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1. This week in the Oireachtas (17 June - 21 June 2013)

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2. Oireachtas Questions and Debate (10 June – 14 June 2013)

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: UN Convention on Children's Rights (11 Jun 2013)

Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide a timescale for Ireland's submission of the State Report to the UN Committee of the Rights of the Child; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2283>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: UN Conventions Ratification (11 Jun 2013)

Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide a timescale for Ireland ratifying the UN Second Optional Protocol on the Sale of

Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography as it has been 13 years since Ireland signed the Protocol as it is urgently required in view of Ireland's submission of its report on its commitments to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to the UN Committee in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2213>

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

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Early Child Care Education Standards (13 Jun 2013) Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there are any plans to implement the Síolta National Quality Framework and the Aistear Early Childhood Curriculum Framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.514>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Early Child Care Education Issues (13 Jun 2013) Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to develop the Early Childhood and Education Sector Workforce Development Plan 2010 into a working plan that is adequately resourced and implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.517>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Inspections (13 Jun 2013) Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to revise the childcare inspection system and include an early years specialist on the inspection team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.520>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Qualifications (13 Jun 2013) Terence Flanagan (Dublin North East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if consideration has been given to establishing a national qualification and registration system for all early years professionals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.526>

Topical Issue Debate: Educational Research Centre (12 Jun 2013) Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail) I thank the Minister of State at the Department of Education and Skills, Deputy Cannon, for taking this Topical Issue. I wish to be clear from the outset that I am raising this matter in a non-adversarial manner. Yesterday, the Educational Research Centre released National Schools, International Contexts: Beyond the PIRLS and TIMSS Test Results. The 2011 progress in international reading literacy study, PIRLS, and the trends in international mathematics and science study, TIMSS <http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-06-12a.419>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Regulation (12 Jun 2013)

Willie Penrose (Longford-Westmeath, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will outline the changes she is proposing for the regulation of childcare provided here including the reform of the inspection system the linkage of grants and subsidies to the quality of childcare provided, the implementation of a sanction regime and the provision of significant investment in the National Early Years Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.570>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Preschool Services (12 Jun 2013)

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children in Dublin currently availing of the free pre-school year; and the number of children availing of the scheme in each year since the establishment of the scheme.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.560>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Qualifications (11 Jun 2013)

Seán Ó Fearghaíl (Kildare South, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the situation with regard to the implementation of the Workforce Development Plan in the early childcare sector; the aspects that have been fully implemented since its publication in late 2010; the remains to be implemented; the timeline for same; the annual estimated cost for its full implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2247>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Costs (11 Jun 2013)

Dominic Hannigan (Meath East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps her Department is taking to make child care more affordable for families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2280>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Provision (11 Jun 2013)

Charlie McConalogue (Donegal North East, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will reverse the decision to increase child ratios from 1:10 to 1:11 for services offering the early childhood care and education scheme following the responses from experts stating that this will further reduce quality standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2287>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Funding (11 Jun 2013)

Seán Kyne (Galway West, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason the full value of the community childcare subvention programme is not available for citizens participating in the JobBridge scheme in view of the fact that her policy generally focuses constrained resources on assisting those citizens actively attempting to re-join the paid workforce.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2292>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (11 Jun 2013)

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the National Policy on Educating Children with Autism will be published by his Department in view of the recommendation made by the Ombudsman for Children's Office in relation to this issue some months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.777>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (11 Jun 2013)

Clare Daly (Dublin North, Socialist Party) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he or his Department has consulted with any of the following organisations, the Behaviour Analyst Certification Board, Applied Behaviour Analysis International, the Psychology Society of Ireland's Division of Behaviour Analysis, the European Association for Behaviour Analysis with regard to his policy on the utilisation of applied behaviour analysis for children with Autism.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.498>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing (11 Jun 2013)

David Stanton (Cork East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the interventions his Department recognises as essential tools for teachers to do their job in respect of autistic persons; and the plans, if any, he has to up-skill and or train teachers to use such interventions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.534>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (11 Jun 2013)

Eric Byrne (Dublin South Central, Labour) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide this Deputy with a list of all secondary schools, phone numbers, pupil number, principals and autism facilities in the Dublin 6, 8 and 12 areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.568>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (11 Jun 2013)

Simon Harris (Wicklow, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has received any correspondence from representatives of professional organisations or academics warning of inadequacies in his Department's autism policy with regard to applied behaviour analysis; the steps he has taken to meet these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.593>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing (11 Jun 2013)

Arthur Spring (Kerry North-West Limerick, Labour) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the special needs assistant/pupil ratio in the special schools in counties Limerick, Kerry and Cork.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.613>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Services Provision (11 Jun 2013)

Jonathan O'Brien (Cork North Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 103 of 28 March 2013, the reason training and supervision in ABA is optional for the teachers of children with autism and is not obligatory, as recommended in the Special Education Support Service: Information on Autism document.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.616>

Written Answers — Department of Education and Skills: Special Educational Needs Staffing (11 Jun 2013)

Dara Calleary (Mayo, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that special needs assistants throughout the country are losing their positions and being replaced by candidates on the JobsBridge programme; his views on whether this

is unfair on SNA who are losing their full-time hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.708>

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Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the National Policy on Educating Children with Autism will be published by his Department in view of the recommendation made by the Ombudsman for Children's Office in relation to this issue some months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.777>

Joint Committee on Health and Children Debate - Child Care Facilities and Inspections: Discussion (11 June 2013)

<http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/Debates%20Authoring/DebatesWebPack.nsf/committeetales/HEJ2013061100011?opendocument#K00150>

Asylum/Immigration

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Family Reunification Policy (11 Jun 2013)

Robert Dowds (Dublin Mid West, Labour) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will outline the rules regarding joint spouse / joint parent visas for persons who are resident here on Stamp 4 visas; if permission for family reunification will be granted in such a case if the person resident here was earning over the family income supplement level for their family size. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.1722>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Protection Issues (12 Jun 2013)

Ciara Conway (Waterford, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the Reception and Integration Agency's child protection policy is based on centre staff who are not RIA employees relaying a concern to the designated child protection staff member rather than the families communicating their concerns directly to the Health Service Executive or an independent body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.573>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Direct Provision System (11 Jun 2013)

Eoghan Murphy (Dublin South East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will clarify the mandate of the reception and integration agency and whether or not the RIA has the power to delegate the care of asylum seekers and inspection of Direct Provision centres to privately operated, for-profit companies. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.1825>

Family: including adoption

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Adoption Records Provision (13 Jun 2013)

Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will clarify her statements regarding the need for a referendum to grant adopted persons full tracing and information rights and the plans in place to address the ineffectiveness of the mechanism of the National Contact Preference Register in addressing adopted persons tracing and

information needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.511>

Child Abuse/Child Protection: including vetting, child abduction

Leaders' Questions (13 Jun 2013)

John Halligan (Waterford, Independent) . . . There have been a number of deeply disturbing reports over the last number of weeks of the level of abuse and intimidation Deputies are receiving from pro-life activists and the Catholic Church on the protection of maternal life Bill. Like many other Members, I have been subjected to abuse and have even had people come to my house after midnight. There have been several serious incidents of verbal abuse aimed at Deputies, some of whom have been ambushed outside their houses, spat at and threatened with having their homes burned down. One Deputy has been threatened with having her throat cut. Last week, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin called on the Government to do away with the whip. No doubt, the Tánaiste is aware of attempts by the church to compare his Government to a totalitarian regime. On Tuesday, Catholic bishops issued a statement claiming people were being misled on the debate and that the Government is not obliged to legislate on the X case. We now have senior Vatican officials calling on Deputies who might be Catholic to resign if they support the Bill. Does the Tánaiste agree that here is an organisation that is non-democratic, anti-democratic, historically anti-woman and which has the most dreadful record on child protection? Does he agree that this organisation has no right to be the State's moral compass and is in no position to lecture anyone on human rights given its blood-stained history from pre-mediaeval times with crusades across Europe and the Middle East, its submission to and sufferance of the Nazi regime in war-torn Italy and the irreparable damage it has done to human beings, particularly children, internationally?

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-06-13a.5#27>

Topical Issue Debate: Domestic Violence Incidence (12 Jun 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2013-06-12a.403>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Abuse Issues (11 Jun 2013)

Derek Keating (Dublin Mid West, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will provide in tabular form format the number of child abuse cases reported to the Health Service Executive or managed by the HSE from 2000 to 2012 respectfully; and if she will provide a breakdown of the categories or type of abuse that were reported in each year.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2226>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Proposed Legislation (11 Jun 2013)

Michael Healy-Rae (Kerry South, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when the child welfare legislation will come before the House; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2265>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Protection Issues (11 Jun 2013)

Tony McLoughlin (Sligo-North Leitrim, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the Health Service Executive has provided any inspections for creches in the Sligo/Leitrim area; if she will be publishing details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2202>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Proposed Legislation (11 Jun 2013)

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if childminders will be included in the forthcoming Children First legislation as they were excluded from the draft heads of bill published in April 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2219>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Care Services Regulation (11 Jun 2013)

Nicky McFadden (Longford-Westmeath, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps being taken by her Department to ensure that adequate standards in creches are adhered to; if she will ensure that the health, safety and well-being of children in the care of creches is not compromised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2223>

Child Benefit/Social Welfare/Poverty/Housing

Seanad: Social Welfare and Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2013: Second Stage (13 Jun 2013)

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/sendebates/?id=2013-06-13a.117>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Child Benefit Payments (13 Jun 2013)

Robert Troy (Longford-Westmeath, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is committed to maintaining the value of total child income support payments at 33% of the adult social welfare payment rate.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.257>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Departmental Expenditure (12 Jun 2013)

Willie O'Dea (Limerick City, Fianna Fail)

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current cost of administration for all universal payments made by her Department in tabular form; the current cost of administration for all means tested payments made by her Department in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.304>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: After-School Support Services (12 Jun 2013)

John Lyons (Dublin North West, Labour) To ask the Minister for Social Protection if Ballymun will be included as a location in the next phase of the new after-school childcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.324>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: After-School Support Services (12 Jun 2013)

Maureen O'Sullivan (Dublin Central, Independent) To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify for those who come off lone parents allowance early and therefore cannot avail of jobseeker's transition due to employment but still struggle with the costs of childcare, the reason they cannot avail of the pilot after school childcare supports as part of the jobseeker's transition and the reason more childcare supports are not in place for lone parents already engaging in labour activation but are living with existing family requirements such as increased childcare costs during the summer months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.341>

Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: Child Benefit Payments (13 Jun 2013)

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Written Answers — Department of Social Protection: One-Parent Family Payment Application Numbers (12 Jun 2013)

Aengus Ó Snodaigh (Dublin South Central, Sinn Fein) To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to address the needs of those who are in receipt of one parent family payment and will be affected by the changeover to the transition payment who are working as little as an hour a day for five days; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that if these recipients change over to jobseeker's payments they will lose income and many will be left with no option but to give up employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.360>

Justice Issues/ Human Rights/Equality

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Human Rights Issues (13 Jun 2013)

Joe Higgins (Dublin West, Socialist Party) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the mechanisms being put in place at EU level to ensure Syrians entering the European Union seeking asylum will be given proper consideration in view of the treatment of refugees on BBC's Newsnight programme on 6 June 2013. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.15>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission Remit (13 Jun 2013)

Mick Wallace (Wexford, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his response to the recommendation made by the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Margaret Sekaggya, following her mission to Ireland in November 2012 that Section 106 part 4 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 should be repealed in order to ensure the full independence of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission; if he has considered establishing an independent police authority; if he has considered any reforms of the structures and formality surrounding the relationship between his office and the Office of the Garda Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.32>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Human Rights Issues (13 Jun 2013)

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Independent)

To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will outline the processes which took place to appoint the 14 commissioners designate of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission; if the selection panel set up for the specific purpose of independently identifying candidates has had a full role in the appointment of the Chief Commissioner role in the new body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.366>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Legislative Programme (11 Jun 2013)

Michael Healy-Rae (Kerry South, Independent) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when is the Children First legislation will progress go through the House; if the legislation will specify child minders among those listed as obliged to notify carers of child abuse or neglect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2199>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Human Trafficking (13 Jun 2013)

Peadar Tóibín (Meath West, Sinn Féin) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the 2012 report on human trafficking, including figures of identified victims, will be published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.54>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Court Orders (12 Jun 2013)

Clare Daly (Dublin North, Socialist Party) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of reports under Section 47 of the Family Law Act 1995 that have been ordered in the District Court.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.468>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Legislative Programme (11 Jun 2013)

Brendan Griffin (Kerry South, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when reforms of the in camera rule in family law cases will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.1746>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Detention Centres (11 Jun 2013)

Alan Farrell (Dublin North, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on the growing number of assaults on staff members at Oberstown House, County Dublin, since the age of limit of residents has been raised to 18 years; if there has been any review of the safety of the facility since these changes have been made; if there are plans to increase support staff as a result of these changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.2238>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Restorative Justice (13 Jun 2013)

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will report on the current operation of the Garda Diversion Programme; the current level of funding provided to the programme; his views on whether the use of restorative justice processes are being expanded in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-13a.18>

Written Answers — Department of Children and Youth Affairs: Child Detention Centres (12 Jun 2013)

Tommy Broughan (Dublin North East, Labour) To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she is satisfied with the level of security measures in place at the children detention schools in view of recent reports that a number of children have absconded from the Oberstown complex.

<http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-12a.563>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Departmental Funding (11 Jun 2013)

Denis Naughten (Roscommon-South Leitrim, Independent) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide funding through the youth justice programme to meet the funding shortfall for the big brother big sister scheme in view of the cost effectiveness of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.1763>

Written Answers — Department of Justice and Equality: Services for People with Disabilities (11 Jun 2013)

David Stanton (Cork East, Fine Gael) To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the appropriate services, if any, provided by his Department for those with autism and or autistic spectrum disorders, particularly in the context of the criminal justice system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <http://www.kildarestreet.com/wrans/?id=2013-06-11a.1789>

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