Chun an Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige: To the Minister for Children, Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth.

1. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the official complaint by an association (details supplied) to the United Nations and the Ombudsman for Children on the systemic discrimination of children and families by his Department’s childcare policy under the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [28588/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to deal with the increased fees charged by private crèches and early childhood providers given that some providers (details supplied) have raised fees by 20% recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28749/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he is taking in relation to the shortfall in volunteers for the youth sector given the youth sector relies heavily on volunteer hours and many services are now facing closure due to a serious shortfall of properly trained volunteers for the sector. — Kathleen Funchion. [28589/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding programme to increase access to sensory rooms and SNA supports being considered over the life of the 33rd Dáil for preschool children; and the amount of funding that has been allocated under capital plans to date. — Matt Shanahan. [28744/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the discussions his officials are undertaking with officials in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the importance of preserving possible burial grounds related to mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29011/21]

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6. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department’s policy in relation to the direct provision system; the timeframe for ending same; if he will report on recent comments in the media in relation to the issue and the Programme for
Government policy on direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [42530/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the amount of time administrators at family resource centres spend in making applications for funding. — Martin Browne. [28597/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made to address the situation of those who were given an illegal birth registration at St. Patrick’s Guild; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [28727/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts his Department is taking to limit the impact the recent HSE cyberattack is having on Tusla services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28456/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts his Department has undertaken to increase childcare places in Dublin city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26126/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details regarding in-person inspections of direct provision centres during level 5 public health restrictions in the first five months of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [26715/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the national childcare scheme; the measures he has taken to allay the challenges faced by community early learning and childcare services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28572/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase the level of capital grant assistance available towards the upgrading of existing childcare facilities and the provision of new childcare places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28570/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration has been given to the extending remit of the Department of Education in relation to the sponsorship of children within the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28571/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagements he has had with representatives of young persons regarding their concerns for the future given the impact of Covid-19; the measures he plans to take to address their concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26135/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding that was provided to childcare services in Cork under the ECCE programme since the beginning of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28568/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of meetings or briefings he has had with the board of Tusla in respect of the ransomware attack. — Sean Sherlock. [28629/21]
18. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to enable stakeholder consultation to Ireland’s first report to the UN under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28735/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the delay in commencing the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Holly Cairns. [28651/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that Tusla is sufficiently protected against the recent cyber-attack. — Sean Sherlock. [28632/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the roll-out of the pilot vulnerability assessment programme for international protection applicants and plans to establish a vulnerability assessment process as outlined in the White Paper to End Direct Provision and to Establish a New International Protection Support Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [28736/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with the NCSA in respect of the ransom ware attack; and if he will outline same. — Sean Sherlock. [28635/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress being made in relation to the objective for all parents to have access to quality, affordable childcare in the National Strategy for Women and Girls. — Holly Cairns. [28652/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider bringing to Ireland at least an additional 400 refugees from Lesbos and or other refugee camps in Greece. — Paul Murphy. [41661/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [42532/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the interagency cooperation between Tusla and An Garda Síochána in cases of sexual assault of very young children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25557/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress to enable the voice of children and young persons in decision-making including to update the first national strategy on children and young persons participation in decision-making; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [28739/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the implementation of the White Paper to End Direct Provision and to Establish a New International Protection Support Service including progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [28729/21]
29. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the development of proposals to provide for domestic violence leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [28676/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a report on the access to disability services for children in CHO7. — Mark Ward. [28060/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when all relevant data currently held by the HSE will migrate to Tusla. — Sean Sherlock. [28634/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of Ireland’s performance in accordance to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [13195/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of capital grant assistance available towards the upgrading of existing childcare facilities and the provision of new childcare places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28569/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the relationship National Standards for Foster Care 2003 and the Draft National Standards for Children’s Social Services following the end of the consultation process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [28595/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions his Department has taken in view of the serious cyber-attack on the HSE to negate the impact on Tusla’s significant child protection casework and child protection and welfare functions. — Kathleen Funchion. [28593/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Tusla counselling grant awarded to secondary schools will be increased to facilitate the number of students seeking counselling within secondary schools (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [28061/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the potential of family resource centres to play an enhanced role in providing counselling and therapy services in the community; his further views on providing these centres with more long-term funding to facilitate same and to provide a greater level of certainty in the ability to continue to deliver these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [28596/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children’s mental and physical health and well-being is adequately provided for; if specific deficiencies have been identified with a view to action; if legislative change is needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28630/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the 4,381 requests for emergency refuge from domestic violence that could not be met in 2018 and the 3,961 requests that could not be met in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26438/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made to date on the implementation of the white paper to end direct provision and replace it with a
new international protection support service; the expected timeline for the implementation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [28453/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to provide further funding to an organisation (details supplied) in 2021 in view of the effects of the Covid-19 on the organisation and the need to facilitate young persons engaging in activities as Covid-19 recedes and restrictions are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27606/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the pilot vulnerability assessment scheme for international protection applicants has been implemented; the learnings his Department has obtained from the pilot; when the standard implementation of vulnerability assessments will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [28450/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times the Mother and Baby Home Collaborative Forum has met since 2019; and the dates on which those meetings took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [26149/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress on implementation of the 22-point Action Plan following publication of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [28733/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Marian Harkin. [28657/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will request that each Department uphold Ireland’s responsibilities to children under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the best interest of the child principle particularly in the critical areas of housing, childcare, health, education and special education in which excessive waiting is causing pain, suffering and damage to the lives of children and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28486/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of Ireland’s plan to sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [28737/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the effectiveness of supports provided to early years childcare during the pandemic; the planned continued supports for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [28677/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the medium-term plans of his Department to develop afterschool care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26127/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way he plans to deal with the increase in the length of waiting lists for Tusla services over the past
12 months; the way he plans to increase investment and resources to deal with these lengthened waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28751/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports being offered to LGBTI+ persons in the direct provision system. — Holly Cairns. [28649/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of asylum seekers who have been granted permission to remain in Ireland but are still living in direct provision centres; and the reason they remain in direct provision. — Brian Stanley. [28442/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the work programme of the Anti-Racism Committee; when the final report from the Committee will be published; the interim actions he is implementing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [28448/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures being taken to consider additional allocated time under the early childhood care and education scheme given that the full service under the scheme was not available to children due to Covid-19 restrictions and some children may benefit from this ahead of starting primary school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28653/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the expenditure by county in 2020 on emergency accommodation arrangements for persons seeking international protection; and the expected expenditure by county in 2021. — Matt Carthy. [28458/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps currently being taken to end direct provision. — Paul Murphy. [41660/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether the excessive wait time for access to housing, healthcare, childcare and educational services and the inevitable damage caused by same is a breach of the State’s responsibilities under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28487/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made under the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities 2015-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28741/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with the relevant stakeholders including foster families on the proposed national standards for children’s social services; the future he envisages for the 2003 standards; the role there will be for foster families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28654/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the support available to provide for the extension of regulation to childminders in respect of the National Action Plan for Childminding. — Alan Dillon. [28336/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding available for youth groups that are keen to arrange formal cross-Border youth initiatives under Peace
62. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role his Department provides in supporting the local youth club grant scheme; and if he plans to increase its budget given the important role youth clubs play in the development of young persons. — Alan Dillon. [28335/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will meet or intervene with HSE officials to discuss the situation of healthcare workers currently in direct provision who are being accommodated in alternative accommodation during the Covid-19 crisis and who are receiving contradictory information from the HSE in relation to the security of their current accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28753/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the programme to move persons with disabilities from nursing home settings into the community following recommendations by the Ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26436/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a timeline in place for the establishment of the working group to develop an autism innovation strategy; the key priorities of the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26437/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken to ensure that personal data of all families and children interacting with Tusla is protected. — Sean Sherlock. [28633/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his attention was drawn to the issue of illegal adoptions. — Peadar Tóibín. [26148/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures taken by his Department to support the professional and career development of childcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28567/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on providing redress to all affected residents of county homes. — Pa Daly. [28218/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the uptake of the €93,000 announced in late 2020 under the Comhairle na nÓg ICT capital funding scheme; and if this allocation has been sufficient to date in 2021. — Cormac Devlin. [28715/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the transfer of unaccompanied child migrants to Ireland as refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28743/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is examining the serious issues in relation to the current national childcare scheme exclusion of disadvantaged children as part of the wider review of childcare funding. — Kathleen Funchion. [28590/21]
73. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to deal with early childhood care providers who are opting out of the national childcare scheme and therefore leaving parents who are reliant on their services to foot the full costs of their services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28750/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the report by the Collaborative Forum of Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes and Related Institutions will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28724/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress on enabling rights following Ireland’s ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28742/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the consultation mechanisms in place for civil society and individuals as part of Ireland’s engagement with the United Nations universal periodic review process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28740/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the impact of the recent cyber-breach on Tusla services; if any data has been compromised; the budget for data security in the agency in each year since 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28752/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the forecast decline in primary school numbers creates the opportunity to see new community based childcare options co-locating in primary school campuses; and if an agreement will be undertaken with the Department of Education to develop this possibility. — Richard Bruton. [28062/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will consider commissioning research into capacity and forecasting in the childcare and early years sector to specifically map future population growth and capacity for childcare places (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [28591/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether the childcare support schemes give sufficient recognition to the need to recognise qualifications and develop a career path for childcare staff; and if he is reviewing that aspect of the schemes. — Richard Bruton. [25555/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the consultation processes with key stakeholders in place and planned under the White Paper to End Direct Provision to ensure that measures reflect the needs of those most directly impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [28728/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding supports that have been provided to LGBTI+ community groups and family organisations in the past year; the impact of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [28449/21]
83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether sites that were formerly locations of mother and baby homes need to be carefully investigated in advance of any potential uses of such sites; and if he has had discussions with survivor groups regarding the matter with specific reference but not limited to Bessborough in Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [45023/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the recently published domestic violence leave policy by NUI Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [28333/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the immediate steps he is taking to address the child safeguarding concerns raised in the Ombudsman for Children report Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision. — Holly Cairns. [28650/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to improve the pay and conditions of professionals working in the childcare sector. — Matt Carthy. [28457/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider extending carer’s leave as a result of Covid-19. — Marian Harkin. [28655/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on his meetings with a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [28219/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the new proposed concept model of enhanced engagement with survivors of mother and baby institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26439/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons in direct provision centres who are sharing bedrooms with non-family members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [28443/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the ratification of the optional protocol under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. — Marian Harkin. [28656/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding in-person inspections of direct provision centres given that public health guidelines have been reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [26716/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1208 of 21 April 2021, the status of the review by Tusla of emergency accommodation nationwide; when the review will be completed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28723/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional programmes being supported by his Department to assist with mental health issues amongst young adults particularly in view of the mental health effects of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27607/21]
95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports provided by his Department to pregnant childcare professionals who following advice of their general practitioners, have been unable to resume work in childcare facilities due to risk of stillbirth associated with the Covid-19 virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25943/21]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason he has ignored the recommendations of the Labour Court and of a Joint Labour Committee concerning the commencement date for pay increases contained in a new employment regulation order for the security sector given that the signing of the order has been deferred from 1 June until 1 September 2021. — Louise O’Reilly. [28922/21]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the request for tender for the consultancy has been issued with regard to the decision by the IDA to appoint a business development consultant in Israel; if the IDA implements an ongoing process of human rights due diligence as outlined in the guidance for businesses enterprises recently published by the Minister for Foreign Affairs with regard to the decision by the IDA to appoint a business development consultant in Israel; if companies being targeted with potential for investing in Ireland will be analysed using the tools provided in this guidance in particular in the area of human rights; his views on whether the IDA has a duty to ensure that possible business partners being sourced are not in violation of international law on human rights or have connections or partnerships with third-party entities that are or maybe in any way in violation of international law or benefiting from resources in illegally occupied territories by means of extraction, processing, commercialisation, distribution and or investment to carry out their activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28967/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to ensure there is a refundable deposit for plastic bottles and aluminium cans that varies by container size as part of the proposed deposit and return scheme which was the preferred option in the most recent consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28889/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide additional resources to SEAI programmes in order to clear the extensive backlog which currently exists. — Robert Troy. [28926/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total annual budget of the SEAI on an annual basis; the number of applicants for various grants; and the average grant award and number of rejected applications for the past five years, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [28939/21]
*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has mapping information of karst landscapes in the State; if there are protections in place to protect their integrity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28945/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the provisions his Department is making to introduce sustainable energy grants for persons embarking on new builds in order to ensure an equal playing field for everyone when looking to reduce carbon footprint and become more sustainable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [29020/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he has put in place to carry out a full and comprehensive review of the proposed North-South Interconnector project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [29027/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date in establishing a comprehensive review of the proposed North-South Interconnector project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [29034/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport when the updated biofuel policy will be enacted; and if the full provisions of the updated Renewable Energy Directive will be legislated for by 30 June 2021 as previously repeatedly advised. — Robert Troy. [28798/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the situation pertaining to the swapping of EU to Irish driver licences in cases in which the originating country is outside the EU; if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28814/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport when a decision will be made on successful applicants for the Safe Routes to School Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28831/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to review the roads network that link the areas between the M4 and N7/M7 in north County Kildare; his plans to improve this network of roads in view of the high level of use by HGVs; and if he has engaged with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and TII in the context of the increasing level of residential planning permissions and builds underway in areas such as Clane, Straffan, Maynooth and Celbridge, County Kildare. — Catherine Murphy. [28862/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport when the aviation restart plan will be implemented. — Robert Troy. [28865/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 365 of 21 April 2021 and the commitments in New Decade New Approach, the specific protocol that exists for the advancement of the ongoing reviews of Belfast to Cork and Derry to Dublin routes; the role of his Department, the Department of the Taoiseach and the North South Ministerial Council in this regard; the specific steps that will be taken when the reviews are completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28866/21]

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*111. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 365 of 21 April 2021, when the review of the Belfast to Cork and Derry to Dublin routes will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28867/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 365 of 21 April 2021, the reason the Dublin to Derry PSO was discontinued; the date on which it will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28868/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional resources being sought to tackle the driver theory waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28890/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport the timescale for clearing the backlog on the driver theory waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28891/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the damage to the Irish aviation sector due to the asymmetries of responses between the member states under the utilisation of relaxed state rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [28902/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the breakdown of the European traffic light system and its compatibility with the mandatory hotel quarantine system here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [28903/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport the length of the waiting list for persons waiting for a driver theory tests. — Robert Troy. [28910/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he has taken to restore driver theory tests; and the likely resumption dates. — Dara Calleary. [28921/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions which can be taken in the case of a family (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28929/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on proposals (details supplied); if his Department is considering a review of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [28936/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport if the feasibility study for the traffic management plan for Oranmore, County Galway includes consideration of a coastal cycling and walkway from a supermarket (details supplied) in the centre of Oranmore to the rear of Renville Park; if Galway County Council has made progress on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [28937/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport the action he has taken to ensure that CIÉ fully engages with the trustees of the 1951 pension scheme before changes are made in the scheme which many in Iarnród Éireann have paid into over their lifetime of work with the company. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28940/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport if the MetroLink north capital project will be proceeding as planned; the current expected completion dates for each phase of the project; and when the service will be available. — Alan Kelly. [28952/21]
*124. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a plan by an organisation (details supplied); and his proposals for engaging with the organisation. — Róisín Shortall. [29025/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the aviation sector; if a recovery strategy has been put in place for June, July and August 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [29026/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some foresters and tree surgeons have seen their insurance premia increase by over 100% since 2020; his plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [28795/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to permitting self-employed persons who have been out of work during the pandemic to warehouse their tax liability for 2020 for a period of time until their finances have recovered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [28815/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the changes that have been brought in in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28821/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance the policy or legislative changes he plans to make to the Disabled Drivers Passengers (Tax Concessions) Regulations 1994 and the related primary medical certificates following the Supreme Court ruling of 18 June 2020. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28835/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of automatic renewals of licence renewals for the sale of alcohol in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [28863/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of automatic renewals of off-licence renewals for the sale of alcohol in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [28864/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance if a query by a person (details supplied) in relation to the 10% rate of stamp duty will be clarified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28882/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance if self-employed persons, such as taxi drivers, will be allowed to warehouse their tax liability for 2020 and repayment schedules arranged with the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [28919/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the national resolution fund will be financed in accordance with EU Regulation 713/2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [28923/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance the mechanisms in place to allow persons who are mortgage approved to draw down finances in circumstances in which they are being prohibited from doing...
so in cases in which their employer is availing of the employment wage subsidy scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [28935/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider prohibiting the use of funds allocated through the Irish Strategic Investment Fund and Home Building Finance Ireland for the construction of homes that are then sold onto investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29002/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of engagements he and or his predecessor has had with the Central Bank and the Revenue Commissioners in respect Immigrant Investor Programme; if he plans to review or perform an impact assessment of the programme historically taking into consideration its impact on the provision of social housing. — Catherine Murphy. [29010/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance when the issuing of primary medical certificates will be resumed (details supplied); the situation regarding persons who applied prior to 18 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [29017/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that have been taken to ensure that homeowners of properties with defects requiring remediation can access home insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29023/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered implementing a scheme by which owners of properties that require remediation could offset the costs involved against their tax liability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29024/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance if craft cider producers will be allowed access to the same excise relief currently enjoyed by microbrewers; the estimated cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [29047/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he has taken to ensure financial institutions contribute to the mica redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29058/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a vacant homes tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29072/21]

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Poboí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

*144. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will confirm that the commitment in the Programme for Government Our Shared Vision that €1.5 billion raised from carbon taxes up to 2030 will be returned to agriculture by means of environmental schemes in which all farmers can partake and that the funding of any such scheme will be in addition to funding provided under the CAP programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28833/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 546 of 21 March 2021, the names of the trustees of a community centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28816/21]
To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [28953/21]

To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a club (details supplied) can hold events as of 7 June 2021 in line with the recommencement on sporting events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28796/21]

To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason an outdoor cinema company (details supplied) was forced to shut down; if outdoor drive-in cinemas are allowed operate under current Covid-19 guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28856/21]

To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an application will be considered (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29104/21]

To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the implementation of the Multi-annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28791/21]

To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that are available to persons building new homes in order to encourage non-carbon heating systems; if grants offered by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to convert existing homes by installing PV panels are also available to new house builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28799/21]

To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of plans to develop a scheme between local authorities and Irish Water to provide drinking water fountains nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28873/21]

To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the reported issues in relation to defective mica blocks used in County Donegal and the resulting damage to homes now emerging; the actions being pursued by his Department to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [28928/21]

To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the lack of planning enforcement officers in Galway County Council; if the Council has sought additional funding from his Department to tackle these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [28938/21]

To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 353 of 11 May 2021, when he will acknowledge that the derogation allowing the year-round shooting of wood pigeons breaches articles 7 and 9 of the EU Birds Directive given there is no scientific evidence that wood pigeons cause serious damage to crops in Ireland and that
the NPWS has expressed concern regarding the negative impact wood pigeon shooting is having on the protected and threatened stock dove species; and if he will review his previous reply in view of same. — Paul Murphy. [28946/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific actions introduced as per the statement within the Programme for Government to strengthen the regulatory and enforcement mechanisms with regard to short-term lettings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28947/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of short-term let properties operating in rent pressure zones without the appropriate permissions identified by the local authorities and brought back to the long-term rental market since the relevant amendments to the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in 2019, by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28948/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement local authorities with rent pressure zones have had with his Department in relation to short-term letting regulations detailing any concerns raised including within the Covid-19 pandemic context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28949/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 243 of 20 May 2021, when he expects to receive the remaining returns from local authorities impacted by the short-term letting regulation. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28950/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will meet with the Dublin City Council councillors regarding the report into the Oscar Traynor Road site; the reason he has not responded to any of the five letters sent to him by councillors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28963/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the qualifying conditions a person must meet in order to be able to access supports for first time buyers under the Affordable Housing Bill 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28971/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any independent analysis of the cost of home building in Ireland has been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28998/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to improve regulation of short-term lets that are under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28999/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans that are under consideration to tackle vacancies in the housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29000/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action that has been taken to urgently address the number of persons who have become homeless and who have died since the beginning of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29001/21]
*166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered implementing a support scheme for those owners of properties that require remediation who cannot afford to carry out the necessary works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29022/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the working group established to review the Sustainable Rural Housing guidelines for Planning Authorities 2005 in view of the Flemish Decree; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29068/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the meeting of Minister of State Malcolm Noonan with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29075/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons in receipt of HAP in County Kildare; the amount spent on HAP by Kildare County Council in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29076/21]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha: To the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*170. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether it is acceptable from a trade perspective for the social media account of an Irish Embassy (details supplied) to make statements regarding a strike in which it appears to use its position to represent the interests of one particular company headquartered in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [28918/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the number of countries that have defaulted on their payment commitments to the UN; and the approximate sum owed in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [28960/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on Ireland’s position with regard to the implementation of the Digital Green Certificate for EU-wide travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [28904/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland’s non-membership of the Schengen area due to the Common Travel Area with the UK status will cause further delays to the implementation of the digital green certificate process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [28907/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the diplomatic efforts on the repeal of the Presidential Order under section 212 F of the Immigration and Nationality Act 1952; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [28908/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28924/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and when they can expect to receive a decision on the case. — Chris Andrews. [28925/21]
*177. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to consult with EU partners concerning the implementation of the differentiation principle between Israel within its internationally recognised pre-1967 borders and the illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; if he is satisfied that Ireland and the EU are completely fulfilling their legal obligations based on non-recognition of Israeli sovereignty over these territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28965/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will support the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in efforts to ensure that the UN database of all business enterprises involved in activities relating to Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territory is regularly maintained and updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28966/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the precise mechanisms that are in place in his Department to ensure that all bilateral agreements with Israel apply only to Israel proper and do not benefit those territories illegally occupied by Israel in 1967; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28968/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 857 of 21 April 2021, if the pre-2015 data can now be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29021/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of discussions he has had with his counterparts in the European Union or with other governments and international agencies in relation to the interception of a flight (details supplied) over Belarus air space on 23 May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [29030/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the new consulate in Manchester will be operational; if other consulates are planned in the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29060/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to ensure the implementation of the Weston Park agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29061/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to ensure an independent international enquiry into the Dublin and Monaghan bombings takes place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29062/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current status of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29063/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he will take to ensure the murders of persons (details supplied) are fully and fairly investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29064/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*187. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason a US military aircraft landed at Baldonnel on 18 May 2021; the purposes of the US military aircraft; if any other airforce or air corps have accessed Baldonnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28797/21]
*188. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount Ireland is owed by the UN for the Defence Forces being deployed on peacekeeping duties all over the world. — Thomas Gould. [28959/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress made to date on implementing the Defence Forces built infrastructure plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29069/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the work of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29070/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department will assist with Kildare County Council’s investigation in relation to dumping at Donnelly’s Hollow on the Curragh to prevent the local authority from making unnecessary expenditure on legal action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29074/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*192. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to allowing students who experience a medical emergency immediately before or during a State examination to re-sit the exam within the same exam cycle or before such a time that CAO offers issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28859/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Gaelscoil places available in the Dublin 1, 7 and 9 areas for September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28793/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education if she will increase funding for Gaelscoileanna in the Dublin 1, 7 and 9 areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28794/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education if her Departmental representatives on a council (details supplied) have reported to her on the progress made to date in recognising post-primary private teaching service outside of the EU for the purpose of incremental credit, similar to that of primary school service; when she expects to receive such a report given the provision for recognition of this service in section 6 a) i) of Department Circular 0029/2007; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28813/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to a family liaison post which is allocated to a school (details supplied); if the post will be approved again for the coming academic year 2021-2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28854/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged with the principals of two schools (details supplied) regarding their shared temporary accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28870/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the allocation of teachers to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [28871/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the reduction in the teaching staff allocation numbers at a school (details supplied); the measures that will be taken to resolve this
issue in order to ensure adequate capacity for the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [28872/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education the funding available for assistive technologies in a child’s home in cases in which their assistive device in the school is large and not portable. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28875/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education if additional funding for assistive technology will be provided for a child (details supplied) in their home given their in-school device is not portable. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28876/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) can be re-registered as appropriate registration for a secondary school teacher as opposed to their current FET registration with particular reference to the number of years’ experience in their case who is at a financial loss due to this registration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28911/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education when the contractor for a school (details supplied) will commence building; and if she will request a meeting of stakeholders including a group to examine matters related to the school. — Joan Collins. [28914/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to request the Teaching Council to reverse its downgrading of the level of history required for aspirant second-level teachers of history (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28917/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education if the plans for a school (details supplied) have been finalised; the number of classrooms it will have; if the yards and associated works are part of the plans; the number of children that will be accommodated at the school; the number of staff that will be required; when a contractor will be appointed; and when the works will begin and be completed given that the school is set to open in September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28927/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request the reversal of the decision by the Primary Staffing Appeals Board to uphold the loss of a mainstream class teacher in a school (details supplied) in accordance with Circular 0019/2021 of a school (details supplied) given that the numbers in the school meet the requirements for this teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28962/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education the status of new school accommodation for a secondary school (details supplied); and the timeframe in which it will be delivered. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29003/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications from schools seeking an exceptional review for the past three years by the proportion of applications that were successful and rejected, respectively and the proportion of applications that were made by developing schools and established schools, respectively in tabular form; the success rate of these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [29035/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the current bridging method is inappropriate for developing schools given that the current cycle of every two years is a quarter of a
student’s life in primary school; if she will consider using a one-year bridging cycle for developing schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [29036/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education if the school inclusion model pilot has been completed; when the review of this pilot will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [29037/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will review the potential use of the accredited grades model beyond 2021 in particular for students who experience exceptional circumstances such as, bereavement or illness over their sixth year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [29038/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to calls from by organisation (details supplied) to have students who, while sitting their State exams, experience a medical emergency such as a seizure and are therefore unable to complete their exam, be accommodated to sit them at a later date but before CAO offers; if she is considering this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [29039/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education the average length of time between the application for an exception review being submitted to the outcome of the review being communicated; and the average length of time it takes for a review to take place in cases of successful applications. — Gary Gannon. [29040/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education if rural DEIS schools are included in the home school community liaison scheme; if not, the cost of bringing these schools into the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [29042/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the contingency plan for a school (details supplied) in relation to alternative temporary accommodation for the beginning of the new school term in August 2021. — Gary Gannon. [29043/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education if the contingency arrangements for a school (details supplied) will be sourced locally; if so, the location; the number of classrooms and other ancillary rooms that will be made available to the school; the length of time the school will have to remain at the location; when will the official temporary buildings be ready for the school to move into; and if the school leaders and board of management will be included in these discussions. — Gary Gannon. [29044/21]

Chun an Aire Coimisce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Social Protection.

*217. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to granting a free travel pass to persons that have lost their driver license due to a diagnosis with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28858/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the recommendation of the Citizens’ Assembly on Gender Equality to address the impact of the marriage bar by automatically qualifying women affected by the marriage bar for a State pension; if she is considering such a move; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [29041/21]
219. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 416 of 5 May 2021, if matters raised by the person (details supplied) will be examined.  — Sean Sherlock. [28828/21]

220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will have regard to correspondence and advise urgently (details supplied).  — Sean Sherlock. [28830/21]

221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent of protections available to the self-employed arising from their PRSI contributions in the event of illness and injury at work and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter.  — Michael Creed. [28834/21]

222. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a Widow’s, (Contributory) Pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.  — Brendan Griffin. [28895/21]

223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.  — Willie O’Dea. [29016/21]

224. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage and number of young persons aged up to and including 18 years of age that have an active case with the Probation Service that are also subject to a care order through Tusla.  — Joan Collins. [28884/21]

225. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he plans to take to improve the pay and conditions of childcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.  — Denis Naughten. [27787/21]

226. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the establishment of childcare Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.  — Denis Naughten. [27788/21]

227. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the reports of the disability capacity review and a report (details supplied) will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.  — Peadar Tóibín. [28934/21]

228. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for the decision to reduce the number of entry points to the ECCE from three to one per year; the cost saving to the Exchequer from the move; if any research has been carried out on the impact of the decision on low-income families who have to pay for their child to attend pre-school if they are outside the allocated timings; the educational impacts of limiting it to one entry point a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.  — Jennifer Whitmore. [29029/21]

229. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to childcare providers that will be forced to close due to forthcoming fire regulations from Tusla that are due to come into force on 1 November 2021; the course of action for small providers that do not believe that they can meet these regulations and will be forced to close; and if he will make a statement on the matter.  — Neale Richmond. [29031/21]
230. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which integration is being seriously pursued with a view to ensuring that the best possible options are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29077/21]

231. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which integration is being satisfactorily pursued as a policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29078/21]

232. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which equality issues continue to arise within his Department; the extent to which these issues are being addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29079/21]

233. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to liaise with youth organisations with a view to maximise beneficial contact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29080/21]

234. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent and level of his Departments interaction with youth and youth organisations with a view to identifying and meeting specific targets in relation to issues of concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29081/21]

235. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which equality issues are being addressed with particular reference to persons of all ages with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29082/21]

236. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children with disabilities can expect to receive adequate care and attention and access to services now and in the future; the degree to which his Department has identified issues of interest in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29083/21]

237. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children currently in foster or other care in State or private institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29084/21]

238. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which the welfare of children continues to be provided for all circumstances whether in State or other care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29085/21]

239. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which Tusla has adequate resources at its disposal in order to deal with any issues reported to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29086/21]

240. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the obvious steps that can be most readily taken to ensure that individual cases referred to Tusla or other bodies are likely to receive urgent and ongoing attention of the highest quality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29087/21]

241. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if adequate provision is in place to ensure that children with disabilities do not have to wait unnecessarily at accident and emergency departments in the event of being referred there for other than their own specific disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29088/21]
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Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

*242. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will re-examine whether the European Globalisation Fund could be accessed for the Irish tourism sector or specific areas within the sector in view of the recent EU Commission decision to grant Estonia access to the European Globalisation Fund for job losses in the tourism sector linked to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28861/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the accommodation that has been made to ensure that students of the class of 2020 that never got to finish their courses, that received calculated grades in 2020, sat the leaving certificate in 2020 and are being expected to await the first round of CAO offers in September in 2021 to know their fate in relation to their preferred choice of university course thus forcing them to compete for limited places in specialist courses such as radiography or biomedical science with the leaving certificate class of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28916/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure justice for international students who have had their education in Ireland affected by the Covid-19 crisis but who are being refused refunds on any fees by the university, specifically in the case of a university (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28790/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of all State funding in the area of cyber-security since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28954/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of each time the HEA enlisted the services of consultants since 2016; the date and value of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28970/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a matter (details supplied) in the University of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29045/21]

Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt: To the Minister for Justice.

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of the status of an application in the case of a person (details supplied); if a new application is required in view of the recent announcement regarding a draft scheme to regularise undocumented persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28820/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 655 of 18 May 2021, the details of the underspend within the Policing Authority budget for the 2020 fiscal year statement. — Pa Daly. [28836/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 655 of 18 May 2021, the details of the underspend within the Data Protection Commissioner’s budget for the 2020 fiscal year statement. — Pa Daly. [28837/21]
*251. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [28838/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied) who applied in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28860/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28877/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Justice if the current position will be clarified in relation to a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); when the original document will be returned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28880/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Justice when the case of a person (details supplied) will be dealt with by the Probate Office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [28881/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Justice when proposals will be brought forward for the recognition of a dissolution of marriage granted under the civil law of another state; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28888/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications to the Immigrant Investor Programme historically; the number of visas issued under the programme historically; and the number of visas declined. — Catherine Murphy. [29004/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenships by naturalisations that have lodged on foot of the Immigrant Investor Programme historically; and the number of those approved and refused, respectively. — Catherine Murphy. [29005/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of the overall applications by country of origin under to the Immigrant Investor Programme historically. — Catherine Murphy. [29008/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of engagements she and or her predecessor has had with the Central Bank, the Minister for Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in respect the Immigrant Investor Programme; if she plans to reform the programme in respect of the investments made in the provision of social housing. — Catherine Murphy. [29009/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Peace Commissioners that are currently appointed in County Kildare; if she will establish a public register to enable the public to easily find a Peace Commissioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29071/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation for a person (details supplied); when the application will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29089/21]
Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has commissioned an impact assessment on the implications for the Irish beef and sheep sectors of a UK-Australia trade agreement that facilitates tariff free access for Australian beef and lamb into the British market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28800/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has contacted his British counterpart to discuss the proposed UK-Australia trade agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28801/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the decision not to include ash plantations that are 25 years old and are diseased in the reconstitution and underplanting scheme when there is clear evidence these diseased plantations have little or no commercial value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [28832/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a forestry licence application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited in view of the fact that an ecologist report has been submitted by the applicant. — Michael Creed. [28869/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the allocation will remain within the Irish pillar 1 envelope in cases in which farmers do not apply or qualify for the eco scheme element of pillar 1 in the next CAP; if so, the way redistribution will be organised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28941/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the next CAP will provide for coupled payments such as sheep or suckler cow schemes to be delivered under pillar 1; if he is actively pursuing options for such payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28942/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the stakeholders he met to discuss the implementation of Ag-Climatise; when will the stakeholder group be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28943/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to provide a revised financial support scheme for landowners affected by ash dieback to ensure that all diseased ash plantations can secure support, that provision is made for a phased premium period for forest owners below 50% of the minimum rotation age and that includes an insurance scheme for future losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28944/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 717 of 18 May 2021, if he will consider further correspondence (details supplied) if concerns raised therein can be addressed satisfactorily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28951/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to pursue a policy of 100% convergence of the value of entitlements for farm schemes by 2027 in view of the fact that the only basis for different values being assigned to entitlements for farm schemes is the amount of grants paid to farmers in each of the years 2001 to 2003 and that a very significant number of entitlements have been transferred since; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28955/21]
*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans introducing a limit on the maximum farm grants that would be payable to farmers under the forthcoming CAP programme; if so, the conditions that will attach to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28956/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to ensure there is a direct relationship between the rates of payment under the ANC scheme and the natural constraint on production of different types of land under the forthcoming CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28957/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he plans taking to ensure that as much of the grants payable to farmers under the forthcoming CAP will remain with the farmer and that compliance costs will be kept to a minimum in view of the income challenges faced by the agriculture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28958/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a felling licence application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [28961/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, if the assistant secretary with responsibility for GLAS is also responsible for forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28973/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the policy analysis carried out by his Department on the impact GLAS has had on afforestation uptake rates, due to the fact that farmer planting undertook the most serious decline in the history of the scheme during the same time period as GLAS; the policy analysis that was completed by his Department on the impact of GLAS on the afforestation grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28974/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, if he is satisfied that no changes to the GLAS terms and conditions and structure or system are necessary or planned in REAP or any new environmental or eco scheme in the next CAP to enhance the compatibility of afforestation and such environmental or eco schemes in the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28975/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192, of 19 May 2021, the total number of unique farmer applications on an annual basis for the basic payment scheme since the launch of GLAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28976/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192, of 19 May 2021, the total number of individual LPIS plots or parcels submitted under the basic payments scheme each year since the launch of GLAS in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28977/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192, of 19 May 2021, the total area applied for basic payment payments on an annual
basis since the launch of GLAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28978/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192, of 19 May 2021, the total number of unique farmer applicants for the GLAS scheme per year since its launch in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28979/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, the total number of individual LPIS plots or parcels in GLAS for each year since its launch in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28980/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, the total LPIS area under which GLAS actions are attached on a per year basis since the GLAS was launched in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28981/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, if the total LPIS area under which GLAS actions are attached are excluded from afforestation opportunity for the applicant; if such applicants are forced to pay back the monies received on the actions under the GLAS in cases in which they wish or need to afforest parcels attached or under the terms and conditions of the GLAS scheme; his views on whether this serves as a major disincentive to afforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28982/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, if LPIS plots or parcels in GLAS are not available for afforestation opportunities for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28983/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, the number of applicants for GLAS by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28984/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, the number of applicants for the basic payments scheme by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28985/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 191 and 192 of 19 May 2021, the main farming activity that is, dairy, beef, sheep, tillage and other in percentage terms of the applicants for GLAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28986/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a SWAT analysis has been carried out of the compatibility of the present terms and conditions and structure of the GLAS eco
scheme with afforestation; if so, if the results of such a SWAT analysis are being considered in the design, terms and conditions of any new eco schemes in the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28988/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if complementary environmental measures on new afforestation projects can be funded in any new agri environmental scheme under the CAP whilst the forestry programme could be delivered entirely separately from the CAP strategic plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28989/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos, 359 and 358, of 20 May 2021, if any proposed planting of trees less than 0.1 hectares is considered a plan or a project and is subject to screening and appropriate assessment in the same manner as forestry currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28990/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos, 359 and 358, of 20 May 2021, if the private forestry sector and specifically the foresters registered with his Department and registered ecologists and an organisation (details supplied) will be involved in developing the scheme terms and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28991/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos, 359 and 358 of 20 May 2021, if he plans to exclude mandatory Department registered professional forester and ecologist involvement from the scheme to plant trees along rivers and watercourses to act as carbon sinks and interceptors of nutrients currently being prepared by the Minister of State in cases in which any proposed planting of trees is less than 0.1 hectares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28992/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question number 193 of 19 May 2021, the person or body that will provide the sufficient training and support to the REAP participants and agents to carry out all works involved in the project specifically in relation to tree planting; if plans to exclude mandatory professional foresters many of whom are represented in their profession by an organisation (details supplied) from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28994/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average timeframe from date of advertising to date of decision for the 76 afforestation licenses issued in April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28995/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the weekly number of forestry licences issued by his Department is in decline considering the investment in additional ecologists and forest service inspectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [28997/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a BEAM scheme application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29006/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of the ecology input in approving a forestry licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [29007/21]
*302. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will increase the level of grants to farmers for farm sheds due to the recent increases in the cost of materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29033/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which health and safety will feature in planned future farming schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29056/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that are available to beekeepers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29059/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will include organic farmers in the Rural Environmental-Agri Pilot Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [29066/21]

Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

*306. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the community service programme is open to new applicants; and if so, the process for a community group to apply for funding. — Mark Ward. [29028/21]