres. Deputy Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter the steps he is taking to address the situation described by the Ombudsman for Children when she reported to senior personnel in his Department last year her concerns for children detained in St. Patrick's Institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400078?opendocument#Detention%20Centres>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012. Written Answers. Equality Issues. Deputy Mary Lou McDonald asked the Minister for Health Dr. James Reilly the action he intends to take to address his Department's failure on two occasions to comply with the Equal Status Acts in its administration of the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400082?opendocument#Equality%20Issues>

Dáil Éireann 04/12/2012 Written Answers. Anti-Social Behaviour. Deputy Eric J. Byrne asked the Minister for Justice and Equality Alan Shatter if he will clarify all legislation currently being administered in relation to anti-social behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/takes/dail2012120400077?opendocument#Anti-Social%20Behaviour>

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