Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach the source of the information outlined in his correspondence of 29 April 2020 in which he indicated to this Deputy the target of 100,000 tests a week was agreed by NPHET on 14 April 2020; the reason the published note of the NPHET meeting does not record such a target; if he will provide a copy of the briefings and other written records he has received after each NPHET meeting for April and May 2020, respectively; and the person or body that provides him with briefings after each NPHET meeting. — Alan Kelly. [7175/20]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach if he has engaged with his UK and Northern Ireland counterparts on the implications of the proposed mandatory quarantine period on cross-Border travel and trade. — Robert Troy. [7582/20]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with representatives of the Catholic Church. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8063/20]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach the dates on which each of the Cabinet committees have met in the past three months in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8064/20]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach if a charity (details supplied) has confirmed with him the board members of a company. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8065/20]

Chun an Taoiseach agus Aire Cosanta: To the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence.

*6. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of Defence Forces personnel on the UNIFIL operation whose return here has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic; the efforts underway to resolve the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7081/20]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the estimated full year cost of purchasing 15 extra combat support service armoured 8 x 8 drop vehicles for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7120/20]

*8. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the Napoleonic battery fortress on Carrig Island, Ballylongford, County Kerry was taken into the ownership of his Department after independence (details supplied) in view of the fact the land on which it is situated is not registered with the Property Registration Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7316/20]
*9. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of efforts to return two members of the Defence Forces home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7317/20]

*10. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if he will extend the deadline for applications for cadetships in the Defence Forces until September 2020 due to the Covid-19 restrictions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7398/20]

*11. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his views on possible illegal activity at a location (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7466/20]

*12. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence his plans to support the need of members of the Defence Forces for secure long-term housing; if the matter will be addressed through local authority housing or council mortgages or by the Defence Forces directly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7638/20]

*13. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the terms and conditions for re-enlistment to the Defence Forces enforce an obligation to purchase a discharge should a person that re-enlists decide to leave during the period of their contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7956/20]

*14. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the level of capital investment underway and planned for the Air Corps; the aircraft being purchased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7957/20]

*15. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of progress on plans for a peace and leadership institute on the Curragh Camp, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8082/20]

*16. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of discussions between his Department and the Department of Education and Skills on a potential site for a new post-primary school for the Curragh; if he will provide clarity on this matter in order that a new site can be identified for the post-primary school either on the Curragh or elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8083/20]

*17. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if clarity will be provided to Defence Forces personnel serving on UN missions overseas on when they will be returning; and his plans to ensure a timely rotation. — Holly Cairns. [8203/20]

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of Ireland’s bid to win a seat at the United Nations Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7135/20]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on a matter regarding travel to China (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7158/20]
*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when a further announcement will be made regarding extending and lifting the travel restrictions that are in place until 29 May 2020. — John Brady. [7289/20]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if additional primary legislation is required in the event that the United Kingdom exits the transition period under WTO terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7339/20]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the efforts being made to prevent the outbreak of Covid-19 in Syria; the accountability mechanisms through which his Department ensures funding to the World Health Organisation results in resources being allocated to those in Syria most in need and is not politically influenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7362/20]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding renewing passports; if there are delays; the average waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7408/20]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures that will be implemented to ensure the backlog of passport applications is cleared promptly (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [7452/20]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the percentage of the EU recovery fund that will be allocated to Ireland; the amount that will be allocated to each sector; and the sectors involved. — Johnny Mythen. [7635/20]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the passport offices will recommence the processing of day to day passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7861/20]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the travel advice for families that have booked holidays during the summer months in other EU countries; if families should seek a refund for such holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7902/20]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when he plans to reopen the provision of passport services; the reason the matter was not considered a critical service due to the constitutional freedom to travel and the EU freedom of movement; if he is satisfied that all Irish citizens are being treated equally in terms of the freedom to travel based on whether they have a valid passport or require the consent of the passport office to a passport renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7903/20]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of permits granted for military aircraft to land at Shannon Airport and to pass through Irish airspace between 1 January 2020 and 30 April 2020 inclusive; the countries the requests were made by; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8045/20]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when he expects the authentications and or apostilles in the public offices to reopen in Dublin and Cork in the context of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8054/20]
*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will continue to pursue the matter of EU immigration and family unification rights for Irish citizens living in Northern Ireland with the UK Government to ensure the same rights remain in place when the UK EU Settlement Scheme ends in June 2021 in view of the successful outcome of a case by a person (details supplied). — Mary Lou McDonald. [8066/20]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which efforts continue in the Middle Eastern peace process in particular with reference to the need for permanent structures to encourage progress in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8118/20]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the online processing of passports will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8149/20]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the waiting time for a new passport, a renewed passport online and offline, respectively; if the demand is still high from Irish citizens based in Great Britain and Northern Ireland in view of Brexit; and the impact Covid-19 restrictions has had on the waiting times. — Seán Crowe. [8248/20]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens that are still abroad and seeking support for repatriation following the outbreak of Covid-19; the number of persons that were in financial difficulties that have received supports; and the supports received in funding from Europe for same. — Seán Crowe. [8249/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*36. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider rolling out the temporary wage subsidy scheme to all limousine SPSV owners and staff. — Cathal Crowe. [7271/20]

*37. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied with the process in cases in which property owners that sell their homes must pay the local property tax for the full year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7326/20]

*38. To ask the Minister for Finance if changes will be made to the wage subsidy scheme in order to grant the payment to mothers on maternity leave and due to return to work in view of the fact those that were not on payroll in March 2020 are not entitled to the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7352/20]

*39. To ask the Minister for Finance if changes have been or will be made to the wage subsidy scheme in order to grant the payment to mothers on maternity leave and due to return to work in view of the fact those that were not on payroll in March 2020 are not entitled. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7353/20]

*40. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to property insurance during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7450/20]

*41. To ask the Minister for Finance if childminders will continue to be able to access the childminders tax credit if they provide care in the home of the child on a temporary basis as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. — Anne Rabbitte. [7609/20]
*42. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered extending the temporary wage subsidy scheme for the tourism and hospitality sector in view of the long-term impacts of Covid-19 for these businesses. — Marc MacSharry. [7612/20]

*43. To ask the Minister for Finance if women on maternity leave that are returning to work will be included on the Covid-19 temporary wage subsidy scheme. — Johnny Mythen. [7633/20]

*44. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects vehicle registration tax centres to reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7974/20]

*45. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider measures (details supplied) to bolster the tourism sector. — Cathal Crowe. [8026/20]

*46. To ask the Minister for Finance if the criteria for the primary medical certificate will be reviewed and qualification criteria eased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [8029/20]

*47. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on adjusting the calculation for Covid-19 wage subsidy to be based on annual average wages to compensate for seasonal variations in income for some professions. — Holly Cairns. [8212/20]

*48. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on allowing tax relief on private health insurance for dental treatments to help stimulate the sector when the emergency has passed. — Holly Cairns. [7052/20]

*49. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on directing the Revenue Commissioners to amend the terms of the MED 2 scheme to allow relief at the marginal rate for the remainder of 2020. — Holly Cairns. [7053/20]

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 124 of 17 December 2019, if further consideration has been given to enhanced or expanded tax relief or other forms of incentives on teleconferencing equipment with the objective of reducing emissions by minimising unnecessary travel to meetings in view of recent developments and changes in the way in which society works in terms of employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7062/20]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance if women returning from maternity leave are entitled to the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [7139/20]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7272/20]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is an obligation under the temporary wage subsidy scheme on employers to pay employees if the employees have returned to work as certain restrictions are lifted (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [7292/20]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of his discussions and conclusions made with the insurance industry on compensating businesses with disruption cover for infectious diseases on
the need to honour business interruption claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7312/20]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) relating to the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7328/20]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to amend the provisions of the wage subsidy scheme to allow women coming back from maternity leave to take part in the scheme. — David Cullinane. [7335/20]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether finance packages are needed for businesses (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7346/20]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports being put in place for professionals such as dentists that are often sole traders, many of whom have had no income or business since mid-March 2020 due to a lack of PPE; if the Revenue Commissioners will withhold tax bills from dentists for the time being; if supports can be provided to get such businesses back open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7350/20]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance if the number of staff dealing with customers experiencing difficulties contacting the Revenue Commissioners regarding tax queries will be increased; if the tax office is taking telephone queries at this time; the measures that can be put in place to improve the response time for queries submitted online through the Revenue website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [7375/20]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reviewing the rules regarding accessing the temporary wage subsidy scheme (details supplied); and if the Revenue Commissioners can be given some leniency in this regard in order to deal with businesses on a case-by-case basis. — Steven Matthews. [7378/20]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on ensuring that employers availing of the wage subsidy scheme raise their employees’ wages up to 100% of their gross pay instead of their net pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7383/20]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance if an impact assessment has been carried out on the status of credit unions here in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; the supports that can be offered to credit unions; his views on the future of credit unions here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [7426/20]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications for loans to Home Building Finance Ireland since its establishment; the number of loan approvals; the number of loan drawdowns; the cash value of the applications, approvals and drawdowns; and the number of units of accommodation involved in the applications, approvals and drawdowns to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7446/20]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance when VRT applications will commence. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7535/20]
*65. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether employers availing of the temporary wage subsidy scheme should match employees’ gross pay instead of net pay rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7583/20]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he will take to ensure that banks which offered term extensions to loans including mortgages will not add penalties or recapitalisation or accruals but will resume the exact same repayments pre-Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7665/20]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the communication there has been with a bank (details supplied); when it will be possible to recommence valuations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7666/20]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person (details supplied) is eligible to avail of the wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7669/20]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider allowing a company (details supplied) to reopen immediately. — Pauline Tully. [7678/20]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance if women returning from maternity leave will be eligible for the temporary wage subsidy scheme in cases in which it is relevant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7690/20]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of arrears owed to employers under the TWSS relating to employees that were rehired since 1 May 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7725/20]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance if a decision on a wage subsidy application by a club (details supplied) in County Cork will be re-examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7776/20]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance if the administrative officer audit and compliance 2018 panel which expired on 31 December 2018 is still operative due to the fact that the new panel has not gone to interview stage and the process has been put on hold indefinitely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7787/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to home buyers with mortgage approvals based on their pre-Covid-19 financial earnings that are now temporarily on pandemic payments and have lost their mortgage approval; the steps he will take to support families in such situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7851/20]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance the conditions applied to a member state before it can avail of funding (details supplied); if corporation tax reform in terms of rate, minimum effective tax and digital tax will not be conditions to accessing funding through the model; his plans if the European Commission applies conditions such as corporation tax reform on formal proposals in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7890/20]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance if an employer that laid off a worker onto the pandemic unemployment payment can rehire that employee under the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7891/20]
*77. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to include seasonal workers under the wage subsidy scheme in view of the fact that their period of employment ordinarily would be during the summer tourism season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7949/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to aid small businesses that cannot receive a commercial loan from a bank in spite of the provision of the SME credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7951/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend the temporary wage subsidy scheme to ensure that women returning from maternity leave are eligible for this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7953/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the help-to-buy scheme to second-hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7963/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with the insurance industry in relation to rebates for public liability insurance and employer liability insurance for those businesses forced to close due to restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19; the engagement he has had with UK companies that are providing insurance to businesses here; if the Central Bank has the power to influence companies in this respect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8006/20]

*82. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses that have availed of each of the Covid-19 supports put in place by his Department; the number of employees that have availed of each scheme; the cost to date of each scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8008/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the capital acquisitions tax deadline of 31 October 2020 to 31 January 2021 to bring it into line with extensions granted in other areas of the tax code in view of difficulties in disposing of property during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [8013/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider changes to the cycle to work scheme to facilitate employees purchasing new bicycles and electric bicycles (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [8015/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has discussed the liquidation of a company (details supplied) with a bank that is a shareholder in the parent company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8060/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance if adjustments will be considered to the wage subsidy scheme to allow those returning from maternity leave to be included; if not, if alternative financial supports can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8148/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are planned changes to the preliminary corporation tax and preliminary income tax requirements specifically in view of the current trading environment due to Covid-19. — Sorca Clarke. [8164/20]
88. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will temporarily suspend the collection of professional withholding tax from payments made to dentists contracted by the HSE and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection to treat medical card and PRSI-eligible patients, respectively. — Holly Cairns. [8199/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some employers in receipt of the wage subsidy scheme are making the employees continue to work full-time but for substantially reduced salary; if he will address this matter immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8274/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has checked or will check the number of companies that are registered offshore but are operating here that are in receipt of the wage subsidy scheme or other special Covid-19 financial supports; the number of companies in this category; the amount of public funds they are receiving in total and on average; his views on whether companies avoiding tax here by being registered offshore is acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8275/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance if in the interests of supporting a fair economic recovery, he will continue to provide full income supports to workers in sectors particularly hard hit by the impact of Covid-19 and the public health measures (details supplied); if he will establish specific tailor-made financial packages of support for these workers and sectors and urgently engage with these workers sectors in a suitable forum to discuss with them the way in which such supports can best be designed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8276/20]

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

92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons that were employed arising from a recruitment competition (details supplied); the number of persons that have yet to be given a start date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7159/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood protection works at Springfield, Clonlara, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8068/20]

94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the necessary funding will be provided as a matter of urgency to carry out emergency improvement works to the embankment at Cromane Lower, Killorglin, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Norma Foley. [8097/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the persons that went through a recruitment campaign (details supplied) will be offered a start date for employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7161/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status on an application by a school (details supplied) under the Public Service Innovation Fund; the timeframe for decisions on applications for this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7209/20]
*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the income received from each current, former or decommissioned Garda station, site and or building that has a telecom and or communications mast on-site that leases space on that mast to companies to use and or take a fixing on in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 by location and company that pays a subscription for its lease on the mast; the duration of each contract for the use of the mast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7437/20]

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the Enniscorthy flood defence scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7774/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 131 of 5 March 2020, the progress made in relation to the new guidance on the implementation of section 52(6) and (7) of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8030/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a resolution to the pension entitlements of a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8237/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna: To the Minister for Education and Skills.

*101. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when safepass courses are expected to resume as part of the Roadmap for Reopening Society & Business. — Robert Troy. [7263/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) has to pay a large amount each year for bus fees; if more school buses will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7306/20]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of places in medical schools; the number of Irish students admitted annually; the number of non-Irish students admitted annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [7405/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether urgent consideration should be given to resume safepass courses delivered by SOLAS in view of the fact the construction industry has resumed activity under phase 1 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7449/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when SOLAS will resume safepass training courses. — John Brady. [7499/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied) for a pension abatement waiver submitted in July 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7522/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a student based at a network (details supplied) is entitled to the pandemic unemployment payment if already in receipt of jobseeker’s; if he will reinstate the travel allowance of €12.70 and the meal allowance of €4; if not, when is he expecting to reintroduce such allowances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7769/20]
*108. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if safepass training has resumed; the date for it to resume; and if safepasses that have expired have been extended. — Norma Foley. [8095/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if financial supports and measures will be made available to ensure social distancing measures can be properly implemented on school buses when schools are reopened in the 2020/2021 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8115/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the phase under which educational services and facilities that deliver measures for children with disabilities will be allowed reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [8174/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on putting in place a system to monitor the success, challenges and failures of the 2020 leaving certificate arrangements as a case study for future reforms of the senior cycle assessment in post-primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7057/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when parents and teachers can expect a detailed plan on the way in which they can return to school in September 2020; and if schools will receive financial support to fund a risk assessment and funding for extra works required. — Paul Donnelly. [7064/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if junior certificate or leaving certificate examinations material had been already prepared for the 2020 exam; if so, if these papers can be salvaged for future examinations; the cost of preparing these papers; the function of State Examinations Commission staff for the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7070/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the recommendations and written instructions from NEPS to students and schools during the Covid-19 pandemic particularly for those preparing for cancelled examinations. — Seán Crowe. [7074/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the school transport scheme for pupils will be reassessed in view of the difficulties facing parents in getting their children accepted into their nearest school (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [7077/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the July provision is going ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7086/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an additional teacher will be appointed at a school (details supplied) to improve the pupil-teacher ratio at the school; and the status of the application for additional accommodation including a purpose built special class at the school. — Cathal Crowe. [7104/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the outcome of the review of the July provision programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7127/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated full year cost of providing 10,000 extra release days for teaching principals in primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7128/20]
*120. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the meaning of teachers’ estimated marks from each school being adjusted to bring them into line with the expected distribution for the school; if this means that the previous year’s results of a school will have an input on 2020 results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7164/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when students that wish to appeal their predicted grade and sit the exam at a later date will get the opportunity to do so; if he has considered alternative methods to facilitate sitting the exams in order that students do not have to wait a prolonged period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7165/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the provisions being made for leaving certificate students that have been home schooled and may not have ever sat a formal exam in a formal school environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7166/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which students that change levels late in the academic year will be accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7167/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which students that sit non-curricular subjects such as Polish, Romanian and Russian will be accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7168/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of the advice he received which prompted his decision to rescind the leaving certificate oral and practical marks which were previously awarded 100%; if he will publish this advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7169/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will publish the guidelines previously mentioned to protect teachers and school staff from lobbying and canvassing on behalf of particular students; if he has considered appropriate sanctions for such transgressions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7170/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans in place for leaving certificate students in 2021 in view of the fact they have lost considerable classroom time and are likely to be impacted going forward; if he has received advice regarding this cohort of students; if he plans to seek advice on the way in which the workload for these students will be reduced commensurate with the time they have lost in school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7171/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures being taken in schools to facilitate staff that have underlying health conditions and may not be in a position to return to work in September 2020 should schools reopen at that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7172/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the arrangements in place for students that are in the final year of their masters for secondary school teaching in circumstances in which Irish is one of their subjects and they have not had the opportunity to complete their Gaeltacht placement due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if they will still be awarded the relevant qualification from the National Teaching Council. — Kathleen Funchion. [7178/20]
*130. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the ongoing review of the July provision scheme; if the potential for the scheme to run in August 2020 has been examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7179/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the procurement of information technology equipment through his Department following an announcement of top-up funding on 22 April 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7180/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the consultation which has taken place to date on the provision of additional spaces at third-level institutions for the coming term; if agreement has been reached that these places will be made available to current leaving certificate students; if additional supports will be provided to third-level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7181/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure the involvement of independent expert advice in the development of the model which will be used within his Department to adjust calculated grades; if such a consultation has already taken place, the nature of the consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7182/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process by which a calculated grade will be provided to students that study a subject independently of a school. — Thomas Byrne. [7183/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the planning underway for students that will take leaving certificate exams in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7184/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional supports which have been provided through his Department to pupils with special educational needs; if additional supports are being developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7185/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has undertaken an examination of the ongoing closure of schools on educational attainment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7186/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if answers to non-individual specific queries submitted to his Department on calculated grades for the leaving certificate will be published on the Departmental website. — Thomas Byrne. [7187/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide an additional deadline to CAO applicants for 2020 applications (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [7189/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if staff from the State Examinations Commission have been seconded to the unit of his Department tasked with the adjustment of calculated grades. — Thomas Byrne. [7190/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the powers available to his Department to protect teachers from canvassing without primary legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7191/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has reviewed the recent advice considerations for school-related public health measures in the context of Covid-19 by the WHO;
the implications of this advice in the Irish context for preparations for the reopening of schools in September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7192/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the provision of further educational resources to children with special educational needs over the summer months outside of the July provision scheme is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7193/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans to allow SNAs to provide a service through their existing schools in view of issues identified with the HSE vetting process. — Thomas Byrne. [7196/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding apprenticeships (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [7208/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the consideration which has been given to the HPAT exam and the way in which this may adversely affect their predicted grades; if the HPAT score can be carried forward to the following year for those that choose to avail of written exams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7211/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will develop a single web platform for online skills learning in line with the recently established skills toolkit in the United Kingdom. — Thomas Byrne. [7224/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the units in his Department currently working remotely; the units still in situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7225/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the activities of his Department which have been curtailed as a result of the transition to working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7226/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he accepts the findings of a recent report by the OECD (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7227/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the monitoring undertaken by his Department of the number of children that do not have access to broadband or to high enough quality broadband to engage in digital learning initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7228/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has examined the potential for additional distance learning supports over the summer months; if so, the findings of the examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7229/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the meetings which have taken place to date on the reopening of schools in September 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [7230/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the recent statement that the reopening of schools is one of the safest things that can be done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7231/20]
155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will commission a report on the short, medium and long-term impact of school closures on the educational development of young persons.
— Thomas Byrne. [7232/20]

156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the case of a school (details supplied) that lost the placement of a mainstream teacher due to falling short in projected enrolment numbers for September 2020 by one pupil; if he will review this decision in view of the potential for further enrolment between now and September 2020, the very small margin upon which this decision was made and the denial of an appeal by the Primary Staffing Appeals Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
— Cian O’Callaghan. [7268/20]

157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the planning and procurement for the installation of appropriate prefabs has been organised for a school (details supplied) to ensure that the school can open in line with other secondary schools when it is safe to do so, with appropriate space to facilitate social distancing and the teaching of a wide variety of subjects; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
— Neale Richmond. [7297/20]

158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the provisions that will be made for students in the third year of college studying social care and have been unable to complete their 400 hours, 10 week work placement due to Covid-19 in view of the fact there is a requirement that they need to complete their placement to allow them to progress to the fourth year of college to obtain a degree.
— John Brady. [7318/20]

159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which it is planned to use predicted grades for leaving certificate students that only moved to a new school in December 2019 and have never met their Irish and history teacher in view of the fact they were on maternity leave when they started in their new school; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
— John Brady. [7319/20]

160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the ASD unit at a school (details supplied) has been delayed in view of the fact all works have been completed at stage 2(a) in the process including the obtaining of planning permission, fire certificates and disability access certificates; the way in which it will be progressed to stage 2(b) to allow the building go to e-tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
— Jackie Cahill. [7321/20]

161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the July provision will be sanctioned for a school (details supplied) attended by students with ASD; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
— Seán Haughey. [7325/20]

162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a reply to correspondence (details supplied) regarding a pension issue will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
— Jack Chambers. [7360/20]

163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the leaving certificate for external candidates (details supplied).
— Cathal Crowe. [7361/20]

164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the planned reform of the Higher Education Authority Act 1971; the consultation process involved; and if a response has issued from a university (details supplied) in relation to same.
— Joan Collins. [7373/20]

165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the commencement of the 2020/2021 college year; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that students will need to
pay accommodation fees in July 2020 to cover the first semester; if he will instruct landlords on the way in which they should handle student accommodation for the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7376/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the full arrangements in place in relation to students that were on the leaving certificate applied course; the arrangements in place for attendance; the provision which can be made to facilitate students in these situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7385/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional special needs assistants will be allocated to a school (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [7386/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7395/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the consideration being given to fund the wages of childcare workers to ensure reduced costs for parents and improve pay levels for childcare staff (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7411/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a hotline will be set up in order to assist external students (details supplied) in view of the fact they have not been contacted in relation to the leaving certificate 2020; if they will be written to; and if an announcement will be made in relation to the way in which grades for these students will be calculated. — Joan Collins. [7414/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school rebuilding project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [7434/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to address a matter in relation to the recommencement of third-level education (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7436/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will intervene in the ongoing dispute at the University of Limerick regarding refunds for students that have paid for campus accommodation and have not been able to use it for the past number of months. — Cathal Crowe. [7478/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the building of the new educate together primary school on Harcourt Terrace; if this project has been impacted by the current crisis; the timeline for commencement and completion of the project; and when the school will officially open. — Patrick Costello. [7480/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider offering children with disabilities a return to school before September 2020 as teachers are in place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [7486/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a proposal in respect of the July provision (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7497/20]
*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if students of social care will be given clarity with regard to their placements; if they will not be held up from graduating as a result of placements being cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7501/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide clarity on the July provision for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7503/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a reply will issue to correspondence regarding a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [7504/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress in relation to the new build at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [7523/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a payment to a person (details supplied) will continue after they reach 66 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7528/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the guidelines schools and principals will receive in terms of public health safety before they return to reopen schools. — Chris Andrews. [7529/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he expects to be able to issue schools with public health requirement guidelines for the reopening of schools. — Chris Andrews. [7530/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional funding resources schools will have in order to pay for the new public health and safety requirements they will have to implement. — Chris Andrews. [7531/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a full immersion Gaelcholáiste (details supplied) for County Louth; if a decision can be expected in time for the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year; if not, if he will consider expediting the decision process with an appropriate deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7540/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the July provision is going ahead in 2020; if not, if it will be facilitated in the homes of the children; the alternate plans he is developing for the July provision; when these plans will be made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7547/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a practical project will be examined as part of the grading for results in relation to the leaving certificate. — Thomas Byrne. [7548/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the programme in existence or being planned going forward for apprenticeships in Carlow town or county in view of the fact that Carlow is a manufacturing town. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [7567/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the engagement held with the organisers of a competition (details supplied) in view of Covid-19 restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [7579/20]
*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the arrangements for predictive marking for students that suffer from mental health issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7585/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when providers of safe pass courses can start to provide courses to new entrants to the sector that have not had a safe pass certificate before; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7594/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which a secondary student that does five subjects through school and two outside of school will have predicted grades for the two additional subjects when they do the subjects independently and autonomously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7596/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the need for special education summer tuition classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7603/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7616/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps that will be taken to compel the schools in south County Dublin in particular Dublin 12 that have capacity for ASD classes but are not compliant. — Joan Collins. [7622/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 217 of 13 May 2020, the number of the 43 children needing ASD special class places and the 36 children needing special school places that live in the Dublin 12 area; and the number of schools in Dublin 12 that do not have special school classes and have the capacity to set up an ASD class. — Joan Collins. [7623/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 217 of 13 May 2020, if he has considered sanctioning a school (details supplied) as an ASD specific school after considering the report. — Joan Collins. [7624/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated full year cost of recruiting 50 additional school principal posts in primary and post-primary schools. — Johnny Mythen. [7630/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional resources and budget increase being considered for the NCSE to deal with the substantial increase in the needs of children that are being very negatively affected by school closures due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7639/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a bus service will be provided for a school (details supplied) in view of its growth in recent years and the resulting increased demand for such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [7644/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider increasing the allocation for persons graduating from post-leaving certificate nursing preparation courses to above the current
150 place allocation in the uptake of nursing places in college courses in 2020 due to a decline in international students. — Joe O’Brien. [7663/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a school (details supplied); if it will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7670/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the need for more ASD places in Ashbourne, County Meath; and his plans to introduce more ASD places in the town. — Thomas Byrne. [7685/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to the supply and installation of antibacterial and anti-viral door handles in schools; and his plans to install air purification systems in schools. — Marian Harkin. [7692/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for removing a teaching post in a school (details supplied) due to the school being one pupil short of the criteria required to maintain the post; and if the decision will be reconsidered. — Denise Mitchell. [7695/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the predictive grading system will work for leaving certificate students that are currently home schooled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7719/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) will be allowed retain a teacher in view of the fact it was only one pupil short to be eligible to keep the teacher; if the points raised in the appeals submitted by the school will be given consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7726/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when tutors of children with special needs will be allowed back to tutor children in their homes. — Jim O’Callaghan. [7731/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason an advisory group was not set up to consult with the stakeholders and develop a plan for all contingencies in relation to the leaving certificate 2020 before making the announcement that the exams would proceed. — John Brady. [7733/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his officials were instructed to develop contingency plans in the event of the leaving certificate exams not proceeding; and if so, the reason the contingency plan was not shared with the stakeholders until 6 May 2020 and only discussed in detail on 7 May 2020. — John Brady. [7734/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if CPD for teachers was formed as part of contingency planning for the State examinations; and if so, when it will be available. — John Brady. [7735/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason he and his officials did not engage with the stakeholders earlier in planning for the document A Guide to Calculated Grades for Leaving Certificate students 2020 in view of the current date and the fact that schools are still awaiting advice, clarifications, CPD and a detailed document from his Department. — John Brady. [7736/20]
*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the person or body that designed the system outlined in the document A Guide to Calculated Grades for Leaving Certificate students 2020; and if alternatives were considered. — John Brady. [7737/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for selecting the calculated grades system. — John Brady. [7738/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the stakeholders, parents, students, management bodies and teacher unions were not consulted on the design of the calculated grades system and on possible alternatives. — John Brady. [7739/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the performance of his Department in supporting the well-being of students in relation to the announcements regarding the leaving certificate 2020. — John Brady. [7740/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether the process his Department has followed in arriving at the announcement of the calculated grades model on 8 May 2020 was adequate in view of the fact that schools, principals and teachers are still awaiting clarification and a detailed guidance document. — John Brady. [7741/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the function of ranking students in the calculated grades system; the reason this is necessary; and if alternatives were or still can be considered. — John Brady. [7742/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department will be issuing guidelines pertaining to the safe reopening of primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7745/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if adjustments will be made on health and safety grounds to the pupil-teacher ratio operational in primary schools for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7746/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there has been progress in relation to delivering an ASD specific unit or school for the Dublin 12 area capable of addressing the shortfall in the places available to parents that are trying to find local schools with places for their children with special educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7750/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department or the NCSC have had contact with the owners of a school (details supplied) in relation to its future educational use; and if his Department has considered purchasing, asking for it to be donated to the State or leasing it. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7751/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has received a communication from the City of Dublin ETB in relation to having an interest in running an ASD specific school in the Dublin 12 area; and if so, his views on such a proposal. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [7752/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when work will start on a school (details supplied); the construction timeline; if he is satisfied that the school will be completed and ready for opening in September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7754/20]
*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he will announce a permanent location for the new secondary school for the Blanchardstown village and the Blanchardstown west planning area; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the delay in providing clarity on the permanent location is causing difficulties for enrolment in view of the fact parents are unsure as to the location it will be finally based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7755/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the Teaching Council is operating during the Covid-19 crisis; if it is accepting registration and re-registration applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7756/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure adequate special needs school transport supports are put in place without further delay for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7763/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress on a school building project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [7765/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the ten persons that are normally employed at the State Examinations Commission in order to deal with examination papers. — Robert Troy. [7766/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the construction of a new school building for a school (details supplied); the stage the plans are at; when it is anticipated that construction will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [7768/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider introducing a means-tested intervention to assist student accommodation providers that may not be able to reimburse students for the time they will not be using student accommodation due to Covid-19 restrictions which would allow students to end their tenancy early without financial penalty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7771/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the redeployment of SNAs has now been scrapped; his plans to reassign them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [7789/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if it is planned that colleges and universities will commence their respective academic years as normal; if delays are expected; and if his Department has begun planning for a scenario in which they are not in a position to commence the academic year as normal. — Denise Mitchell. [7790/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the decision to redeploy a teacher (details supplied) in a school will be reviewed in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7860/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has reviewed the possibility of those that choose to sit the leaving certificate in 2020 being permitted to attend college in 2020 if Covid-19 were to significantly stabilise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7866/20]
*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for the processing of calculated grades, appeals and resits to allow for planning by students and teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7867/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if students that sit the HPAT in 2020 can use their grade for entry into college in 2021, thus avoiding the associated stress and cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7868/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of contingencies for persons whose safepass has expired and that require one to return to work (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7872/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date for a written leaving certificate to take place in 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [7873/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if special schools and special classes are being considered in the context of plans to reopen schools in September 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [7874/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the review of the July provision scheme. — Thomas Byrne. [7875/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the bodies consulted in a consultation carried out by his Department on the reopening of schools in September 2020. — Thomas Byrne. [7876/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a reduction in class sizes is being considered to aid social distancing when schools reopen. — Thomas Byrne. [7877/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of funds for information communications technology equipment to schools including the procurement of equipment via his Department. — Thomas Byrne. [7878/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a specific plan is being developed to support the reopening of special schools and special classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7879/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on inviting the Ombudsman for Children to participate in discussions regarding the safe reopening of schools on a phased basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7880/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional supports are being considered to support DEIS schools in reopening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7881/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the provision of additional places at third-level institutions in 2020; the additional supports that will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7882/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will engage with third-level institutions to ensure that no student in student accommodation will be made homeless in the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7883/20]
*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will develop in conjunction with the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, specific guidance for providers of student specific accommodation to allow students to collect their belongings safely at the end of a lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7884/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the ongoing review of the senior cycle. — Thomas Byrne. [7885/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status the development of each of the proposed technological universities. — Thomas Byrne. [7886/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department or the HEA have conducted a review of the operation of Dublin Technological University in the context of the development of further technological universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7887/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the July provision will be extended to cover the month of June; if the provision will be extended as a once-off measure to all other children with a disability in view of the significant period of time they have been out of school due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7905/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to prioritise the completion of school construction projects in advance of September 2020 to assist with the Covid-19 social distancing rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7906/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the engagement he has had with school management at primary and post-primary level, respectively to source additional accommodation to facilitate Covid-19 social distancing rules from September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7907/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide for a financial support package to a cohort of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7928/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide a financial support scheme similar to that introduced by the Canadian Government to support students that cannot secure employment during the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7930/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of pupils necessary in a primary school in order for an English As An Additional Language educator to be employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7936/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of plans for the July provision to take place in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7937/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter raised in correspondence in relation to a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7938/20]
To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provisions are being made for children that are struggling with the lack of closure to finish out their schooling as per correspondence (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [7954/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the establishment of a mental health helpline for leaving certificate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7958/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the specific measures introduced to ensure continuity of learning for primary school children during the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the fact that teaching has moved from the classroom to online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7965/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for the completion of a school (details supplied); when he anticipates that both the primary school and a school will commence operating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [7983/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the proposed extension at a school (details supplied); when he envisages the extension will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [7984/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children sanctioned for the July provision for the past five years by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [7987/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of teachers currently participating in the July provision model by county; if he will allow teachers participate in the July provision other than from their own school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [7988/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the July provision; if he will consider extending the July provision into August 2020 and include children beyond those that are currently eligible including children with Down’s syndrome and other additional needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [7989/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the planned extensions for a school (details supplied) with regard to the temporary accommodation scheduled for opening in September 2020; if the project has been put out for tender; if fire safety and disabled access certificates have been applied for; and the status of the temporary and permanent structure plan in relation to the future extensions. — Alan Farrell. [7991/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the teacher-pupil ratio can be reduced to help schools deal with the Covid-19 health crisis, get pupils back to school and provide a long-term positive impact on the well-being of students and their educational attainment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [7993/20]

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he envisages the resumption of school based learning services for children and young adults with special needs. — Hildegarde Naughton. [8000/20]
*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options for funding available for a school (details supplied) that has a student starting at the school in September 2020 that is wheelchair bound and in relation to whom the purchase of specific equipment is required for the playground to enable them play with their peers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8001/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the situation that applies to students that are not classed as independent for the purposes of the SUSI grant whose parents are temporarily unemployed due to Covid-19-related circumstances but do not know if they will be taken on again such as, for example, in the bar or retail trade; and if persons in these circumstances will qualify for the change of circumstances clause in SUSI. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8025/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which a school (details supplied) can have its staffing allocation for 2020/2021 reviewed in line with the needs of its staff and pupils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8027/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details in relation to the calculated grades system; the percentage mark provided by the teacher; the reason it cannot be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [8032/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the application process for the July provision programme; the details of the planned expansion of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8037/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to the planned redeployment of special needs assistants in the context of Covid-19; if there has been consultation with the relevant trade unions; if roles they may be requested to fill will be suitable for their skills and experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8051/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that certain leaving certificate students missed the deadline to apply for the CAO; if he will arrange for late applications to be accepted in view of the extenuating circumstances these students are dealing with arising from Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8052/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will respond to a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in the context of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8055/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the report by the Special Education Review Committee which decides pupil staffing allocations for special schools; when this allocation model was last reviewed; when it will be updated in line with the reduction in the pupil teacher ratio in mainstream schools through recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [8084/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the work being done to support English language students here; and if he has had discussions with the Minister for Justice and Equality regarding suspension of student visas until September 2020 or such point when face-to-face classes can be resumed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8085/20]
*283.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if clarity will be provided in relation to the July provision due to the urgent need being experienced by children with disabilities due to the closing of schools and related supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8087/20]

*284.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has considered the use of SNA staff to provide the July provision in view of the willingness of many SNAs to provide this support and the high levels of training and experience many SNAs have with children with disabilities in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8088/20]

*285.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if clarity will be provided on the proposed redeployment of SNAs to provide remote support to children with disabilities; if this is happening in counties Westmeath and Longford; the number of SNAs that have signed up for the scheme; if the scheme is mandatory or opt in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8089/20]

*286.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action he will take with operators of student accommodation to seek refunds for students that left the accommodation on the instruction of his Department on 12 March 2020. — Norma Foley. [8098/20]

*287.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated timeframe for the reopening of primary schools nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8112/20]

*288.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated timeframe for the reopening of post-primary schools nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8113/20]

*289.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps being taken to ensure 2020 post-leaving certificate courses are completed and or accredited; and the way in which he will ensure that students coming from post-leaving certificate courses will be in a position to attend higher education or further courses on the strength of their course. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8120/20]

*290.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of private bus operators currently providing school bus services in counties Longford and Westmeath respectively, in tabular form; and the names of the schools serviced by these. — Sorca Clarke. [8150/20]

*291.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if those whose safepass is due to expire before full reopening will be extended to cover the same period in view of current restrictions and health advice regarding social distancing. — Sorca Clarke. [8153/20]

*292.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the entire appeals process that will be available to leaving certificate students that are unsatisfied with their calculated grades in 2020. — Steven Matthews. [8167/20]

*293.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of the design of the guide for calculated grades for the 2020 leaving certificate; if alternatives were considered; and if he will address the decision to proceed with the system that was chosen. — Steven Matthews. [8196/20]

*294.* To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on putting in place an arbitration and mediation process for appeals on matters relating to the 2020 leaving certificate arrangements
as the means of both addressing the issues involved and lessening the amount of potential court cases. — Holly Cairns. [8207/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the cycle to work scheme of his Department will be immediately reinstated. — Holly Cairns. [8208/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process for marking leaving certificate students if the teacher makes a professional assessment that they are not familiar enough with the student or their capacities and for the student to highlight these issues in such a case. — Holly Cairns. [8209/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to ensure higher and further education institutions are facilitating students of courses with practical elements to receive alternative forms of course work or credit to enable them to acquire their qualification or progress to the next stage. — Holly Cairns. [8210/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which young children will be expected to socially distance from each other if schools resume in September 2020; and if consideration has been given to the well-being and practicalities of same for young children. — Gary Gannon. [8217/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provisions are being made to continue home schooling platforms from September 2020 onwards for parents and children that wish for their children to remain at home to continue their education until such time that parents are of the view it is safe for their children to return to school. — Gary Gannon. [8218/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if grant thresholds are being extended; and if the registration fee has been considered for abolition (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [8220/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if specific advice or information has been given to the bus fleet including private bus operators which provide students with transport to and from schools nationwide regarding future plans in relation to spacing, safety and the possible lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. — Seán Crowe. [8259/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the calculated grades system will apply to students sitting the leaving certificate outside of a secondary school setting and are being facilitated by schools or further education colleges while studying independently; and if these students will have no option but to sit the exam at a later date yet to be announced and will be unable to take up third-level education in the 2020/2021 academic year. — Seán Crowe. [8260/20]

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

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to extend paid maternity leave as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7083/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration will be given to a temporary extension of maternity leave and maternity benefit in view of the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [7084/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has considered extending maternity leave in cases in which the woman has no access to a childminder or spouse at home to mind the child
in view of the fact that women on maternity leave have little access to childminding pending the phased opening of the economy; and the way in which the issue can be resolved for women due back from maternity leave that have a childminder or a spouse at home and are finding it impossible in view of the fact the employer cannot put them on the workplace payment nor can they access the pandemic unemployment payment. — Joan Collins. [7098/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider extending maternity leave if the crèches and childcare facilities do not have the capacity to take on young children due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7145/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans in place to extend maternity leave and maternity leave benefit in view of Covid-19 and the restrictions this has put on mothers; if consultations have taken place over the impact Covid-19 restrictions have had on mothers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7391/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the same protection for commercial tenants as for residential tenants in the context of recent evictions by landlords of businesses will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [7489/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to extend maternity benefit and maternity leave on a temporary basis in view of the difficulties experienced by new mothers in sourcing childcare and returning to work during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7517/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to extend maternity leave for new mothers that have been impacted by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7688/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if maternity leave and the maternity benefit will be temporarily extended in view of the interruption to patient and new baby support groups caused by the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [7810/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on provisions for distilleries that do not have a licence to sell directly to the public to be able to make online sales and keep their business afloat during the Covid-19 pandemic and to support a necessary change in excise regulations to achieve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [7812/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide an overview of the exact change needed in personal insolvency legislation due to Covid-19. — Robert Troy. [8076/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if due consideration will be given to extending the period of maternity leave for new mothers that have given birth since the Covid-19 restrictions were introduced. — Sorca Clarke. [8154/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to extend maternity leave in view of the fact that childcare facilities are closed due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8183/20]
*316. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if maternity leave will be extended for an additional three months for all current recipients to enable them avail of the benefits of support groups and access to family members. — Holly Cairns. [8201/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a commercial rent relief scheme will be initiated such as has been introduced in the UK, France, Australia, Denmark and Canada (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [8227/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on enabling affidavits to be completed remotely to facilitate the Courts services operating as long as Covid-19 social distancing restrictions remain in place. — Holly Cairns. [7055/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on extending the temporary extension of immigration permissions from 20 May to 20 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7056/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if those currently on extended working holiday authorisation can have their visas extended until the phasing process has been completed; and if they can apply for another temporary work permit in view of Covid-19. — Paul Donnelly. [7069/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if advice can be provided to a person (details supplied) who urgently requires a visa renewal appointment due to extenuating circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7080/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if clubs seeking fundraising efforts online will be allowed to do so by local superintendents in the absence of District Court sittings. — Sean Sherlock. [7103/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated full year cost of recruiting 20 additional full-time probation officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7110/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the resources and trained Garda personnel are in place for each of the divisional protection services units established to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7111/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda public order unit vans attached to each Garda division outside Dublin as at 11 May 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7112/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the issuing of body worn cameras to each frontline Garda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7113/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a new competition for Garda collision forensic investigators will be held in Q4 of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7114/20]
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*328. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated amount it would cost in 2021 if the budget for Irish Naturalisation and Immigrant Service increased by 6%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7115/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application by a person (details supplied) to transfer to an Irish prison under the Transfer of Sentenced Persons Act 1995; the reason the application has been in the Office of the Chief State Solicitor for more than 12 months; when it will conclude its consideration of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7174/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the impact on applicants that need or seek a new or renewed visa application after 20 May 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [7197/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the extent to which persons on stamp 4 or other similar or related categories have had their status updated notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19; if their legal position is clear with particular reference to those that have lived in this jurisdiction for several years with and without authorisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7199/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there is flexibility by which maternity leave payments can be extended due to exceptional circumstances during the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [7202/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to concerns among legal practitioners regarding the taking of affidavits; if affidavits must be taken in person in view of the fact this presents real difficulties during the current Covid-19 pandemic; his plans to relax the requirement for person to person contact in the taking of affidavits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7260/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the review of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 due in March 2020 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7344/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons approved for recruitment under the Garda recruitment competition which commenced at the end of 2018; the number successfully recruited as part of that campaign; the number that passed their interviews and tests and are waiting for Garda clearance or other enquiries before they are offered a position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7389/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to act on the recommendations made by the Insolvency Service of Ireland as part of its section 141 consultation submission made in June 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7390/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason the changes have been made to the community return scheme; the reason persons that had their applications made to the Probation Service before the change had their cases investigated under the old scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7407/20]
*338. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the legal status of those undocumented persons carrying out essential frontline services such as care workers will be regularised. — Sean Sherlock. [7451/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí stationed in Athy, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7471/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the provision of the new regional Garda headquarters in County Sligo as set out in the capital plan of his Department; the stage the project is at; when a planning application will be submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [7508/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amounts spent by the Legal Aid Board on solicitors, barristers and personal insolvency practitioners for applications under the Personal Insolvency Act 2012 in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7541/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address issues related to a direct provision centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7552/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a rigorous testing and tracing system will be implemented in a direct provision centre (details supplied) to address the spread of Covid-19 in the setting. — Róisín Shortall. [7553/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the peace commissioners appointed from 1 January 2017 to date; the county and subdistrict of each appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7586/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a matter in relation to a direct provision centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7617/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the statutory inquiry in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7619/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if additional support and protection is being provided to LGBTI+ residents of direct provision centres during the Covid-19 pandemic; if his Department has engaged with the management of these centres to ensure safeguarding of LGBTI+ residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7620/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount spent by the Legal Aid Board to personal insolvency practitioners, solicitors and barristers, respectively under the PIA Review Legal Aid Service since its inception, that is, from 2016 to date; the details of the payments; the companies and persons that received same; the amount received by each company and person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7621/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Wexford Garda division drugs unit as of 31 December 2018 and 15 May 2020, in tabular form. — Johnny Mythen. [7629/20]
*350. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has given consideration to increasing the recruitment age for gardaí beyond 35 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7646/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of community response forums which contain direct representation from persons living in direct provision including asylum seekers in temporary emergency accommodation by county; if they are not directly represented, if an assessment is being carried out in each county to ascertain if information is being adequately relayed from the forum to this cohort of persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [7647/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of applicants in the recruitment process to An Garda Síochána when the Covid-19 crisis and lockdown commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7672/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí currently issued with firearms cards; the equivalent figures in each of the previous nine years; the number of times gardaí have fired lethal firearms in each of the past ten years; and if the discharges were accidental or not. — Jim O’Callaghan. [7715/20]


*355. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the delay until February 2020 in his Department providing the family of a person (details supplied) with a December 2017 Courts Service report which was directed to be furnished to them in May 2018 by the Attorney General, senior counsel and him; the reason a freedom of information application for this report was denied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7798/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7816/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration will be given to extend paid maternity leave and benefit due to the Covid-19 crisis. — Thomas Byrne. [7863/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an up to date list of peace commissioners and commissioners of oaths in County Meath will be provided. — Thomas Byrne. [7864/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 202 of 28 January 2016, the progress made in introducing a streamlined process to register satisfaction of judgment debts in the appropriate court register in relation to judgment debts discharged under the Personal Insolvency Acts since his predecessor confirmed the matter was being examined in January 2016; his plans to introduce measures to permit personal insolvency practitioners or the Insolvency Service of Ireland to do same; if the satisfaction of the judgment process generally will be simplified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7889/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amounts spent by the Legal Aid Board to personal insolvency practitioners, solicitors and barristers under the PIA Review Legal Aid Service since its inception; the details of these payments; the companies and persons that received same;
the amount received by each company and person; the amounts that have been incurred but are unpaid by the Legal Aid Board to personal insolvency practitioners, solicitors and barristers under the PIA Review Legal Aid Service since its inception; the details of these liabilities; the companies and persons to which they are owed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7950/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda mountain bikes allocated to each Garda district within the Meath Garda division as of 31 December 2018 and 18 May 2020, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [7960/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Meath Garda division as of 18 May 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7961/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to Meath Garda roads policing unit as of 18 May 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7962/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to amend the personal insolvency legislation to ensure that persons that fall into mortgage arrears can avail of personal insolvency arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7996/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in relation to students from abroad whose studies were interrupted that wish to return to complete their studies and whose visas have since expired; if they will be permitted to return to complete their studies; the documentation required to facilitate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8036/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the review of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 due in March 2020 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8040/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a decision will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied). — Róisín Shortall. [8061/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the work being carried out to support English language students here; if he has considered the suspension of student visas until September 2020 or such a point when face-to-face classes can be resumed; if he has considered a guarantee that time lost due to school closures will not count towards the total number of months permitted under a student visa; and if attendance at online classes will not be a visa requirement. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [8090/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an up to date risk assessment has been carried out in relation to managing the risk of Covid-19 entering the prison system and at the same time reducing the negative impact of these measures in the medium-term on prisoners and prison life; if plans are in place to ensure sufficient capacity for quarantining within the prison system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8131/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reduction in the prison population needed to ensure there are adequate facilities available to deal with a possible outbreak of Covid-19 in the prison system; the criteria being used to determine Covid-19 related early releases to reduce
overcrowding in the prison system; if this is purely risk based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8132/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps taken to ensure in the absence of visits to prisons due to the Covid-19 pandemic prisoners have continued access to their families by way of phone and video calls; if the enhanced facilities have been extended to all prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8133/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps being taken as part of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business to lessen the restrictions in prisons due to the Covid-19 pandemic on a phased basis; if a roadmap in this regard has been published; if so, the location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8134/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to expedite the introduction of the part of the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2017 that relates to statements of truth, as outlined under head 12 of the general scheme of the Bill as published, in view of the urgency of facilitating continued business without compromising the health and safety of persons in view of the recent Covid-19 pandemic and the need for the possibility to make and take such statements remotely using modern technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8136/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and percentage of the Garda fleet of vehicles within the Clare division that are less than 1, 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 6 to 10 and more than 10 years’ old in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [8147/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the current level of staffing in An Garda Síochána in counties Longford and Westmeath by rank and station. — Sorca Clarke. [8151/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there are discussions ongoing regarding the potential redistribution of resources and or the full-time reopening of Kilbeggan Garda Station, County Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [8152/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of passengers that arrived through airports and seaports to date in May 2020; and the number that filled out a public health passenger locator form. — Louise O’Reilly. [8177/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the level of compliance of passengers that arrived here in filling out the public health passenger locator form since it was introduced; the number that filled it in; the number that refused; and the number exempt as a total of the number of passengers that have arrived. — Louise O’Reilly. [8178/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8179/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the join family visa applications in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8180/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8181/20]
*382. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8182/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8187/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8188/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8189/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he is taking to ensure provisions are being made for employment permits holders that have been laid off or have had their working hours reduced due to the Covid-19 emergency; and his views on issuing them with a stamp 4. — Holly Cairns. [8205/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when Part 7 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 will be operational. — John McGuinness. [8238/20]

Chun an Aire Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta: To the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation.

*388. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to include social work on the general employment permit. — Paul Donnelly. [7068/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the procedures pertaining to employment and workplace disputes as a consequence of a number of circumstances (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7348/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has considered the effect large essential retailers opening their drapery and clothes sections will have on smaller retail units that are not permitted to open until 8 June 2020 at the earliest; if certain sized retailers can apply to open earlier than this date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7393/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the guidance and advice she will provide to gym operators for reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7492/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if podiatrists are permitted to resume non-emergency services under phase 1 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Róisín Shortall. [7551/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when retail units without street level entry in shopping centres will be permitted to open in view of the fact that many in enclosed shopping centres have remained open during the Covid-19 crisis, due to the fact that many retailers in shopping centres are regarded as essential retail outlets. — Marian Harkin. [7869/20]
*394. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of health and safety officers employed nationwide; the locations; if additional staff are being recruited or being brought in to support inspections; her plans to support this important element in returning to work in view of the challenges for persons returning to work in relation to health and safety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [8261/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the differences between the current credit guarantee scheme and new €2 billion scheme proposed; and the differences in terms, conditions and those that may access the scheme. — Robert Troy. [7046/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason there has not been any approved facilities arising from Covid-19 submitted to SBCI from financial providers under the credit guarantee scheme. — Robert Troy. [7047/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the guidance to date on PPE and in relation to financing supports for those in the hairdressing industry. — Paul Donnelly. [7063/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when shopping centres will be given permission to fully open to include phone, clothes, book shops, shops selling beauty products and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7091/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports that will put in place to help businesses reopen; and the additional measures which will be put in place to help with the cost of wages and changes that businesses will need to make before they can be reopened. — Alan Kelly. [7092/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when physical therapists, reflexologists, homeopathists and yoga instructors can return to work; if guidance has been sought from NPHET for such businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7094/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if additional measures will be put in place to support the hairdressing industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7096/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the estimated full year cost if the budget for the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement increased by 25%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7102/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will work with the Minister for Health to formulate an action plan to safeguard the future of the dental profession and introduce measures (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7150/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the phase personal training falls under regarding reopening. — Sean Sherlock. [7157/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the support other than statutory redundancy which can be provided to workers of a company (details supplied) which has gone into
liquidation; if she will invite the company to reconsider its approach and treat its staff fairly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [7200/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to hire new HSA inspectors to investigate complaints and enforce social distancing requirements in the workplace; the number of inspectors she plans to hire; when she expects these to be fully trained and available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7233/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to allocate additional resources to the HSA to regulate and enforce social distancing requirements as set out in the return to work protocols; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7234/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the provisions she plans to put in place to protect workers that make complaints to the HSA over breaches of Covid-19 guidelines in their place of work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7236/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of workplace inspections carried out by the HSA in January and February 2020. — Martin Browne. [7258/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Covid Query No. 5.546, the number of the 415 inspections carried out since March 2020 which were of workplaces in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [7259/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to her written reply to the statement by this Deputy in Dáil Éireann on commercial landlords, if she has received a response from the Attorney General on the protection of businesses that are unable to pay commercial rents; if she has had an opportunity to further consider this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7262/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when small independent sports retailers may reopen their premises in line with public health guidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7311/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the plans she had put in place for the reopening of hairdressing salons and barber shops throughout the country in view of the fact they will only be able to open at a dramatically reduced capacity and that the wage subsidy scheme is due to expire on 16 June 2020, but these businesses are not expected to be reopened until 20 July 2020; if a fit for purpose scheme to help cash flow rather than the complicated schemes through the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland will be put in place; if she will examine models internationally with a high rate of approval for cash flow and assistance during the months after reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7313/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will address a matter regarding the hairdressing and beauty industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7327/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspectors available to carry out enforcement of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [7330/20]
416. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if additional inspectors will be recruited or seconded into the HSA to carry out inspections in the workplace to police compliance with the HSA guidelines on companies reopening during the Covid-19 emergency. — David Cullinane. [7331/20]

417. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will establish a confidential phone line for employees to make complaints in relation to potential breaches by employers of health and safety measures and protocols aimed at preventing the spread of Covid-19. — David Cullinane. [7332/20]

418. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if further details will be published regarding the companies that can open and when they are in line with the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — David Cullinane. [7338/20]

419. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of the announced business restart fund and the person or body to apply to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7368/20]

420. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the qualifying criteria will be reconsidered for the Covid-19 restart grant for small businesses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7441/20]

421. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when guidance will be issued to hairdressers and barbers regarding the steps they will need to take to protect customers and staff before they return to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7453/20]

422. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applications received for the Covid-19 working capital loan scheme by the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland to date; the number approved for funding; the number of companies that received loans; the value of the loans issued to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7464/20]

423. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if sector specific task forces made up of key stakeholders will be considered to advice on the measures needed to be introduced to facilitate the safe opening of their business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7476/20]

424. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will review the criteria required in order to be eligible for the restart grant for small businesses in view of the fact that it excludes many that do not operate from a commercial property; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many of these small businesses that cannot avail of the restart grant will have severe difficulty in restarting their business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7484/20]

425. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will oblige those employers in receipt of Covid-19 business supports to respect Labour Court recommendations relating to trade union recognition and require the full participation of those same employers in the industrial relations infrastructure of the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7487/20]
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to amend the current Covid-19 business supports to ensure direct, targeted and low-cost finance to micro and small businesses; if she has considered a tapered scheme of support for businesses relating to company size; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7490/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the detailed proposals in relation to funding, cash flow and capita resources available for the hotel sector in regard to which, business for 2020 has been decimated due to the Covid-19 crisis; the supports in place for companies whose turnover will be dramatically reduced but will have ongoing commitments in terms of bank repayments and overheads; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7514/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when weddings can be allowed to be held; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7542/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she plans to redeploy staff from other Departments to the Health and Safety Authority to assist with Covid-19 inspections; if so, the number; the Departments from which; when these staff will be redeployed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7549/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the average training time for a new HSA inspector; her plans to expedite this process in view of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7559/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when she will permit the return of tilers to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7564/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will review instances of large supermarkets selling clothes at discount prices while small clothes shops in town centres remain closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7566/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if start-up businesses that began trading in late 2019 or in 2020 are eligible for the restart grant that was confirmed for SMEs recently in view of the fact that in these instances the businesses will not have a record of paying commercial rates for 2019. — Steven Matthews. [7568/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there are grants available to business to install safety equipment and other measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7572/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there are exemptions for workers that travel to Scotland on Mondays and return here on Fridays as part of business travel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7600/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if pubs which always sold food and tea and coffee can operate during phase 3 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business without a restaurant licence if they can guarantee strict social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7602/20]

To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the criteria of the new restart grant will be changed to across the board and not be based on the commercial rates of 2019.
in view of the fact some businesses due to their nature have been impacted more than others and
have suffered a larger loss of earnings. — Johnny Mythen. [7634/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if seasonal work and seasonal
businesses that rely on a window of a few months to earn their living, for example, seaside resorts,
cafés, pubs, restaurants and so on which will lose a full season will be included in Covid-19
payments and the restart grant. — Johnny Mythen. [7653/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if businesses that do not pay
rates are eligible for the restart grant if their landlord pays the rates directly; and if she will make a
statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [7682/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a proposal to reopen a
business (details supplied) will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. —
Brendan Griffin. [7724/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will revisit the
distinction between homewares and hardware stores with regard to reopening under the Roadmap
for Reopening Society and Business and encourage them to implement safety procedures and
initiate reopening as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher
O’Sullivan. [7811/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of workplace
inspections that have taken place by the Health and Safety Authority in meat factories since the
Covid-19 emergency emerged in March 2020 to ensure worker protection by county in tabular
form. — Charlie McConalogue. [7834/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has taken action to
seek compensation from car manufacturers over the use of cheat devices; and if she will make a
statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7848/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures that will be
taken to ensure that consumer rights are protected and that no excessive charging for products such
as handwash and sanitiser take place during the Covid-19 crisis period; and the recourse consumers
have for the excessive charging for such products (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [7858/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if bouncy castle companies
are able to reopen in phase 1 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business if they only
supply private homes with equipment for private family parties; and if she will make a statement
on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7893/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if additional powers have
been granted to the Health and Safety Authority to deal with the issues posed by Covid-19 in terms
of health and safety at work. — Paul Murphy. [7897/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will provide a bespoke
support scheme for private bus and coach operators affected by the Covid-19 lockdown; and if she
will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7918/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if businesses that provide a
repair service such as jewellers are permitted to conduct drop-off and collection services during this
period of the Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7919/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the current whole-time equivalent staffing level within the Health and Safety Authority of trained, qualified health and safety inspectors, excluding corporate and support staff and excluding those on career breaks, long-term sick leave, maternity and other long-term leave; the geographical spread of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7921/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses which closed due to Covid-19 by sectoral category; the estimated number of businesses that will reopen at each phase of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; if she is satisfied that the necessary resources are available for the inspection and enforcement workload likely to present at each of the reopening phases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7922/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if factories and meat processing plants will be inspected by the Health and Safety Authority to ensure safeguarding of employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7940/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if businesses selling hemp products are excluded from the range of Covid-19 business grants available through Enterprise Ireland; if so, the reason for such an exclusion; if she will reconsider the eligibility for the grant in view of the fact these companies are also negatively affected by Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [7986/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on correspondence from an organisation (details supplied) on confirming the situation regarding the return to work of construction workers that work mainly indoors. — Dara Calleary. [7992/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to amend the criteria for the restart grant taking into account the needs of recently established businesses which might not have a rates evaluation for 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8002/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the purpose of placing a 50% portfolio cap on the credit guarantee scheme; the portfolio caps on each guarantee scheme run by other EU countries in response to Covid-19 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8014/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if an analysis has been carried out by her Department on the impact on productivity in the construction sector as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing; the impact in terms of input costs; the way in which that will impact the viability of housing and apartment projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8005/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the rules regarding the restart grant; if the grant is based on 2019 commercial rates; the way in which that impacts businesses that do not pay commercial rates or businesses that have recently started and were not liable for 2019 commercial rates; if these businesses are prohibited from applying for the grant; if legislation
is required to alter this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8007/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the schemes in her Department in place to assist Covid-19 impacted businesses; the number of loans drawn down since 1 March 2020 in each instance; the aggregate amount drawn down under each scheme since 1 March 2020; the number of businesses that have availed of each scheme since 1 March 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8009/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the financial supports that will be provided to the retail sector particularly smaller scale businesses to resume trading in view of current economic difficulties and the growth in online international business and its impact on smaller retail businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8012/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of complaints received by the Health and Safety Authority regarding Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing in workplaces since 12 March 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8020/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspection requests relating to Covid-19 received by the Health and Safety Authority since 12 March 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8021/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspections carried out by the Health and Safety Authority on foot of Covid-19 complaints, inspection requests or other similar correspondence since 12 March 2020. — Imelda Munster. [8022/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of new inspectors that will be recruited or seconded to the Health and Safety Authority; and the timeline for same. — Imelda Munster. [8023/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the business supports she has put in place for self-employed persons with a disability. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8058/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the complaints process for the reporting and enforcement of breaches to the Return to Work Safely Protocol. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8059/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the number of workplace inspections that have taken place by the Health and Safety Authority since the Covid-19 emergency emerged in March 2020 to ensure worker protection from the virus. — Robert Troy. [8075/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she and her colleagues has considered putting in place sector specific taskforces to oversee the lifting of restrictions and get businesses back to operating as quickly and as safely as possible as the United Kingdom has implemented. — Robert Troy. [8077/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department or the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has lead authority for the restart grant;
and the budget allocation to the scheme and other individual Department allocations. — Robert Troy. [8078/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the eligibility criteria for the recently announced restart grant for small businesses will be re-examined (details supplied); and if the scheme will be reviewed to ensure that trades persons and entrepreneurs working from their home offices can access the grant scheme. — Robert Troy. [8079/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there is a mechanism to screen foreign investment here being considered by her Department in view of the way the Covid-19 crisis has underlined the importance of protecting strategic assets, for example, life sciences including medical research and pharmaceutical ingredients; and if proposals are being examined to introduce an investment screening mechanism to safeguard critical national assets and technology in the current crisis which would require primary legislation. — Robert Troy. [8081/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when casual traders can return to work. — Norma Foley. [8100/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports in place to benefit bus and coach operators that are parked up as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Norma Foley. [8101/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding plans to allow persons over 70 years of age that are deemed medically fit for work to be allowed return to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Norma Foley. [8104/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to place the National Return to Work Safely Protocol on a statutory footing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8138/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she has taken including meetings or correspondence with management and staff at a company (details supplied) and the IDA or other relevant parties to save the jobs at risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8139/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to increase the funding available under the restart grant for small businesses in view of the scale of the financial difficulties facing SMEs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8140/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if alternative methods of calculating the restart grant funding needs of businesses will be considered; her views on whether refunding 2019 rates bills does not reflect the restart funding needs of a given business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8141/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the way in which microbusinesses that do not pay rates can access restart grant funding. — Imelda Munster. [8142/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the credit guarantee scheme will be amended to ensure that loans are available to SMEs to address Covid-19 related financial difficulties. — Imelda Munster. [8143/20]
*480. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the loan schemes available to SMEs which allow them to borrow at 0% interest rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8144/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if grant funding will be made to cafés and restaurants wishing to operate takeaway services for signage, screens and other equipment to facilitate social distancing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8185/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on establishing a rental support scheme for small and medium-sized enterprises adversely affected by the Covid-19 emergency similar to that provided to private home renters. — Holly Cairns. [8200/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has met with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss the way in which its industry will safely reopen; and if not, her plans to do so in the near future. — Gary Gannon. [8225/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on the reluctance of banks to loan to SMEs in order for them to commence the process of reopening their businesses in accordance with social distancing guidelines; and the grants that will be made available to the hospitality sector to ensure the industry can maintain itself as the Covid-19 crisis abates while the economic conditions remain precarious. — Gary Gannon. [8226/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*485. To ask the Minister for Health when a person that teaches music on a one-to-one basis can return to work (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [7090/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health if the land earmarked for the development of the new national maternity hospital will be owned by the State or by a charitable organisation and leased by the State (details supplied); if it is leased, the terms and duration of the lease; the implications of the potential expiry of such a lease in respect of value for money in capital expenditure and security of national infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7136/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7294/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health when Part 8 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 (details supplied) will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7461/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health if he will conduct a human rights impact assessment of the Covid-19 emergency powers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7554/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health the details regarding the proposed mandatory 14-day quarantine period for international travellers arriving here; the date by which this measure is intended to be introduced; the date by which the measure is to be reviewed; if the measure is applicable to
travellers arriving from all destinations outside of the island of Ireland; and the possible end date for such a measure. — Robert Troy. [7580/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health when employees that are cocooning may be advised to return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7584/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Ireland is enforcing a two metre social distancing limit for restaurants, cafés, pubs and so on while reopening in view of the fact the World Health Organisation suggest a 1.5 metre distance and many European countries such as France and Italy are able to proceed with only one metre distancing between consumers and Germany and Norway are enforcing 1.5 metre distancing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7723/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the UK Government has recently announced it is making travel from Ireland exempt from the 14 day quarantine requirement after travelling by air; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7823/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health when an organisation (details supplied) will be able to reopen in line with the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7843/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health the stage of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business during which busking can reconvene in public spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7854/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health if the restrictions that will be necessary in order that weddings can proceed, for example, the number, social distancing and so on will be clarified in view of the fact that between 20 May and the end of 2020 there are close to 15,000 weddings planned here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7871/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health when nail technicians that work from home will be able to reopen their businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7892/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to publish guidelines for those organising weddings in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7920/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health if beauty salons are included in the businesses that are scheduled to reopen on 20 July 2020; if there will be restrictions on the type of skincare treatments that can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7923/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health if advice will be provided for couples planning a wedding in September and October 2020 in view of the publication of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Businesses as a result of Covid-19; the number of guests that will be permitted at that stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8049/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the phase in which psychotherapy practices will able to reopen in accordance with the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8053/20]
*502. To ask the Minister for Health the procurement process for land earmarked for the new national maternity hospital; if an organisation (details supplied) has transferred the land to the State or to a charitable organisation; if the process will result in the State having full ownership of the land or leasehold; if it is leased, the terms and duration of such lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [8223/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure the provision of PPE for dental practices and financing the structural changes required to comply with new Dental Council guidelines. — Holly Cairns. [7050/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that all adults are afforded access to the public emergency dental centres being operated by the HSE in view of the fact current arrangements are only in place for children and persons with special needs. — Holly Cairns. [7051/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRSA cases reported to the HSE in hospitals from January to April 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [7065/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be available for community drug teams to access PPE equipment and for premises redesign to allow for physical distancing and risk assessments. — Paul Donnelly. [7066/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health when ENT outpatient departments will be reopening. — Paul Donnelly. [7067/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health when the provision of new and upgraded accommodation at a health facility (details supplied) will progress to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7075/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if 20 July 2020 is the designated date for reopening of self-catering holiday accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7076/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health the statistics regarding contact tracing since the first case of Covid-19; the operation infrastructure behind the contact tracing process; and the details of referencing the chronological connection between positive test results and follow-up contact tracing in tabular form. — John Lahart. [7082/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of new primary healthcare facilities in Clondalkin and Rowlagh, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7085/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to use medical detection dogs in the fight against Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7093/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a hospital. — Brendan Griffin. [7099/20]
*514. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orders made pursuant to section 18(4)(a) and (b) of the Mental Health Act 2001 as amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7121/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times a mental health tribunal of one member has been appointed pursuant to section 48(3)(a) of the Mental Health Act 2001 as amended; the number of times a mental health tribunal consisting of one member has sat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7122/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of providing ten additional chemotherapy slots per day in University Hospital Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7123/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health when mental health practitioners may resume face-to-face patient consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7132/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health when physical therapists may resume face-to-face patient consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7133/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recent transfer of land earmarked for the development of the new national maternity hospital by an organisation (details supplied); if the land will be owned by the State or owned by an organisation and leased by the State; if it is leased, the terms and duration of the lease; and if the organisation will have a mandate or influence in respect of the ethos of the hospital. — Bríd Smith. [7140/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health if the income and allowances of frontline nurses will be maintained at their current weekly levels if they are stood down from work due to close contact with Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7144/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make the FreeStyle Libre device available to all type 1 diabetics under the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7148/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health if he will work with the Ministers for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Finance and Employment Affairs and Social Protection to formulate an action plan to safeguard the future of the dental profession and introduce measures (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7149/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health if dentists and their assistants that have remained open to perform urgent treatment on patients and children are covered under the new childcare package for essential workers. — Niamh Smyth. [7156/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the correspondence between the Chairperson of the HSE, the CEO of the HSE, the Secretary General of his Department and him pertaining to Covid-19 testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [7176/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a CAMHS appointment at 30 April 2020 or the latest date available in Cherry Orchard, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7204/20]
*526. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a CAMHS appointment at 30 April 2020 or the latest date available in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7205/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health if it is permitted for general practitioners not to accept medical card patients; and if patients that pay privately for such general practitioners can be reimbursed for subsequent prescription charges. — Paul McAuliffe. [7257/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the purpose of the refurbishment works that are taking place in the Wicklow Municipal District Hospital, Wicklow Town, County Wicklow. — John Brady. [7264/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate and future plans for the Wicklow Municipal District Hospital, Wicklow Town, County Wicklow. — John Brady. [7265/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot get their primary medical certificate completed in view of the fact it was granted to them in December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7290/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the daily capacity for Covid-19 testing; the response time from test application to test to result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7296/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health if a human rights impact assessment will be carried in regard to the Covid-19 emergency powers. — Patrick O’Donovan. [7307/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health the position of a child (details supplied) on the SAT list; and his plans to ensure they receive the help they need from the HSE and for their education. — Joan Collins. [7320/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the supports being put in place for dentists; if the HSE will provide appropriate PPE for all dentists, including those that are treating adults; if he has considered the financial issues which apply at present for dentists that cannot trade and may not be in a position to operate in the coming weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [7349/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been briefed on the matter of hospital discharges into nursing homes (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to specific evidence that Covid-19 was likely introduced into some nursing homes in this way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [7363/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of care to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7381/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects outpatient clinics for non-urgent procedures and assessments for children to reopen and accept clients; the impact there will be on waiting times for these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7406/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure CAMHS is adequately resourced to deal with the increased strain on the mental health of young persons during the Covid-19 pandemic;
and the extent to which he is liaising with the Department of Education and Skills in view of the exceptional pressure on leaving certificate students. — Joe O’Brien. [7420/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health if social gatherings specifically weddings are permitted to proceed as normal from 10 August 2020 as outlined in phase 5 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [7425/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered procuring more sustainable PPE equipment that can be used more than once after proper laundering and disinfecting in view of the fact the Covid-19 pandemic will be here for some time and the cost of PPE equipment is expensive and the equipment is not always available. — Joe O’Brien. [7428/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that constitute a small wedding; the number of persons that constitute a large wedding under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; the social distancing rules that apply to a large wedding in view of the uncertainty in relation to persons wishing to marry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [7430/20]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a case of a person (details supplied); and when the person can expect an appointment with the neurosurgical department at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [7433/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health when the under six general practitioner card age will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7438/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which PHECC plan to deal with EMT students during the Covid-19 period and going forward (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7440/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7447/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised by a person (details supplied) in correspondence will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7473/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his officials have engaged with a person (details supplied) regarding their advice on the significant need to upscale tracing and tracking here in order to avoid a second wave of the Covid-19 virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7474/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the owners of a location (details supplied) to explore its potential as a use for pharmaceutical firms in their efforts to research treatment for Covid-19. — Cathal Crowe. [7479/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients transferred from acute hospitals to a step down facility, nursing home, community nursing unit or other residential care facility during March 2020, in tabular form; the number of these patients that were tested for Covid-19 prior to transfer; the number of these patients that contracted Covid-19 after their transfer; the number of such patients that have now recovered; the number that died; and the equivalent data for April 2020. — Mary Butler. [7488/20]
*550. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recommence BreastCheck which ceased during the Covid-19 pandemic; the procedures that will be put in place to protect both staff and patients; his further plans to deal with the backlog that occurred during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [7495/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment with the audiology department at the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore, County Offaly. — Barry Cowen. [7496/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be made available for the fair deal application by a person (details supplied) whose application has been approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [7509/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the phase under which speech and language and occupational therapists can reopen under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7518/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which his attention and the attention of the HSE was drawn to the movement of the 70 international protection applicants that were previously residing at a hotel (details supplied) to two other dedicated centres on 18 and 19 March 2020; the steps taken by him and the HSE on foot of their attention being drawn to same; and if he will provide a detailed report on the issue as a matter of urgency. — Catherine Murphy. [7520/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health if additional recruitment for critical care staff has been planned; and the consideration given to the retention of existing staff to ensure the long-term sustainability of intensive care units in the context of the ongoing threat of Covid-19. — Róisín Shortall. [7550/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health if partners can attend the birth of their child in Portiuncula Hospital; the restrictions in place for the birthing process in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7557/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to publish the review of A Vision for Change carried out during the term of the 32nd Dáil; his further plans for the implementation of recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [7560/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to retain all additional staff hired in the mental health services during the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [7561/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all Covid-19 deaths recorded in the mental health services among prisoners waiting for transfer to the Central Mental Hospital and deaths of patients that contracted Covid-19 or were diagnosed while resident in a mental health setting, respectively in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [7562/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the date the medical card weekly income limit for persons over 70 years of age will be increased by €50 for a single person from €500 to €550 and by €150 for a couple from €900 to €1,050; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [7593/20]
*561. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider conducting trials or contribute to the cost of trials to detect Covid-19 in a scenario (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7598/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene with the relevant services in relation to the case of a person (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [7625/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that visited the accident and emergency department at Wexford General Hospital in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Johnny Mythen. [7631/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tests for Covid-19 carried out in County Wexford; and the number that were positive. — Johnny Mythen. [7632/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the basis for the 2018 estimate that three women per day use abortion pills which have been illegally imported; the information sources which were used to reach this estimate; the estimates compiled by his Department for the number of women using such pills in each of the years 2010 to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [7641/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health when day care centres for the elderly or persons with disabilities will reopen in accordance with the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Robert Troy. [7664/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [5973/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of antenatal and maternity clinics in County Donegal in each of the years 2000 to 2020, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7696/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will reinstate antenatal and maternity services and clinics to Inishowen, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7697/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE advice on the wearing of masks changed for health workers caring for older persons over recent months. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7698/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health when private occupational therapists and private speech and language therapists can resume providing normal services to their clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7699/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health if the partner of a woman in labour can attend the birth in University Hospital Galway; if an alternative person can attend if the partner is unable to attend; the advice being offered by the HSE for such cases in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7700/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health when speech and language services for paediatrics and school aged children are allowed to recommence. — Cathal Crowe. [7701/20]
*574. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects persons requiring physiotherapy due to chronic pain will be able to attend their physiotherapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [7702/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement the proposals of a society (details supplied) in relation to the expansion of recruitment and retention of critical care nurses. — Joan Collins. [7703/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if the medical card weekly income limit for persons over 70 years of age will be increased by €50 for a single person to €550 from €500 and by €150 for a couple to €1,050 from €900 from July 2020 as previously planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7708/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to replace a person (details supplied) as a paediatric pain management consultant; the position in relation to this post; if his plans include an experienced replacement capable of continuing clinics and ensuring appointments and prescriptions do not lapse; if his plan also ensures immediate funding for a multidisciplinary team for pain management clinics in children’s hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7728/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) in County Donegal has been refused a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [7729/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if matters in relation to rostering and payments for nurses can be reviewed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7730/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has engaged to reopen SouthDoc services in Fermoy and Mitchelstown, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [7749/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plan for the home support services staff that are waiting to be redeployed for Covid-19 crisis purposes; when these workers will be able to return to their jobs of supporting the elderly many of whom are living on their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7762/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the reason some posts in the HSE are confined to staff employed in the HSE, Tusla or other defined agencies despite the fact that better qualified and more suitable persons may apply from outside the defined organisations but are not considered for the posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7775/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health when paediatric occupational therapy clinics will be allowed to reopen. — Denise Mitchell. [7777/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the assisted human reproduction Bill following recent reports highlighting the impact of Covid-19 on surrogate families and babies. — Alan Farrell. [7801/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health when diabetic and podiatry care will be provided in Summer Hill primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7802/20]
*586. To ask the Minister for Health when chiropodists can reopen for business again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7807/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the long-running general practitioner vacancy in Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [7808/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the policy justification for the lifetime ban on donating blood for persons that previously had a gonorrhoea infection that is now cured; the way in which this compares to other EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7844/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the 12 month blood donation ban for gay and bisexual men in view of the recent policy changes in Northern Ireland and elsewhere in which the ban has been reduced to three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7845/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for homecare packages by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7846/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to cases of businesses that operate an appointment only, physical training facility (details supplied); and if his attention has been further drawn to the contention of the owners of the centres that phase 3 would be more appropriate in view of the fact they are more akin to behind closed door sports as set out in the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business due to their capacity to operate social distancing and regular cleaning of facilities by their staff. — Steven Matthews. [7857/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the model of care report on lymphoedema and lipoedema treatment here; the details of the communications plan by the HSE for those affected by lymphoedema that cannot access treatment during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7862/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be put in place to clear homecare waiting lists in order to keep persons at home during Covid-19; and the number of persons waiting for homecare packages. — Claire Kerrane. [7900/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Civil Defence which was transporting swabs from designated areas to laboratories (details supplied) and to laboratories in University College Dublin on a voluntary basis has been replaced with a new company which will transport the swabs at a cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7901/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the policy basis for moving patients without a Covid-19 status or with a Covid-19 positive status from acute hospitals to nursing homes rather than designated step down facilities while this is acknowledged within Covid protocols as a necessary risk; if the risk assessment used to justify this action will be published; the number of Covid-19 positive cases in nursing homes in cases in which the resident was transferred directly from an acute hospital setting; if the policy of transferring Covid-19 positive or Covid-19 status unknown patients to nursing homes will be reviewed in view of the scale of infection in nursing homes and in further view of the fact that this cohort of the population face the greatest risk of death from Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7908/20]
To ask the Minister for Health the number of meat plant staff that were tested as part of a screening programme that have to be retested due to the lack of a result from the laboratory; the average time delay between the initial test and the retest; the corresponding figures for nursing home staff and residents respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7909/20]

To ask the Minister for Health the current mean average time, respectively for the turnaround of all Covid-19 test results that are positive, negative and cumulative; the number of persons in each category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7910/20]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in hospitals and nursing homes that experienced a delayed discharge into homecare due to the fact their Covid-19 tests were outdated by the time they were received; the number of patients that received a second test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7942/20]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in the community healthcare system by county; and the number of those nurses diverted away from public health nursing duties during the public health crisis. — Sean Sherlock. [7948/20]

To ask the Minister for Health when a project (details supplied) will proceed; the range of facilities to be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7959/20]

To ask the Minister for Health the reason testing and tracing is still taking up to ten days while a laboratory (details supplied) is not running at full capacity with staff, many of whom left jobs at home and abroad to join Be on Call for Ireland, having shifts cancelled. — Réada Cronin. [7976/20]

To ask the Minister for Health if a means will be found for the PHECC to accommodate student EMTs to qualify during this period (details supplied). — Réada Cronin. [7977/20]

To ask the Minister for Health if Statutory Instrument No. 541/2019 signed by him on 5 November 2019, has come into effect and is affecting persons whose fertility treatments were cancelled due to the outbreak of Covid-19. — Réada Cronin. [7978/20]

To ask the Minister for Health the reason different rates of funding are being paid in respect of wigs and hairpieces to medical card holders residing in different areas in the country; if a breakdown of funding based on each local authority area will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7980/20]

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase critical care capacity with particular reference to the recruitment and retention of critical care nurses; if he will give further consideration to a submission by an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7981/20]

To ask the Minister for Health if he will create a roadmap for the return to practice of podiatry practitioners; if a support package for the podiatry sector will be established similar to that created for the dentistry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [7982/20]
*607. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for a brace for a person (details supplied) has been denied; and if funding will be made available for same. — Denise Mitchell. [7995/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health when vital services will resume for children living with severe disabilities that require regular physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and respite care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [8016/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the measures taken to ensure section 39 organisations remain available to support their vulnerable customers during and after the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [8017/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification in relation to the number of attendees allowed at weddings held after phase five of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in which it states some larger social gatherings can take place, for example, weddings, these will be restricted due to the risks involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [8033/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for the reopening of learning and disability services for adults and children that are closed due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8067/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the availability of psychiatric services at James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown for those that present at the hospital with mental health issues; his views on whether it is acceptable that on 19 May 2020 up to seven persons that presented to the hospital with mental health issues had to wait up to 24 hours before they were assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [8072/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE addiction tier 4 residential service (details supplied) will be reopened; if the asymptomatic persons presently accommodated in the facility would be better accommodated in other facilities that are available to house same in order that this facility be reopened as soon as possible to help reduce the risk of deaths from substance misuse and underlying mental health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [8073/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health if reassurance will be provided to the thousands of women whose BreastCheck and CervicalCheck appointments have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 crisis that their appointments will be rescheduled and the backlog cleared in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [8091/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to deal with secondary school students that missed their HPV vaccine (dose 2) and MenACWY vaccines and young children that missed scheduled childhood vaccines due to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [8092/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to deal with the backlog in elective procedures that have built up in University Hospital Waterford and other hospitals nationwide due to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [8093/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an orthopaedic appointment for a person (details supplied). — Norma Foley. [8102/20]
**618.** To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application by a person (details supplied). — Norma Foley. [8106/20]

**619.** To ask the Minister for Health the status of an urgent appointment for a person (details supplied) at Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Dublin. — Norma Foley. [8107/20]

**620.** To ask the Minister for Health when approval will issue from the Medical Council of Ireland in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8108/20]

**621.** To ask the Minister for Health when the temporary measures he introduced as part of his response to the Covid-19 pandemic in relation to doctors being allowed to prescribe abortion pills after a teleconference with a patient rather than a physical visit, as required heretofore, will be rescinded in view of the reduction of pressure of work on general practitioners in recent weeks and the assurance by general practitioners to all patients that it is safe to visit their general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8125/20]

**622.** To ask the Minister for Health when the Minister for Health the medical advice given to him, before he changed the regulations in relation to the need for a physical visit to a doctor before abortion pills could be prescribed, which he said was in response to the changed circumstances due to Covid-19; who gave this advice; whether he is willing to publish the advice given to him on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8126/20]

**623.** To ask the Minister for Health if there are grant schemes available to those with medically certified mobility issues to assist in the purchase of mobility scooters. — Sorca Clarke. [8159/20]

**624.** To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath that have been approved for initial or an increase in home help hours but have yet to receive them. — Sorca Clarke. [8162/20]

**625.** To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [8165/20]

**626.** To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the health workers that have contracted Covid-19 including those that have died by grade and location, that is, acute, community and so on, age range and whether they are directly employed or employed by a contractor or agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [8169/20]

**627.** To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the construction of a Covid-19 implementation plan inclusive of resources, human and financial for congregational settings; the way in which the plan was drafted; the person or body that drafted the plan; when it was completed; when it was shared with all facilities and service providers in congregational settings; and if he will provide a copy of the minutes of the meetings in which the plan was drawn up and a copy of the plan. — Louise O’Reilly. [8170/20]

**628.** To ask the Minister for Health the details of the proposed catch-up programme for screening services such as BreastCheck, CervicalCheck and bowel screen for the thousands of scheduled screening tests which have been postponed or missed due to Covid-19; the details of additional capacity confirmed to ensure that this catch-up can take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [8171/20]
*629. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the private hospital sector is being fully utilised to deal with all procedures throughout the Covid-19 health emergency; the extent to which patients with private health insurance have access to their consultant and or hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8190/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the interventions made by his Department and the HSE in meat processing plants in relation to the Covid-19 outbreak; and the inspections undertaken by public health bodies in these plants. — Bríd Smith. [8197/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients released from acute hospitals to residential nursing homes since January 2020; if a protocol was in place in relation to Covid-19 in the transfer of these patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8198/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration that has been given to the protection of persons serviced by the community and voluntary sector in terms of appropriate provision of PPE to reduce danger of Covid-19 transmission from asymptomatic workers and volunteers to service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [8221/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if and the way in which the commitment he made during the debate in Seanad Éireann on the Health (Preservation and Protection and other Emergency Measures in the Public Interest) Act 2020, has been delivered which ensures appropriate access to independent advocacy support for those detained under section 11(5) of the Act; the way in which his related commitment to engage with civil society organisations and opposition Senators and TDs regarding the development of regulations in respect of detention under the Act has been delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [8222/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for early years disability services for HSE in south western areas of Dublin; if the waiting time is 29 months from the date the referral was received (details supplied); the reason for the long delays in the area which predate Covid-19; if some children will miss out on supports in view of the fact they will be too old for early years intervention; the number of children on the list; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this will impact the current lists; if waiting times vary dependent on resources; and the additional resources that will be provided to the area to reduce numbers and waiting times in order to comply with the Disability Act 2005, in view of the lengthening waiting lists. — Seán Crowe. [8244/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists and the demand for home help nationwide by CHO area in tabular form. — Seán Crowe. [8245/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been unusually high clusters of deaths or cases of Covid-19 in public or private nursing homes in south western areas of Dublin. — Seán Crowe. [8246/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the charge of €50 applied for a phone consultation with out-of-hours general practitioner services is excessive; if he will work with stakeholders to reduce the fee in view of the fact some consultations can be brief in nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [8265/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals which source human milk supplies from a location (details supplied); the hospitals which purchase human milk from abroad; the reason for
importing human milk in these instances; if all human milk supplies are tested for pseudomonas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [8266/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of employers that were provided with the Covid-19 test results of their employees; the number of workers involved in each instance; his views on whether this breaches patient confidentiality; if he will issue an instruction that such procedures cease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [8267/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health when nursing homes can allow visitors once they have outdoor space while visitors would observe physical distancing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [8279/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of Covid-19 deaths by age, profession, socio-economic class, gender and details of underlying illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8280/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff recruited to the health service since the outbreak of the Covid-19 crisis; the status of the contracts for these staff including the formal employer of these staff; if these contracts are permanent or temporary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8281/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and timeline to permanently increase the capacity in the health service in order that it can run at 80% capacity rather than near to 100% as it was prior to outbreak of Covid-19 to ensure public health physical distancing rules and safe staffing levels can be complied with and extra capacity for crises in addition to tackling the waiting lists and accident and emergency overcrowding; his views on whether this requires permanently retaining all private hospital capacity under the control of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8282/20]

Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

*644. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reopen the greyhound industry as part of the phasing out of the Covid-19 lockdown (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [7645/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the protections in place for workers in meat processing plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7940/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of veterinary inspectors recruited in his Department in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of veterinary inspectors that left during the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7131/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will include boats licensed for aquaculture within the voluntary fleet support scheme for the fishery sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7207/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider extending the deadline for the completion of TAMS projects due to the restrictions of Covid-19 in circumstances
in which construction and access to building materials is severely impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7239/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when horse racing will be permitted to recommence. — Jim O’Callaghan. [7273/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding available under the neighbourwood scheme in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [7310/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the badger tuberculosis vaccination programme introduced in January 2018; his views on its success as a means of eradicating tuberculosis in cattle; the number of badgers vaccinated by county in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and his plans to expand the programme. — Pauline Tully. [7394/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he was requested by persons in Government or in a Department or NPHET to give his views on when horse racing should recommence here; if so, the way in which he was requested; if so, the person or persons that made the request; and his response to same. — Alan Kelly. [7418/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he was requested by persons in Government or in a Department or NPHET to give his views on when greyhound racing should recommence here; if so, the way in which he was requested; if so, the person or persons that made the request; and his response to same. — Alan Kelly. [7419/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason horse racing will be permitted from 8 June 2020 behind closed doors but greyhound racing will not be permitted; the difference between the industries; the risks found in greyhound racing that do not exist in horse racing to prevent the same treatment; the risk assessment that has been carried out to inform the decision; if the risk assessment will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7455/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when it will be permitted to allow greyhound racing again under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Sean Sherlock. [7485/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding the reopening of the greyhound industry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7491/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has received submissions from an association (details supplied) in relation to the reopening of greyhound racing; if he plans to proceed at the same pace as horse racing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7493/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grants available for farmers that wish to extend their cattle holding facilities by way of building additional spans onto their existing sheds and install a cattle crush; if there are different rules in relation to whether the person involved is involved in dairy, beef or is dealing in cattle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7516/20]
*659. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7519/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are grants available from his Department or bodies and agencies under his remit that provide grant funding towards the costs of planting land for forestry, biodiversity and beekeeping (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [7527/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis of the proposed payment rate for the Covid-19 voluntary fleet tie-up scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the scheme is not sufficient to meet the loss of business and debts of fishermen affected; if he will convene a fresh round of talks with representatives of the fishing sector relating to the scheme and broader sectorial issues caused by Covid-19 and Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7546/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the construction of a road approximately 400 metres in length along the foreshore of Lough Foyle at Clar, Redcastle, County Donegal without planning or consultation; and if his Department can cooperate with the Loughs Agency to protect the foreshore of Lough Foyle on the Inishowen side. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7605/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the level of financial support being offered to owners of fishing vessels to support them through the Covid-19 crisis compares favourably with the financial supports being offered by other EU states and the UK Government. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [7606/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will establish a task force involving all meat industry stakeholders to tackle the threat posed by Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [7636/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim who was refused the hardship grant even though their herd is restricted will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [7667/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered convening a meeting of the Beef Taskforce remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7673/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if greyhound racing will be permitted to return behind closed doors on the same date that horse racing is resuming behind closed doors from 8 June 2020 as per correspondence from an organisation (details supplied); and if he is reviewing same. — Jackie Cahill. [7675/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grounds on which the decision to allow horse racing to recommence earlier than initially planned was made; and if similar consideration will be given to other sports such as greyhound racing. — Martin Browne. [7713/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is or has previously considered providing funding to local authorities for the installation of seabin following successful introductions in Howth Harbour; and the details of such an analysis. — Alan Farrell. [7800/20]
*670. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the 2020 national reserve and young farmers scheme by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [7824/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount received by farmers and non-farmers for forestry payments in 2019 with respect to planting in each county under the forestry programme; and the percentage breakdown for planting in each county between the total amount received in payments by farmers and non-farmers in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [7825/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers and non-farmers participating in planting schemes under the forestry programme by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [7826/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of agricultural land in each county that has been planted with forestry to date in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [7827/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the final allocation made to each specific forestry scheme in his Department for 2020. — Charlie McConalogue. [7828/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of broadleaf forestry planting as a percentage of total planting in 2018 and 2019, in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [7829/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual planting targets per hectare for all categories in each grant and premium category for 2018 and 2019 of the Forestry Programme 2014-2020; the actual number of hectares planted in each such year for these categories; and the number of hectares planted out of each annual target set on a percentage basis in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [7830/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the European Commission proposals (COM(2018) 392 final) for the next CAP and reference to GAEC II in Annex III (preservation of carbon rich soils such as peatlands and wetlands) will be implemented at primary producer level; and the discretion member states will have to identify the peatland and wetland areas in question. — Charlie McConalogue. [7831/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of meat processing factories in which Covid-19 cases have been confirmed in staff employed; and the number of employees in such factories that have tested positive by county in tabular form. — Charlie McConalogue. [7832/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new measures which will be introduced to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 in meat factories; if the relevant authorities discussed with processors the deep cleaning of plants in which high transmission cases have been identified; if it is envisaged to introduce a testing regime which isolates suspected cases at plants and the provision of an adequate place to self-isolate if the option to do so is not available in the household of the person; and the agreed next steps to reduce transmission rates at these plants while maintaining the food supply chain. — Charlie McConalogue. [7833/20]
To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure farmers will have sufficient time to submit applications under TAMS for slatted shed buildings before the upcoming deadline in view of the fact that planning applications from some local authorities have been suspended during the Covid-19 crisis period. — Charlie McConalogue. [7835/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering the proposal from an organisation (details supplied) to support agri-food companies that export product to markets, a tool that other EU member states have deployed; if he or his officials discussed the issue with the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation and her officials; and if so, the agreed next steps. — Charlie McConalogue. [7836/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on correspondence (details supplied) with regard to maintaining the current system by which farmers source veterinary products. — Charlie McConalogue. [7838/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farm lands with designations such as special area of conservation, special protected area, natural heritage area will be eligible for the basic payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7911/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of meat plants that have recorded instances of Covid-19; the location of each plant affected; the number of instances per centre; the measures enacted by his Department to minimise the instances and to protect the workers at these and other plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7912/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has concerns that there may be a fodder shortage in 2020; the contingency measures he will put in place for the event; if he will prepare a financial support package in advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7913/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of reported tuberculosis cases in each year since 2010; the amount spent on eradication programmes in each year in tabular form; the portion of this funding which came from the EU annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7915/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recipients by county that receive payments under the hen harrier programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7916/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recipients of the sheep welfare scheme by county; the average payment to each recipient by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7917/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the next meeting of the Beef Taskforce will take place; the issues to be discussed at the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7990/20]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that current capacity output will continue at meat processing factories and facilities to meet the commercial demand required for their products in view of the number of positive test results for Covid-19 for
employees at these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7994/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the boat capacity licensed to date for the export of live animals in 2020; if he is satisfied that this capacity is adequate; if not, the plans he has to licence additional capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7999/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if agricultural schemes due for payment in 2020 are in line for payment on time in view of the fact that inspections may not be carried out due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8057/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a grant similar to the restart grant for livestock marts that had to close during the Covid-19 crisis or were impacted by a 25% reduction in turnover to assist them out of the crisis caused by the pandemic in view of the fact marts are not eligible for the scheme announced by the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation as they are a high turnover-low margin business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8127/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to liaise with producers in the beef and dairy sectors with a view to ensuring viability in the short term and continued prospects in the future in national and international markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8191/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects to be in position to enhance the prospects of the beef and dairy sectors in the future and at the same time complying with carbon reduction targets without damaging the industry and its food production capacity at a time of worldwide concerns regarding food security and availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8192/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which various fish stock at sea and internal waterways have fluctuated over the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8195/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the numerous issues raised with him by the forestry industry regarding licences for forestry operations; his views on whether there is a crisis situation in the industry; if so, the way in which he plans to address it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8240/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applicants under the TAMS grant scheme will be notified of the outcome of their application and the amount being approved; and if an application by persons (details supplied) will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [8242/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of visits his Department paid for or directly carried out by vets, public or private, or other inspectors or representatives to meat plants since the outbreak of Covid-19; the reports provided regarding hygiene, health and safety and compliance with public health guidelines; the details of those reports; if those reports indicated concerns in relation to hygiene and health and safety in the context of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8278/20]
To the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

*700. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 1006 of 13 May 2020, if he will identify specifically the locations in which new, not replacement, charging points have been established; the way in which his Department determined the location of those new charging points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [7985/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when leisure fishing can commence in view of the fact that this can be an individual activity. — Norma Foley. [8103/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which fresh water fishing rivers and lakes nationwide continue to be restocked on an annual basis; the species most often used in restocking; the degree to which the programme can be extended in 2020 in anticipation of greater demand in the aftermath of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8194/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 is not being enforced at the Bohernabreena Reservoir, despite representations on the matter from various fishing organisations; and the details of the difficulties being experienced in enforcement of the Act. — Seán Crowe. [8264/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider enacting airplay legislation to ensure a requirement that between 30% and 40% of music played would be music produced here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8269/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be available in an area (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [7089/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the possibility of improving poor broadband connectivity in Tinoran, County Wicklow will be investigated (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [7210/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if additional financial supports have been considered in an ongoing review of supports for RTÉ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7213/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has met with RTÉ between 12 March and 14 May 2020. — Jack Chambers. [7214/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he accepts the findings of a recent report by the European Court of Auditors on the better energy warmer homes scheme; if the scheme will be reformed in view of the findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7215/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of homes passed and the number of homes connected through the National Broadband Plan to 30 April 2020. — Jack Chambers. [7217/20]
*711. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there are impediments to increasing the plastic bag levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7218/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the introduction of a levy on the use of single use plastics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7219/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the closure of workplaces has led to an increase in the production of non-recyclable waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7220/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the units in his Department currently working remotely; the units still in situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7221/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the activities of his Department which have been curtailed as a result of the transition to working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7222/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has met with the Just Transition Commissioner between 1 March and 7 May 2020. — Jack Chambers. [7223/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the just transition measures have been progressed to assist workers at Bórd na Móna. — David Cullinane. [7336/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if a request for financial support was made by RTÉ; if his Department is considering additional financial support for RTÉ; and the amount sought by the organisation. — David Cullinane. [7337/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason residents on the N52 outside Mullingar, County Westmeath (details supplied) cannot avail of broadband. — Robert Troy. [7372/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding persons that are seeking a grant towards cladding insulation for their house but may have received a very small grant up to ten years ago to pump walls for insulation and are now being refused the grant that could be approximately up to €6,000 due to the fact they may have received a grant of approximately €400 many years ago; if he will consider reviewing this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7388/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the provision of an Eircode for a person (details supplied) will be expedited in view of the fact they have been informed it will take until August 2020 to be provided with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7456/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the timeframe in place to allow previous participants of SEAI to avail of the better energy warmer homes scheme under the delivery of free energy efficiency improvements to their homes in view of the fact they
only availed of one aspect of the scheme previously, for example, the insulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7459/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the National Broadband Plan; when work will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7460/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the National Broadband Plan; and if the recent increases in demand for broadband particularly in rural areas has changed the focus of the delivery of the plan. — Duncan Smith. [7470/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason for the delay in the provision of the SEAI retrofitting grant to a person (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [7502/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when homes and businesses in County Limerick with inadequate broadband will receive an improvement in service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7506/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when fibre broadband will be delivered to an area (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [7674/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress that will be made in installing additional fast charging points for electric vehicles in County Cavan in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7804/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress that will be made in installing additional fast charging points for electric vehicles in County Monaghan in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7805/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the specific details on the deployment of fibre broadband in County Tipperary; the number of properties in the county supplied with broadband to date in 2020; the number of properties in the county which will be supplied with broadband from now until the end of 2020; and the date the deployment plan will be made available by NBI. — Mattie McGrath. [7998/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on whether afforestation, the use of bog land carbon repositories and wind generated electricity can each contribute to carbon reduction with a view to improving the progress in line with international agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8119/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when fibre broadband will be available in an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8121/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the property at a location (details supplied) is planned to be surveyed under the National Broadband Plan. — Sorca Clarke. [8156/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the degree to which he continues to promote carbon reduction policies including the generation of electricity
from non-fossil fuel sources; the extent to which non-fossil fuel sources currently supply the national grid as a percentage of total electricity production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8193/20]

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*735. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the operational guidelines regarding capacity and the use of facilities for guests will be made available and notified to the owners of self-catering holiday accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7076/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when motor tax offices will reopen; and the arrangements for taxing of cars in place during the coming period. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7536/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has engaged with the tourism industry including package operators and hoteliers on the implementation of a mandatory 14-day quarantine period of international arrivals to Ireland. — Robert Troy. [7581/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding motor tax payments for those that have been cocooning since March 2020 due to Covid-19; the rebate options open to them; and the details of same. — Niamh Smyth. [7818/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is specific guidance issued for taxi and minibus companies for reopening their businesses; if drivers will be expected to use specified PPE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7894/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when dive schools can reopen. — Norma Foley. [8099/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a response will issue to the safety requests from bus and rail unions regarding the compulsory use of masks on public transport as the lockdown resulting from Covid-19 continues. — Seán Crowe. [7071/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is satisfied with the response rate and failure to fill in self-quarantine documentation of those arriving at air and seaports; and the way in which he plans to respond to these failures and minimalist measures that are being ignored. — Seán Crowe. [7073/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to ongoing issues regarding school tours and parents being unable to claim refunds from travel agencies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [7088/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the NDLS. — Joan Collins. [7100/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver tests will resume; the support that will be provided to those persons on learner permits and are disadvantaged financially

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and socially by not being able to drive their car without a qualified driver with them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7105/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of times he formally met with either the chairperson and or the CEO of Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7106/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost of providing 25 bicycle parking racks for a public place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7107/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend the bus service to Clonaugh, Maynooth, County Kildare in view of the local demand for such a bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7141/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if provision can be made to provide a daily bus service from Ardclough to Celbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7142/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the safety measures and support measures that will pertain for private contract school transport coaches with regard to Covid-19 when the schools reopen in September. — Paul Murphy. [7147/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if emergency driver test appointments will be provided for persons whose planned driver tests were cancelled due to Covid-19 and that are carers of adults or children with special needs which makes urgent their need to be able to drive legally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7160/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will urgently implement a plan to ensure that driver tests will resume without delay to avoid undue discrimination on drivers in rural areas with no other forms of transport; if he cannot implement a plan to recommence driver tests, if he will allow leniency for drivers that are awaiting a test and have completed their essential driver training to allow them travel to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7203/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the phase boat rentals in harbour areas fall under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Sean Sherlock. [7235/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to aid the rural tourism sector in County Wexford; the way he plans to identify recovery steps for the rural tourism sector nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7266/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider rolling out extra measures in addition to a moratorium on business debt beyond the measures currently in place to ensure that transport companies in the tourism sector which are vital to same can survive. — Cathal Crowe. [7271/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the assistance is being put in place to assist taxi drivers in getting back to work after the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted; if these workers will be entitled to financial assistance to help them get back to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7291/20]
*757. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7322/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if new measures to ensure that there are enough wheelchair accessible taxis available for wheelchair users particularly in the Dublin area will be implemented; if a way can be found to ensure that taxi drivers that have obtained grants to adapt their taxi wheelchair use actually give priority to wheelchair users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7323/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to restructure the regulatory functions of the Irish Aviation Authority and the Commission for Aviation Regulation; his plans to merge the safety regulation division of the Irish Aviation Authority with the Commission for Aviation for Regulation to bring about a stand-alone aviation regulator under the name of the Irish Aviation Authority; if the existing air traffic control side of the Irish Aviation Authority will be reconstituted as a separate State-owned commercial company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7324/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the guidelines for driving instructors with regard to returning to work; when they will be able to return to work; the precautions they will need to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7345/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when it is proposed to recommence the national car test programme. — Jim O’Callaghan. [7364/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when high-performance athletes (details supplied) will be permitted to return to training. — Norma Foley. [7365/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to facilitate online driver licence issuance for first-time licence applicants by which a first-time driver licence applicant fulfils all requirements, for example, has passed a theory and or practical driving test. — Norma Foley. [7367/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the guidelines in relation to learner drivers particularly those that have completed twelve driving lessons and have had their tests cancelled; if such drivers will be allowed to drive unaccompanied for a period of time; the number of persons awaiting driver tests; the timeframe to clear the back log; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [7374/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the way in which driver testing capacity can be resumed here; the way in which he will address the inevitable backlog in driver tests and sensitive cases for expedited tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7384/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if persons that have flight reservations for flights which are not cancelled but which depart from an airport which is outside of the permissible travel area around their homes, for example, 5 kilometres or 20 kilometres from
8 June 2020 are entitled to a full refund or free cancellation or booking change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [7397/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he will take to reopen NCT centres to test vehicles for car dealerships as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7410/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the roads and linked companies that have a traffic guarantee associated with them; the amount of compensation paid under each agreement annually since 2014; the estimated compensation to be paid in 2020 under each agreement in the context of lower traffic volumes due to Covid-19; and the mechanisms by which the State can claim not to be liable for the compensation under traffic guarantees in view of the unusual nature and cause of the lower traffic volumes. — Joe O’Brien. [7415/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for NCT retests once centres reopen (details supplied). — Joe O’Brien. [7422/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding will be allocated for the expansion of public bikes for Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [7429/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend the permit period of approved driving instructors in line with the extension of driver licences (details supplied). — Joe O’Brien. [7431/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the risks associated with the issuing of driver licences without applicants sitting the driver test have been evaluated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7448/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver testing will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7457/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the total number of vehicles here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7462/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if advice will be provided to local sports clubs on reopening their facilities in view of the importance of these clubs in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7469/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide grant aid to the many sports and community clubs that are struggling due to the lack of member interaction and potential fundraising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7472/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to a recent request by the National Transport Authority to review a number of rural transport services being provided by LocalLink in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7494/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to amend the situation in relation to persons (details supplied) with provisional licences during the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [7498/20]
*780. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which a taxi driver can renew their taxi licence during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7507/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a person (details supplied) who is on the emergency list for a driver test appointment can expect to receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [7510/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of complaints by cyclists that have been made to Dublin Bus in the past three years; and the actions that resulted from these complaints. — Neasa Hourigan. [7511/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of two actions as confirmed in correspondence from the National Transport Authority on 3 July 2019 to a group (details supplied). — Neasa Hourigan. [7512/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will liaise with the Office of Public Works to arrange to survey traffic impacts of closing the Phoenix Park to through traffic in view of public demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [7513/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to permit the reopening of NCT centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7521/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if issues (details supplied) regarding driver licences for former USA residents now seeking to obtain full Irish licences will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [7526/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the NCT centres will be reopening. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7537/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans and the plans of the Taxi Regulator to assist taxi drivers to return to the workplace as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted in the coming period. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7538/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to help the tourism industry outside of major urban areas in which seasonality is a factor. — Alan Kelly. [7539/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of MetroLink and BusConnects in the context of Covid-19 and related economic circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7555/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports available to clubs (details supplied) in order to put in place adequate health and safety precautions at their grounds. — Robert Troy. [7577/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding airline passengers that were unable to take flights due to Covid-19; if he will address the concerns of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [7578/20]
*793. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if specific guidelines have been circulated to each sporting organisation on the communication of public health information to their members and players with regard to clubs reopening and continued restrictions on members from outside a 5km radius and cocooning members. — Micheál Martin. [7589/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if guidance has been issued to sporting clubs and organisations on the way in which to implement public health guidelines within such clubs and organisations. — Micheál Martin. [7590/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be given consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Martin. [7591/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when RSA offices will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7595/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide greenway funding to the proposed Sligo Leitrim northern counties greenway (details supplied); his views on the importance of the greenway to the rural areas along the route; if the possibility of funding a small proportion of the greenway will be investigated to establish the route for future development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [7604/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if passengers that hold bookings for flights to destinations abroad that have not been cancelled and are scheduled to depart during the summer are entitled to change their booking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [7611/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered specific supports for scheduled services in the tourism sector such as grants to adapt vehicles. — Marc MacSharry. [7613/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered launching a public transport recovery taskforce in order to identify challenges and solutions for the public transport system here with regard to Covid-19 restrictions. — Marc MacSharry. [7614/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of US troops and the quantity of weapons and munitions that have passed through Shannon Airport in each month to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7618/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if essential and frontline workers that are learner drivers will be allowed to drive on their own without a qualified driver (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7637/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons on waiting lists for driver tests in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath and nationwide to date; the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form; the stage they are at in the application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [7661/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the phase driving lessons fall under in the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Sean Sherlock. [7662/20]
*805. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to assist GAA clubs financially due to the loss of income caused by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [7668/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he plans to implement to clear the backlog of driver test applications when Covid-19 restrictions are fully lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [7680/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to advance driver tests for trained drivers that have completed their driving instruction criteria for testing; his views on matters raised by a person (details supplied) in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7684/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the membership of the Tourism Taskforce; the remit of the taskforce; the frequency with which it has met; the frequency with which it plans to meet; if it plans to make recommendations; and if so, when it plans to make such recommendations. — Joe O’Brien. [7686/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when NCT and CVRT testing will resume; if the NCT or CVRT certificate will be backdated to the date they were due to be tested; if not, if certificates will be issued with the date on which they were actually tested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [7687/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of expiring learner permits which may lapse while driver tests are unable to be taken due to Covid-19 public health measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [7709/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the support measures made available for taxi drivers that are faced with insurance costs, loan repayments and other expenses in view of the fact many drivers have lost almost all of their business. — Martin Browne. [7714/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to resume driver tests particularly for those persons that urgently require a test in order take-up employment and require a full licence or a bus or truck licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7720/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is parking facilities provided at the RSA testing centre at Carnmore, Oranmore, County Galway; if so, the number of vehicle parking places dedicated; if not, if parking facilities will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7721/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he will take to ensure that Shannon Airport is not downgraded and that when regular scheduled flights resume, a company (details supplied) continues to operate services from the airport to ensure that a service is provided on the western seaboard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7722/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will establish a resilience fund and associated taskforce to aid in protection and development of sports organisations that were financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. — Joe O’Brien. [7753/20]
*816. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when coaches can recommence soccer training for under 16s while adhering to social distancing measures. — John Brady. [7767/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if vans used for domestic purposes can be evaluated for motor tax based on CO2 emissions for private cars rather than the current cc based valuation for commercial vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7770/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the orders made for rolling stock, carriages and engines for Irish Rail; if no orders have been placed, the reason therefor; if orders have been placed, the number of each ordered; when the orders were confirmed; the delivery date; the individual and total costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7784/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if additional buses will be allocated to particularly busy routes in Dublin city as restrictions are eased but social distancing must remain in place. — Denise Mitchell. [7791/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Covid-19 mobility framework; and the reason the process was started two months into the pandemic and not at the outset. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [7813/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports available for a sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7840/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he will take to support full refunds to customers that have had their travel cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions; the position regarding regulation EU261/2004 which establishes the right to refunds if flights are cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7853/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if all major Irish fishing ports will be included on the ports of registry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [7865/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend the Covid-19 mobility frameworks nationwide; if not, if the matter will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7870/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if emergency driver test appointments will be provided for persons whose planned tests were cancelled due to Covid-19, that are categorised as essential workers and that urgently need to do a test in order to be able to drive legally to get to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7896/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to a sporting event (details supplied); if the event has been reviewed by his Department; if so, if the event will proceed in view of public health guidance and social distancing concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7941/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the legislation which governs the use of quads and scramblers on public roads; the circumstances in which they are permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7964/20]
*828. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if taxi drivers can avail of an insurance break or holiday or a rebate for the Covid-19 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7966/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if taxi drivers can avail of a break or holiday or rebate on motor tax costs for the Covid-19 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7967/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if specific financial supports are available for taxi drivers to adapt their vehicles to meet Covid-19 public health advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7968/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a taxi driver will need an engineer’s report to verify works if they adapt their vehicle to meet Covid-19 public health advice; and if so, the person or body that will cover the cost for the report. — Darren O’Rourke. [7969/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if it will be made mandatory for all passengers and staff to wear face coverings on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7972/20]

*833. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he expects national car test centres to reopen; if he envisages a phased reopening schedule to apply; if so, the vehicle types he expects to be included in the early phases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7973/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated backlog of driver tests in each county in tabular form; his plans for addressing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7975/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he is taking to ensure travellers are entitled to cash refunds for cancelled flights. — Darren O’Rourke. [8028/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will undertake a light rail feasibility study for Galway in view of climate action obligations and the changes necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8035/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of US troops and the quantities of weapons and munitions that have passed through Shannon Airport in each month to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8043/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) will receive a response in the context of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8050/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to cater for drivers that require a CPC to drive a lorry; and if it is possible to complete same online as can be done in the UK. — Norma Foley. [8096/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if supports will be made available to private bus companies providing school transport but not being funded by Bus Éireann to ensure...
social distancing measures can be properly implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8115/20]

841. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if it is possible for the purposes to applying for a learner permit with the NDLS to supply a PPS number or another form of identification in the place of a public services card number in view of the fact the appointment service for allocating the card has been temporarily suspended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8116/20]

842. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration is being given to providing special support to the small public service vehicle tourism sector due to the fact that the industry has come to a standstill for the 2020 tourism season and will only make a slow recovery in 2021; the measures in place to sustain this vital link in the tourism chain over the medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8130/20]

843. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he plans to put in place to assist the 27,500 learner drivers that due to Covid-19 cannot complete their full driver tests; if new testing measures are being considered that do not require a tester sitting in the same car during the test; if laws can be relaxed during this time to ensure that learners that need to travel to work can still do so (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8145/20]

844. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if existing legislation will be enforced to ensure those whose flights have been cancelled can be repaid in full in the same manner in which they originally purchased them. — Sorca Clarke. [8155/20]

845. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps being taken to help deal with those persons waiting to sit their driver tests; his plans to get testing back up and running using innovations to protect testers and those being tested; and his further plans to clear the backlog of those awaiting testing. — Louise O’Reilly. [8175/20]

846. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on providing additional funding and clear guidance to local authorities on the establishment of walking and cycling infrastructure to ensure safety and social distancing are a priority in towns and cities. — Holly Cairns. [8211/20]

847. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a series of matters in relation to the safety of oil tankers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [8214/20]

848. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which a motorcycle driver with a provisional licence can travel to attend the Garda Training College in June 2020 in view of the closure of the RSA and in view of the fact their test has been cancelled. — Gary Gannon. [8232/20]

849. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the request by trade unions for passengers and commuters to wear face masks on bus, rail and air services during the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the ongoing challenges regarding restricted space on public transport. — Seán Crowe. [8256/20]
*850. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if additional supports are being prepared including funding for public transport companies impacted severely by Covid-19. — Seán Crowe. [8257/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he will take to support consumer rights particularly the difficulties experienced by persons receiving outstanding refunds from airlines; if figures are being compiled regarding the number of persons impacted; and the new approach that will be taken in view of the decision by the EU Commission on cash refunds from airlines regarding cancelled flights. — Seán Crowe. [8258/20]

*852. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to not require taxi drivers that cancel their PSV car insurance during the Covid-19 crisis to have to put their cars through suitability and NCT tests or have to send back their plates to the NTA while their insurance is suspended in order that they can quickly return to work when the industry recovers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8277/20]

Chun an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige: To the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

*853. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the consideration being given to fund the wages of childcare workers to ensure reduced costs for parents and improve pay levels for childcare staff (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7412/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if an independent public enquiry into an organisation (details supplied) will be initiated. — Sorca Clarke. [8158/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to waive compulsory attendance with regard to primary, secondary and third-level courses (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [8219/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if consideration has been given to the need for a sustainability fund in view of the fact that many early years providers are under severe pressure and may not reopen after restrictions have been lifted and the fact that this is having a major impact on workers and their incomes. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7045/20]

*857. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated cost of increasing the number of available hours under the ECCE scheme each week by 3, 5, 10 and 15 hours respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7109/20]

*858. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans for the phased return of childcare facilities, particularly around social distancing and ratios of children; the way in which childcare facilities are to operate under the new guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [7124/20]

*859. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if consideration will be given to allowing trainee social workers complete their placement in another way in order that they can receive their qualifications and not be delayed in accessing employment as social workers are needed; and if an agreement can be reached with CORU regarding this in view of the fact it would result in social worker qualifications being processed without delay. — Kathleen Funchion. [7125/20]
*860. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when she will publish the Independent Review of Costs of Delivering Childcare in Ireland; the reason for the delay in its publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7237/20]

*861. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when a decision will be made on home tuition for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7270/20]

*862. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a Tusla facility (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7314/20]

*863. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a proposal (details supplied) in relation to directly supporting partners of frontline workers is currently being considered following the cancellation of the proposal recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [7329/20]

*864. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the position regarding helping the education and childcare sector to reopen; the supports that will be available to the operators of these facilities to enable them to get up and running as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7387/20]

*865. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a new public model of funding for the childcare sector (details supplied) will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7444/20]

*866. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when promised childcare for frontline workers will be provided; and if the facilitation of spouses of frontline workers working in public service to be offered paid leave to care for their children has been ruled out. — Robert Troy. [7475/20]

*867. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the situation regarding 16 and 17 year old children that have emotional dysregulation and urgently need temporary residential care; the facilities available in each region to provide care outside of the adult psychiatric services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7588/20]

*868. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when childminders will be able to recommence providing services to parents that are healthcare workers, essential workers and all parents in their own homes and in the home of the child. — Anne Rabbitte. [7608/20]

*869. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if guidelines have been created to support childminders reopening their services following the easing of Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7610/20]

*870. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if financial supports will be made available to childminders for the purpose purchasing PPE material. — Anne Rabbitte. [7615/20]

*871. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the membership of her advisory group on reopening early learning and care and school-age childcare services; and the process by which the members of the working group were selected. — Darragh O’Brien. [7649/20]
*872. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be considered in relation to the advisory group on reopening early learning and care and school-age childcare services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [7650/20]

*873. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if research has been undertaken by her Department in order to determine the possible impact of Covid-19 on capacity within the ECCE system in terms of crèche closures and the reduction in capacity associated with social distancing measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [7656/20]

*874. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if ECCE services will be able to operate at full capacity in September 2020; and if not, the percentage of their previous capacity they will be able to operate at. — Darragh O’Brien. [7657/20]

*875. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of children expected to enrol in ECCE services from September 2020, by county. — Darragh O’Brien. [7658/20]

*876. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has considered introducing temporary measures in order to bring additional ECCE capacity on stream more quickly in view of the possible deficit of places which may arise as a result of Covid-19. — Darragh O’Brien. [7659/20]

*877. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department has undertaken research in order to determine the possible impact of Covid-19 on capacity within the full-day childcare system in terms of crèche closures and the reduction in capacity associated with social distancing measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O’Brien. [7660/20]

*878. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the definition of essential workers that will be offered childcare under phase 3 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; the way in which the definition was reached; if a list of essential workers is available in order to inform employees if they will be entitled to childcare; the childcare plans in place for workers not deemed essential; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7706/20]

*879. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the name and location of the crèches that signed up to the outreach service that was due to commence on 18 June 2020, in tabular form; if the services were community or private; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7707/20]

*880. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans for reopening childcare facilities under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and the way in which this will be managed safely. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7712/20]

*881. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the opening of crèches and schools will be expedited in order to protect the development of children. — Jim O’Callaghan. [7748/20]

*882. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of childminders that have registered quarterly in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [7792/20]

*883. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason an organisation (details supplied) has not been included in talks taking place on the reopening of the childcare sector;
the criteria used to select the representative groups; if she has received communications from the organisation or its members asking to be included in the talks; if she will add the group to the talks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7806/20]

*884. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department has engaged substantially with an organisation (details supplied) in reference to the Covid-19 crisis. — Thomas Byrne. [7819/20]

*885. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures she has taken to ensure that all childcare facilities are provided insurance cover for Covid-19 when they reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7924/20]

*886. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures and supports that will be in place for childcare centres when they reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7925/20]

*887. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the action she will take to ensure childcare providers insurance includes cover for Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8056/20]

*888. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the proposals she put forward at the recent EU meeting of youth ministers in relation to the need to provide additional supports to young persons through the youth sector; if the EU will provide funding to support the provision of vital services for young persons through these difficult times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8070/20]

*889. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the additional funding that will be provided to the youth sector to support young persons particularly disadvantaged and vulnerable young persons during these difficult times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8071/20]

*890. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to set up a public enquiry into an organisation (details supplied) in view of the publication of a report to formally establish the facts, including an examination of the actions of staff and volunteers and to make recommendations for change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8129/20]

*891. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to provide childcare for healthcare workers; her further plans to bring forward a suitable scheme without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8168/20]

*892. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there has been an increase in demand for refuges for victims of domestic violence during the Covid-19 pandemic; the number of beds and space available to families and persons; the conditions in homes during the Covid-19 pandemic; if they are experiencing overcrowding; if there a few or no vacancies; if they face new or unusual challenges including social distancing, rotation, distance from abusers and health safety issues; and if additional supports including financial have been made available to existing service providers during the crisis. — Seán Crowe. [8263/20]
Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

*893. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if new schemes have been announced to provide funding to community groups maintaining cemeteries no longer able to carry out maintenance due to social distancing requirements and which can no longer fundraise or raise funds through donations in the community to pay contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [7295/20]

*894. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding the operation of the rural Leader programme; the amount of rural Leader funding drawn down to date for each of the 28 local action groups sub-regional areas; the amount of Leader funding spent in each LAG area; the number and types of projects completed to date in each LAG area; his plans to ensure that the deadlines for making applications under rural Leader can be extended by each LAG in view of the Covid-19 emergency; his further plans to ensure that LAGs are supported to work with their local communities during the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7054/20]

*895. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an application for funding (details supplied) will be examined with a view to approving the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7569/20]

*896. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an application for funding (details supplied) will be examined with a view to approving the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7570/20]

*897. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an application for funding (details supplied) will be examined with a view to approving the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7571/20]

*898. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when voluntary run community centres can reopen to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7597/20]

*899. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the deadline will be extended for the Covid-19 stability scheme for community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises beyond 20 May 2020 in view of the difficulties the Covid-19 restrictions have placed on the ability of organisations to gather certificates, quotations, information, contact persons and so on. — Johnny Mythen. [7654/20]

*900. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of community groups that qualified under the terms of the Covid-19 Stability Fund for Community and Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprises; the nature of the organisations which met the objectives; the way in which their eligibility was determined; if he will broaden the criteria to allow more community groups apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [7814/20]

*901. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will introduce a special grant scheme for community and voluntary organisations that are members of the PPN nationwide in view of the Covid-19 crisis and the considerable financial loss they have experienced. — Thomas Byrne. [7842/20]
*902. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the €35 million Covid-19 stability fund for the charity and voluntary sector is up and running; the number of applications there has been to the fund; the number of applications accepted; the amount paid out of the fund; the number of organisations that have received funding to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8010/20]

*903. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the €5 million Covid-19 philanthropy fund for the charity and voluntary sector is up and running; the number of applications to the fund; the number of applications accepted; the amount paid out of the fund; the number of organisations that have received funding to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8011/20]

*904. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which he has received applications under the various rural development schemes in the past two years by county; the extent of the approvals in the past; his expectations for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8117/20]

*905. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the application time for the Pobal Covid-19 stability scheme which opened on 11 May 2020 with a closing date of 20 May 2020 will be extended (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [8157/20]

*906. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will review an application for funding from a project (details supplied) with a view to granting the project financial support. — John McGuinness. [8239/20]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

*907. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to a response during Leaders Questions on 30 April 2020, if short-term emergency rent supplement will be progressed which would enable women and children in need of immediate relocation due to domestic violence to access safe housing for a period of three months and or the duration of the Covid-19 national emergency. — Holly Cairns. [7048/20]

*908. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to assist bereaved families of persons that passed away from Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7134/20]

*909. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the school meals programme into the summer holiday months will be extended in order that families that have lost jobs or are temporarily laid off as a result of the public health emergency can continue to access food during these exceptional times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [7146/20]

*910. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the legal and regulatory arrangement in force during the period of the Covid-19 crisis regarding redundancy; the legal and regulatory arrangement to come into force when the Covid-19 crisis comes to an end; and the criteria which will be used to determine when the Covid-19 crisis will end with regard to employment law and redundancy provisions. — Paul Murphy. [7152/20]
*911. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the provisions she will introduce to ensure that financially viable and profitable companies will be prevented from reducing their workforce or changing the terms and conditions of persons that were employees of such companies prior to the Covid-19 crisis when such companies return to normal operations at the end of the Covid-19 crisis. — Paul Murphy. [7153/20]

*912. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a short-term emergency rent type supplement will be put in place which would enable women and children in need of immediate relocation due to domestic violence to access safe housing for a period of three months and or the duration of the Covid-19 national emergency. — Sean Fleming. [7154/20]

*913. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if short-term emergency rent supplement which would enable women and children in need of immediate relocation due to domestic violence to access safe housing for a period of three months and or the duration of the Covid-19 national emergency will be progressed arising from a statement to Dáil Éireann on 30 April 2020. — Sean Fleming. [7155/20]

*914. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on the fact that women and children fleeing domestic violence are homeless (details supplied). — John Lahart. [7423/20]

*915. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide the details of road passenger transport operators that received payments in respect of the acceptance of the free travel pass on their bus services; and the list of routes for which these operators received payment for 2019. — Bríd Smith. [7432/20]

*916. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding maternity benefit. — Patrick Costello. [7587/20]

*917. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has considered strengthening Covid-19 emergency legislation in order that an employer will not be allowed to make an employee redundant during the emergency (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [7626/20]

*918. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if Covid-19 payments will be extended to specific industries in relation to the timeframe in which they are permitted to return to work, that is, the live events industry which was the first to close down and will be the last to reopen; if it will be ensured that if the Covid-19 payments become industry specific that the event industry is given recognition for being one of the last industries to return to work in view of the fact it is vital to ensure skill retention in the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7652/20]

*919. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will consider providing the school meals programme currently distributed to homes as a result of Covid-19 through the summer months of 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7929/20]

*920. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide a short-term emergency rent supplement for women and children that are forced to relocate due to domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7934/20]
*921. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if relevant Departments will be directed to urgently provide for a short-term emergency rent supplement for women and children that are forced to relocate due to domestic violence. — Matt Carthy. [7935/20]

*922. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there will be legal implications arising from fathers not being able to be added to the birth certificate of their children online in view of the fact they cannot register a birth personally due to Covid-19 restrictions; her plans to allow fathers to register online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [7955/20]

*923. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department examined proposals aimed at giving a better protection to employees affected by insolvency situations as recommended by a report (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8080/20]

*924. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will put in place a short-term emergency rent supplement which would enable women and children in need of immediate relocation due to domestic violence to access safe housing for a period of three months and or the duration of the Covid-19 national emergency as the Minister with responsibility for the coordination of the emergency Covid-19 response to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. — Holly Cairns. [8206/20]

*925. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to challenges being experienced by couples attending the public registry offices for marriages due to social distancing and other restrictions during the Covid-19 crisis; and if other new proposals are being considered to facilitate these unions. — Seán Crowe. [8253/20]

*926. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the provisions in place or which will be put into place to continue the pandemic unemployment payment for those workers currently in receipt of same but that will not be able to return to work if their employer reopens prior to the availability of childcare due to crèches and schools remaining closed. — Paul Murphy. [7061/20]

*927. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration has been given to a temporary extension of the duration of maternity benefit for persons in receipt of the payment; her views on the difficult position for mothers whose payment is due to expire soon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [7101/20]

*928. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when sections 19, 24, 25 and 26 of the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Act 2018 will come into effect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7129/20]

*929. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the public services card in addition to the action of the Data Protection Commissioner on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [7137/20]

*930. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the interdepartmental review into community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [7138/20]

*931. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will reconsider her decision not to facilitate access to emergency rent supplement which would enable women
and children in need of immediate relocation due to domestic violence to secure safe housing for a period of three months and or the duration of the Covid-19 national emergency. — Sean Fleming. [7151/20]

*932. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if employees (details supplied) qualify for the pandemic unemployment payment in view of the fact they are being forced to reduce their working hours as a direct result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [7198/20]

*933. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the supports available to help workers (details supplied) in south western areas of Dublin that are facing redundancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [7201/20]

*934. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to provide supports for those returning here from working abroad due to the Covid-19 pandemic due to the fact that they may have lost their job abroad or need to take care of sick relatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7269/20]

*935. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will extend the pandemic unemployment payment; and if so, the length of time the payment will be extended for and the rates for same. — David Cullinane. [7333/20]

*936. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if proposals are being examined to establish a Covid-19 household debt resolution process to help families that may accumulate debt during this period. — David Cullinane. [7334/20]

*937. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the PPSN applications of international students that have recently arrived here will be expedited (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7341/20]

*938. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to implement a specific emergency social protection payment for international students that are not eligible for the pandemic unemployment payment and do not have a PPSN or are not currently able to find work (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7342/20]

*939. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when an appeal by a person (details supplied) in respect of a pension will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7354/20]

*940. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of cases yet to be dealt with by the Appeals Office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7355/20]

*941. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of cases that can be dealt with by the Appeals Office based on documentary evidence presented; the plans in place to deal with same urgently in view of the fact they are not expected to require further medical evidence or an oral hearing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7357/20]
*942. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date the pandemic unemployment payment is due to cease in June 2020; her plans to extend the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [7382/20]

*943. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the changes she plans to make to the Covid-19 payment; if she is considering changes for those returning to work following maternity leave; if she is considering changes for those that have underlying health conditions in which their workplace is open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7396/20]

*944. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending the eligibility for the child benefit scheme to persons over 18 years of age that will be in full-time education in September 2020 due to the disruption of the academic year due to Covid-19 (details supplied). — Joe O’Brien. [7421/20]

*945. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if guidelines have been developed in relation to the temporary lay-offs due to Covid-19; if there is a time limit on the length of time for temporary lay-offs; and if guidance is being developed for employers and employees on exiting the temporary lay-off situation. — Joe O’Brien. [7427/20]

*946. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Kildare has had their award of disability allowance reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7468/20]

*947. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a review of the pandemic unemployment payment will be carried out; if the review will consider persons that were working seasonal and part-time work and earning less than €350 per week while simultaneously refusing to pay persons under 18 and over 66 years of age that were working full-time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [7477/20]

*948. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a Covid-19 payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [7481/20]

*949. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to modify the short-term work support scheme during the reopening phase; her further plans to increase the rate of the scheme in line with the pandemic unemployment payment of €350; her plans to tailor the scheme in line with the need of specific sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7482/20]

*950. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the specific measures she is considering to support those under 25 years of age that have been disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7483/20]

*951. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason there are significant delays in processing applications such as the disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [7525/20]

*952. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person can be transferred to the pandemic unemployment payment in order to be in a position to pay bills, rent
and so on in exceptional circumstances such as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [7543/20]

*953. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she plans to access EU funding relating to the support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency scheme; if so, the amount she anticipates accessing under the scheme; the specific programmes it will be acquired for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7563/20]

*954. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department has undertaken an analysis to match skills shortages in sectors affected by Covid-19 with those with appropriate or transferable skills that are currently unemployed; if not, if such an analysis and subsequent action is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [7565/20]

*955. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the obligation of employers regarding the selection of staff for lay-offs during the Covid-19 lockdown with particular reference to obligations to inform staff of the methods used. — Joan Collins. [7574/20]

*956. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps taken to ensure that employers cannot keep staff on indefinite lay-off in order to avoid redundancy payments at the end of a two year period. — Joan Collins. [7576/20]

*957. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on a domiciliary care allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7599/20]

*958. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the provision that will be made for workers over 70 years of age that are unable to return to work and have not qualified for the pandemic unemployment payment; if the payment will be made available to these workers many of which are finding it difficult to manage on their pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [7607/20]

*959. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of pensions, disability allowance, jobseeker’s allowance and benefit that do not have access to contactless payment methods (details supplied); the measures or actions she is taking to provide persons with a contactless payment option; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7640/20]

*960. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 248 of 21 November 2019, if she will provide a further update in relation to the proposed changes of the pension scheme in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7648/20]

*961. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a social welfare payment reduction appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7655/20]

*962. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on a review of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7677/20]
*963. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7679/20]

*964. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to increase the maternity benefit payment to €350 in line with the pandemic unemployment payment for new mothers that have been impacted by Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7689/20]

*965. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will reconsider allowing access to emergency rent supplement to those in need of immediate relocation as a result of domestic violence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [7691/20]

*966. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person that is immunosuppressed and is unable to work in view of the fact they are more susceptible to contracting Covid-19 is entitled to apply for the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7704/20]

*967. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when she plans to revert to social welfare weekly payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7716/20]

*968. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason, in circumstances in which persons become blind and receive illness benefit and the blind person’s pension, and when the illness benefit expires, they move onto invalidity pension but they lose the blind person’s pension even though they still continue to be blind; the reason the blind person’s pension is payable to some blind persons and not to other blind persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7717/20]

*969. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7718/20]

*970. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7727/20]

*971. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend the pandemic unemployment payment until August 2020 for persons that are not due to return to work until phase 5 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Chris Andrews. [7759/20]

*972. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the processing times for disability allowance applications. — Joe O’Brien. [7761/20]

*973. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7781/20]
*974. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7782/20]

*975. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7783/20]

*976. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7785/20]

*977. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be extended to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7788/20]

*978. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review the terms governing the disability allowance to allow the recipient’s pensions to be treated the same as income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7797/20]

*979. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the entitlements students that had signed contracts for summer internships which have now been cancelled have in terms of social welfare payments; and her plans to assist students in summer 2020 that are out of work due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Cathal Crowe. [7803/20]

*980. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to support seasonal workers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [7809/20]

*981. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a weekly court ordered maintenance payment received by a person from a former spouse is regarded as means for the purposes of the supplementary welfare allowance scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [7817/20]

*982. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to matters in relation to new mothers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7852/20]

*983. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the social protection assistance available to a person (details supplied) who lives in Northern Ireland but runs a business in Dundalk, County Louth and does not qualify for TWSS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7895/20]

*984. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the options available to employees that are expected to return to work in cases in which the work cannot be done from home and they cannot access childcare due the fact crèches are closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7898/20]

*985. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of social protection offices which have been closed and sanitised due to the presentation of Covid-19 positive
applicants at public desks applying for the Covid 19 enhanced illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [7904/20]

*986. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department will provide emergency rent supplement to women and children that are forced to relocate due to domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7931/20]

*987. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide for a financial support package to a cohort of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7932/20]

*988. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection relating to the pandemic unemployment payment will be made to applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7933/20]

*989. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when arrears payments relating to the pandemic unemployment payment will be made to applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7939/20]

*990. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment should sign on for credits to ensure that they do not lose out during time out of work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire McConalogue. [7943/20]

*991. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the legislation under the remit of her Department that is due to expire or lapse in the next three months and needs to be renewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [7944/20]

*992. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a carer’s allowance appeal lodged by a person (details supplied) within 21 days of a decision of a review request is not being accepted; her plans to change the law to ensure that the Appeals Office must accept an appeal within 21 days of the final decision after a review has been turned down; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [7945/20]

*993. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the status of being on maternity leave prior to being put on lay-off from employment renders a worker ineligible for receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [7946/20]

*994. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the protections in place to ensure the health and safety and terms and conditions of employment of construction workers returning to work during the Covid-19 period; if the protections are equally available to agency workers and subcontractors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7970/20]

*995. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when backdated pandemic unemployment payments will issue for the weeks while persons were waiting while her
Department was dealing with the backlog resulting in applicants receiving no payment (details supplied). — Réada Cronin. [7979/20]

*996. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the options open for persons registered and studying with an online course, for example, in a college (details supplied) in which they are being classed as full-time students by her Department but are available to work and have been advised that there is no option for making a social welfare payment available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [7997/20]

*997. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will amend the requirement for 38 hours or more per fortnight for those eligible for the working family payment in view of the fact hours have been reduced for many workers. — Norma Foley. [8024/20]

*998. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if provision is being made for the pandemic unemployment payment to be extended for students with a high risk health status and that have been advised by their general practitioner not to return to work in the hospitality industry. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [8031/20]

*999. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the PPSN applications of international students that have recently arrived here will be expedited in view of the fact that many cases are being refused despite providing valid reasons for applying for a PPSN and in further view of the fact that successful applications are in some cases taking over a month to process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8038/20]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a specific emergency social protection payment will be introduced for international students that are not eligible for the pandemic unemployment payment and do not have a PPSN or are not able to find work in view of the fact that the exceptional needs payment does not adequately address the precarious situation they are in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [8039/20]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the decision of the owners of a company (details supplied) to transfer valuable assets to its UK parent company which result in an increased cost to the State in redundancy payments from the State insolvency fund. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8047/20]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if supports or grants are available for the employment of a person to provide assistance to a self-employed person with a disability undertake business activities. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8048/20]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason there is no response in relation to social welfare appeals some of which are dating back to the middle of 2019; the status of appeals by persons (details supplied); and when a decision will be made. — John McGuinness. [8086/20]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if it is possible for the purposes of receiving assistance from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs to supply a PPS number or present valid identification in the place of a public services card number in view of the fact that her Department has temporarily postponed the appointment service for allocating the card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8109/20]
*1005. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when jobseeker’s allowance will issue to a person (details supplied); if an exceptional needs payment can be arranged in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8110/20]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated timeframe for the reopening of the appointment service for allocating the public services card; the arrangements in place for those requiring a card in the intervening period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8111/20]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) meets the criteria to receive a State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8114/20]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost of extending maternity leave to all women currently on leave or that were on leave prior to the passing of the Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Act 2020 for three months or until that legislation is revoked. — Bríd Smith. [8122/20]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for stopping the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment to residents in direct provision centres that lost their jobs as a result of the crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8123/20]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the actions she plans to take in relation to the closure of a business (details supplied); and if changes in legislation are planned to prevent employers taking similar actions in the months ahead specifically in relation to redundancy legislation and the provisions of the Protection of Employees (Fixed-Term Work) Act 2003. — Bríd Smith. [8124/20]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to amend the law suspending the right of workers to claim redundancy payments to exclude from the law workers whose employers have had a liquidator appointed by the High Court and that are therefore closed permanently; if so, when is it planned to amend same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8128/20]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications from counties Longford and Westmeath for the domiciliary care allowance in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; the number of applications that were refused in the same period; and the number later granted on appeal for the same period. — Sorca Clarke. [8163/20]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if those in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment will be entitled to the back to school clothing and footwear allowance. — Sorca Clarke. [8166/20]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a Covid-19 payment will be made available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8184/20]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will reconsider her decision not to facilitate access to emergency rent supplement which would enable women and children in need of immediate relocation due to domestic violence to secure safe housing for
a period of three months and or the duration of the Covid-19 national emergency. — Holly Cairns. [8202/20]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on enabling full-time students that cannot get usual part-time or seasonal employment due to Covid-19 temporary access to the jobseeker’s allowance or a comparable allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [8213/20]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure all meat plant workers whose health or employment has been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 clusters are provided with the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment and illness benefit. — Holly Cairns. [8215/20]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which a person that requires a verified MyGovID account can set one up during the current Covid-19 emergency in view of the fact that a person must attend the social welfare office as part of setting up a verified account; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [8216/20]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the uptake of rent supplement; the number of claims received; the speed with which claims are being processed; the level of approval rates; and the reasons for being refused and so on. — Gary Gannon. [8229/20]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason rent supplement applicants that are eligible under the rent supplement scheme as prescribed but not seeking nor eligible for the Covid-19 payment are being refused rent supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [8230/20]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of deposits issued in respect of HAP tenancies since the commencement of the Covid-19 crisis. — Gary Gannon. [8231/20]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the provisions that have been made for self-employed persons experiencing reductions in their gross income that are now operating at a loss when operating expenses are taken into account and have no income at present; if self-employed persons will be allowed to avail of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment support; and if not, the support available to them. — Gary Gannon. [8233/20]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the breakdown by profession of working age persons diagnosed with Covid-19. — Gary Gannon. [8235/20]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration has been given to temporary extensions for those on social welfare payments other than the pandemic unemployment payment which are due to cease in view of the global crisis; and if a freeze on the cessation of illness payments will be considered in view of the Covid-19 crisis (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [8236/20]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will review the decision in relation to an application for disability allowance by a person (details supplied); and if the request for a review will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [8241/20]
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*1026. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if offices on contract of service (details supplied) with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection are exempt from the payment of rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [7309/20]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding the proposed wind energy development guidelines following the recent public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [7467/20]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of funding approved for the LDA in 2018, 2019 and 2020; the amount drawn down by the LDA in each of these years; the amount of LDA borrowing approved by his Department in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and the amount of borrowing incurred by the LDA in each of these years. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7642/20]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the grants available to families that have a family member with a life-long disability to allow them to adapt their home aside from the housing adaption grant available through county councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7899/20]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider measures (details supplied) to bolster the tourism sector. — Cathal Crowe. [8026/20]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of capital grants provided to Sligo County Council in 2018 and 2019 respectively, under the Social Housing Investment Programme to assist in the construction and renewal of social rented accommodation for persons and families that have been assessed as in need of housing support under categories (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [7079/20]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider a process to help ensure that rents for accommodation are set at a level below the cost of a mortgage for such accommodation to facilitate persons that want to purchase their own house but are paying high rents above a normal mortgage would be for such a property and cannot save up for a deposit to buy a property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [7162/20]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if all staff appointments and all contracts for services by the Land Development Agency have been publicly advertised and fully comply with all relevant public sector recruitment and procurement rules and guidelines; if there have been exemptions granted from such rules and guidelines; if so, when; and the reason such exemptions were granted. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7177/20]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the group water scheme application made by a group (details supplied); the length of time it will take to secure Ministerial sign-off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [7206/20]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider increasing the homeless HAP rate payable for County Wicklow to bring it in line with the Dublin homeless HAP rate. — John Brady. [7261/20]
*1036. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1215 and 1249 of 13 May 2020, if the cost reduced or more affordable ten homes in Ratoath, County Meath were purchased by Meath County Council; if so, the price paid per unit by the local authority; and the price they were they sold to homeowners for by unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7298/20]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1215 and 1249 of 13 May 2020, the reason no Part V or no Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund discounted homes have been delivered to date in Carrigaline, County Cork. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7299/20]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1248 and 1256 of 13 May 2020, the reason no Part V or no Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund discounted homes have been delivered to date in Carrigaline, County Cork. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7300/20]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1215 and 1249 of 13 May 2020, if the cost reduced or more affordable ten homes in Ratoath, County Meath were purchased by Meath County Council; if so, the price paid per unit by the local authority; and the price they were they sold to homeowners for by unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7298/20]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1215 and 1249 of 13 May 2020, the average amount the 459 cost reduced and more affordable units sold for by unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7302/20]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1215 and 1249 of 13 May 2020, the reason less than 10% required of Part V units were delivered in Oldtown and Mooretown, Fingal, County Dublin; and the average amount the 211 cost reduced and more affordable units sold for by unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7300/20]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1215 and 1249 of 13 May 2020, the reason less than 10% required of Part V units were delivered in Oldtown and Mooretown, Fingal, County Dublin; and the average amount the 211 cost reduced and more affordable units sold for by unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7300/20]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1215 and 1249 of 13 May 2020, if the cost reduced or more affordable ten homes in Ratoath, County Meath were purchased by Meath County Council; if so, the price paid per unit by the local authority; and the price they were they sold to homeowners for by unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7298/20]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of efforts to comply with the European Drinking Water Directive; and his plans to take appropriate action further to the issuing of the reasoned opinion by the European Commission on Ireland’s alleged non-compliance with the directive since 2003. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7369/20]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he will take to ensure that the Property Registration Authority resumes processing pending applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [7392/20]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of the 1,161 long-term social housing leased units delivered in 2019 by type (details supplied); the average annual cost of each lease type; and the full net present cost of each lease type over the full duration of the agreed lease. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7399/20]
*1047. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of the 6,074 social housing builds in 2019 by category (details supplied); and the average price paid or approved by his Department for each category. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7400/20]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of the 2,772 acquired social houses in 2019 by local authority; the average price paid or approved by his Department for each local authority area; and the breakdown of the properties in terms of those purchased with a tenant in situ and those purchased vacant. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7401/20]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of the 2,772 social housing acquisitions by local authorities in 2019 that resulted in the issuing of a notice to quit to a sitting tenant as a result of the purchase. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7402/20]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the proposed use it or lose it planning permission that he indicated he planned to introduce to address the issue of developers in receipt of strategic housing developments planning permission using the permission for speculative gain rather than residential development. — Eoin Ó Broin. [7403/20]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the basis for and the origin of the instruction to commence planning and preparation for elections and referenda in the context of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [7424/20]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to establish a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7435/20]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding made available to local authorities in 2020 in terms of returning vacant housing units to council housing stock making them available for allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [7454/20]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to meet with representatives of private landlords to discuss the issue of students’ rent not being returned despite the fact they are no longer in need of the lease due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [7515/20]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of capital grants provided to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in 2018 and 2019 under the Social Housing Investment Programme to assist in the construction and renewal of social-rented accommodation for persons and families assessed as in need of housing support under categories (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7544/20]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason supports for Travellers outlined in a circular to local authorities have not been implemented in full (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [7556/20]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding for the housing adaption grant for persons with a disability and older persons have been allocated to Roscommon County Council and Galway County Council; if not, when funding will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [7601/20]
*1058. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of unoccupied social housing stock in County Wexford and in each county council in tabular form. — Johnny Mythen. [7627/20]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if county councils will be instructed to decrease the turnover time of houses to within at least a three month period (details supplied). — Johnny Mythen. [7628/20]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a local authority plans to purchase a house in the functional area of another local authority for the provision of social housing, if it is the reserved function of the local authority elected members in the local authority area in which the house is located to ratify the purchase of the house before it takes place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [7764/20]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an allocation has been made to Kildare County Council for a recycling facility in Celbridge, County Kildare; if so, when same occurred; the amount involved; if not, the outstanding issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [7786/20]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider the implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Joint Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht, entitled, Report of the Committee on the Title of Architect; if consideration will be given to recommendations 1 and 7 for the inclusion of a grandfather clause and that formal qualifications under Irish legislation for registration as an architect not exceed the formal qualifications required for mutual recognition under the relevant European directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [7815/20]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a backlog in registrations in the Land Registry; the remote working arrangements if such a delay is holding up the sale of a property; if there is a system of expediting a particular case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Byrne. [7822/20]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he envisages a backlog in planning applications and appeals to An Bord Pleanála; and the steps his Department has taken to ensure that An Bord Pleanála has the adequate resources to deal with such a backlog should it arise. — Thomas Byrne. [7839/20]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the specific guidance he will provide to local authorities that are required to hold statutory meetings which are open to members of the public to consider their proposed county development plans which are currently under review. — Thomas Byrne. [7841/20]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the Building Regulations Advisory Body was not consulted regarding recent changes to the building regulations technical guidance document for fire safety (details supplied); when the Building Regulations Advisory Body was last convened; when a meeting will be convened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7847/20]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the operational guidelines that exist for local authorities in respect of their administration of the rental accommodation scheme; the specific rules that local authorities must abide by in terms of the date that the scheme is payable
by them, that is, from the date of application or the date of award; if the latter, the reason for this; and the rules or guidelines in place if there is a significant processing delay by the local authority. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7849/20]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the percentage requirements for social and affordable homes on the Colbert Station quarter development by the Land Development Agency in Limerick city as directed by his Department; the cost of phase 2 of the quarter; the cost of the panel of eight architects; the person or body they are employed by; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7855/20]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated loss in revenue from commercial rates to date by Meath, Louth, Wicklow and Kildare county councils; if all rates due during Covid-19 period will be paid by his Department; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [7971/20]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an analysis has been carried out by his Department on the impact on productivity in the construction sector as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing; the impact in terms of input costs; the way in which that will impact the viability of housing and apartment projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8003/20]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which Rebuilding Ireland home loans are available now and in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8018/20]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons that have made an application for Rebuilding Ireland home loans; the number granted, refused and pending, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8019/20]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the directive given to local authorities in relation to the regulations brought in; the way in which these will affect housing allocations during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [8034/20]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason a loan was denied to Clare County Council to develop a mixed housing development comprising of social and affordable housing in Meelick, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [8069/20]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the necessary funding will be provided to address a major health and safety matter in respect of an out of order sewerage treatment plant at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Norma Foley. [8094/20]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will work with local authority chief executives and the Minister for Health to ensure that local authorities can source, secure and supply mobile homes for self-isolation as a means of preventative health action to proactively combat Covid-19 for Travellers living in overcrowded accommodation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [8172/20]
*1077. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of plans for the development of the Central Mental Hospital; the involvement of the Land Development Agency in this development; the stage the development is at; the breakdown for social and affordable housing planned for the land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8270/20]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the Shanganagh Castle development; if the lack of the enactment of the legislation for the Land Development Agency is holding up the progress of this development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8271/20]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social housing units he is expecting to be delivered from the Cherrywood SDZ; the timeline for these homes; the number of these homes that are already included in a granted planning permission; the number of these planning permissions that already have commencement notices on the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8272/20]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will revise guidelines in relation to co-living and ensure that these kind of developments will not be allowed in view of the fact that Covid-19 has highlighted the dangers of overcrowded living conditions and the role congregated living plays in transmission of diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8273/20]

Chun an Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

*1081. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if tourist travel to the offshore islands may be considered under phase 4 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [7087/20]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to assist zoos and animal parks here following the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7779/20]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the consultation between her Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Services prior to the decision to rescind the derogation on woodpigeon shooting during the summer months, considering the potential impact that this move could have on tillage farming and food supplies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7914/20]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason non-resident tourist travel to offshore islands can only resume in phase 5 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business while tourism activities in the rest of the country with appropriate restrictions are being facilitated in phase 4; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [7049/20]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if clarification will be provided on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7347/20]
*1086. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will receive a response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7351/20]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will consider reviewing the existing penalties for those prosecuted for illegal gorse fires in view of the contention of many heritage and wildlife groups that the existing measures do not act as a sufficient deterrent. — Steven Matthews. [7356/20]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of persons prosecuted for illegally starting gorse fires in 2018 and 2019, by county. — Steven Matthews. [7358/20]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason for the decision to ban the shooting of pigeons during the summer months in view of the fact they are a serious cause of damage to tillage crops; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [7370/20]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if an organisation (details supplied) is proposing its members should be appointed as Covid-19 safety representatives; and her views on whether safety representatives should be from the workers in this industry and random checks should be carried out on all productions. — Joan Collins. [7377/20]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to plans to develop a new film and television studio in the greater Dublin area; and if so, the support which will be provided to this development. — Joan Collins. [7379/20]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will provide the details including briefing notes of the briefing provided to her by her Department in respect of the derogation declarations for 2020 and 2021, that is, for the period 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021 with regard to the customary annual derogations declarations that cater for the control of certain wild bird species in the interests of public health and safety and to protect air safety. — Duncan Smith. [7380/20]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to address a matter in relation to wood pigeon control (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [7439/20]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a decision to lift the summer derogation on wood pigeon shooting will be reversed in view of the fact affected stakeholders were not consulted and the derogation was introduced at a time when there is limited opportunity for scrutiny by Dáil Éireann of the decision; if the scientific evidence used in making the decision will be published; if a consultation process will be held with all stakeholders on the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [7445/20]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if correspondence circulated from an organisation (details supplied) will receive a response. — Cathal Crowe. [7458/20]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a licence will be issued (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7463/20]
*1097. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the scientific grounds on which she refused to sign the derogation permit in 2020 which allows farmers to shoot pigeons as part of their crop protection. — Chris Andrews. [7693/20]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department will purchase land to secure the curtilage of a monument (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [7758/20]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on the number of Béarlachas words entering the Irish language even though Irish words and expressions already exist in these cases; her plans to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [7760/20]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if regulations on wood pigeon control will be deferred to allow for consultation with stakeholders (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [7773/20]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason the decision was taken to prohibit pigeon shooting (details supplied) from 31 May to 1 September 2020; if there was official consultation carried out with impacted stakeholders such as tillage farmers; and if she will review the decision in view of the way in which it may impact on tillage farmers with respect to protecting crops. — Charlie McConalogue. [7837/20]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if supports will be put in place for buskers that suffer a loss of income until such a time as busking can recommence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [7854/20]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason the derogation to shoot wood pigeons during the summer months was rescinded; if the scientific evidence that led to the decision will be published; if she will reinstate the derogation pending a full public consultation on this move; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [7926/20]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of an organisation (details supplied) and regional game councils in relation to the exclusion of wood pigeon from the derogation for June, July and August 2020; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that the advice to farmers that fear serious damage to crops to apply for section 42 permits under the Wildlife Acts is not adequate due to delays that occur in the issue of such permits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [7952/20]

*1105. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ó thaoibh na mbeart agus na dtacaíochtaí atá beartaithe chun dul i ngleic leis an ngéarchéim i gceantair Ghaeltachta de bharr Covid-19, go háirithe na coláistí samhraidh agus iad curtha ar ceal. — Catherine Connolly. [8046/20]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding committed to festivals due to take place in County Clare in 2020, in tabular form; if the funding commitments will be honoured in view of the outlays incurred by festival committees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8146/20]
*1107. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she is committed to signing the derogation classifying woodpigeon as a pest species from 31 May to 1 September 2020 thus providing tillage farmers with crop protection. — Sorca Clarke. [8160/20]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the current staffing levels by county within the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and the service area these employees are engaged in. — Sorca Clarke. [8161/20]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if grant funding will be made available to performers and musicians for technical equipment to facilitate live streaming and video editing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8186/20]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will reconsider in the interests of the income and welfare of the recipients, reversing her decision that the dance artist residency scheme 2020 will not go ahead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8268/20]