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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9309/20]

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

*2. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if future overseas missions for members of the Defence Forces delayed due to the UN suspension will serve their full period of duties once missions can be rotated; if they will receive their expected allowance payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8298/20]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the reason family-friendly tours are not guaranteed at present for Defence Forces personnel due to be stationed overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8686/20]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence when a decision will be made regarding permitting the affiliating of the Defence Forces to a union (details supplied); the reason this decision has been delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8740/20]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; the strength each branch should be at; the recruitment planned in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8741/20]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding will be allocated for the upgrade and extending of the mission preparation centre at the cadet school at the Defence Forces training centre; when this capital works project will commence; the duration of such works; and the allocated budget for same. — Catherine Murphy. [8775/20]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if funding will be allocated for a new control tower at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel; when this capital works project will commence; the duration of such works; and the budget allocated for same. — Catherine Murphy. [8776/20]

*8. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the facilities at Kilworth Camp are being used at present to accommodate personnel other than military personnel; and if so, the purpose of providing such accommodation. — Sean Sherlock. [9123/20]

*9. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if an application has been received from a union (details supplied) for permission to affiliate to another organisation; if so, when the application

was received; when a decision will be made on the application; the reason for the delay in making a decision on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9169/20]

*10. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the number of females that were recruited for the Army, Air Corps and Naval Service in 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of females currently in training in each branch of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9238/20]

*11. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence if the age limit for the Defence Forces cadetship competition will be increased as recommended by the Public Service Pay Commission and also discussed at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Defence on 28 November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9258/20]

*12. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the status of the recent re-enlistment campaign for the Defence Forces; if it remains open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9517/20]

*13. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the provisions he will put in place to ensure the ongoing preservation of protected structures in Columb Barracks, Mullingar, County Westmeath should that area be handed over to another Department. — Sorca Clarke. [9531/20]

*14. To ask the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9835/20]

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

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the welfare assistance available for Irish citizens living abroad both inside and outside the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8300/20]

*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the passport office will reopen and services resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8311/20]

*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the case of a person (details supplied) whose case has been highlighted by an organisation. — Joe O'Brien. [8401/20]

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when passport services are expected to resume including the production and processing of passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8528/20]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when services will resume at the passport office including the processing of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8529/20]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason for the delay in providing personal security clearance and facility security clearance for companies here dealing

with projects for the European defence industrial development programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [8534/20]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the persons appointed to the 2018 Irish Aid election observation roster. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8573/20]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his attention has been drawn to reports of the apparent detention of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8625/20]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the passport office will reopen and begin processing passport applications again; when an application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8653/20]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when he expects the passport office will resume full services; if passport holders with expiring passports are advised to submit renewal applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8674/20]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when first time passport applications may be lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8742/20]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if all passports will be extended for the duration of 12 months due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8748/20]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when passport applications will begin to be processed again; the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9005/20]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken to the US Senate Majority Leader, Mr. Mitch McConnell to date in 2020. — Chris Andrews. [9011/20]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which a person can receive a passport renewal during the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9014/20]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if his Department will assist an Irish couple seeking to return home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9082/20]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when it is expected his Department will restart passport applications. — Sean Sherlock. [9128/20]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the contacts he has made with the EU and or UK Government officials regarding the ongoing post-Brexit trade talks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9193/20]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the contacts he or his officials had with or in respect of a company (details supplied) prior to or since the announced closure of the business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9194/20]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the discussions he has had with the EU and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in relation to the establishment of an EU office in Belfast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9220/20]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress to date in addressing the undocumented Irish in the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [9293/20]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the passport office will be reopened to provide its necessary function; and when the postal method, that is, passport express will be operational again. — Gary Gannon. [9502/20]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position in relation to a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9530/20]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the phase of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in which the Passport Office will reopen; the plans that have been put in place to deal with a backlog in applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [9741/20]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9839/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*40. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of women that have been unable to access the temporary wage subsidy scheme due to being on maternity leave in the months preceding the application by their employer for the business support and that are instead claiming the pandemic unemployment payment. — Steven Matthews. [8411/20]

*41. To ask the Minister for Finance if a bakery (details supplied) in Dublin 8 can access supports and grants and so on to cover wages and costs. — Joan Collins. [8857/20]

*42. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the temporary wage subsidy scheme to the taxi, bus and coach sector (details supplied). — Johnny Mythen. [8892/20]

*43. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary wage subsidy scheme will be extended to supply chain businesses for a period after the reopening of restaurants and catering establishments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8983/20]

*44. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by businesses when an employee receiving the pandemic unemployment payment leaves their job due to the fact their replacement will not be eligible for the Covid-19 wage subsidy scheme; if he will amend the scheme in order that businesses are entitled to the wage subsidy scheme for the number

of employees working in the organisation in February 2020 rather than for specific employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9087/20]

*45. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that insurers are increasing premiums to customers despite no claims by the customer during the Covid-19 crisis and that they are demanding 25% of the premium to continue policies in suspended mode during the crisis by which cover is reduced; his plans to intervene to ensure fairness for business owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9091/20]

*46. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on expanding the reach of the bike-to-work scheme to include students, jobseekers, those on disability allowance or doing unpaid work; and his further views on increasing the €1,000 limit to include e-bikes, cargo bikes and non-traditional bikes such as tricycles, handcycles and other modified bikes appropriate for those that require same due to physical capacities. — Holly Cairns. [9386/20]

*47. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures in place for employees in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme in which an employer is not topping up pay and employees are working full-time for a significant reduced take home pay without any consultation from the employer to the employee on accepting a reduced salary; if it is intended for the scheme to be used in this manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9477/20]

*48. To ask the Minister for Finance if a matter regarding insurance during Covid-19 for a business (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the matter which is being faced by many businesses will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8318/20]

*49. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has evaluated the merit and costed an enhanced tax credits package for frontline blue light and medical workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8333/20]

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason recycled plastic materials which have been subject to 23% VAT in their first lives are subject to VAT once again when it comes to recycling only to again be charged VAT at the point of resale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8374/20]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance when vehicle registration tax offices will reopen. — Pearse Doherty. [8375/20]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to instances in which persons that can return to work attempt to avail of the temporary wage subsidy scheme but cannot avail of it in view of the fact they returned from maternity leave later than 6 March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8383/20]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance the options for microbusinesses which closed their premises temporarily due to Covid-19 lockdown measures which are being refused the temporary wage subsidy scheme upon reopening due to having to hire new part-time staff to restart their business in view of the fact previously employed part-time staff have chosen not to return to their former roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8413/20]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance when a fuel grant in respect of a motor vehicle under the disabled drivers and passengers' scheme will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8457/20]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance if provisions will be made for mortgage applicants that were mortgage approved prior to Covid-19 and have subsequently become unemployed and are now not permitted to draw down their mortgage by their bank (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8499/20]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance if an issue (details supplied) regarding car dealerships will be investigated with the Revenue Commissioners; if a successful resolution will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8518/20]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 50 and 51 of 20 May 2020, if owners of UK-registered cars bought and awaiting re-registration through the VRT service can drive legally without fear of seizure until such time that NCT centres reopen and VRT inspections can be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8527/20]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to an ongoing issue which businesses are facing in relation to banking charges for direct debits that are failing due to customers of the business either cancelling or not having sufficient money to pay them (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [8566/20]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to issues that some customers are facing with non-bank mortgage providers in which the provider has refused requests for a mortgage break necessitated by the Covid-19 crisis due to the customer being in arrears previously regardless of the level of arrears. — Steven Matthews. [8567/20]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the exclusion of persons and businesses (details supplied) from the temporary wage subsidy scheme due to administrative errors caused by staff turnover in cases in which the payment dates of wages would otherwise have fallen within the remit of the scheme. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8580/20]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance if temporary wage subsidy scheme supports will be extended to businesses reopening following restrictions which are forced to hire an equivalent number of new staff as their previous employees are unable to return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [8590/20]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures in place for employees in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme in cases in which an employer is not topping up pay and employees are being instructed to work full-time for a significant reduced take-home pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8592/20]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the procedure for a business (details supplied) to obtain a licence to sell directly to the public and not through an intermediary; if he is considering changes to the licensing laws to make it easier for businesses to sell directly to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8605/20]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if a similar mechanism could be found to assist businesses which are seasonal by nature such as a company (details supplied) and that were not in operation on the designated day in view of the commitment to find a solution to the issue of women returning to the workforce at the end of maternity leave and their entitlement to be brought within the terms of the temporary wage subsidy scheme. — Brendan Howlin. [8610/20]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance the procedure being put in place to arrange for cars which are imported to be inspected in order that the VRT can be assessed and same can be placed on the market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [8612/20]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance if the banks are allowed withdraw mortgage offers due to applicants being put on the temporary wage subsidy scheme (details supplied). — Stephen Donnelly. [8654/20]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give consideration to the requests of an association (details supplied) regarding the urgent need to provide support to a sector due to the severe difficulties facing this industry as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8682/20]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to cases in which the Central Bank is advising retail banks and mortgage brokers that pending mortgage applications cannot be approved in cases in which applicants payslips show receipt of temporary wage subsidy scheme payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8691/20]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance if a grant scheme to purchase e-bikes will be introduced. — Sean Sherlock. [8693/20]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports in place or that are planned to be implemented to aid small businesses (details supplied) that in attempting to reopen their business, find that employees previously availing of the temporary wage subsidy scheme are unable to return to work, leaving many small businesses with no option but to recruit new employees that they cannot avail of the temporary wage subsidy scheme for. — Bríd Smith. [8707/20]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax receipts for each month of 2020 to date in view of the fact that it does not seem to be set out in the Fiscal Monitor April 2020; the tax profile for each of the 12 months; the same information broken down into each tax heading in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8719/20]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the reclassification of VAT status to harmonise the VAT system on the island of Ireland specifically with respect to the coach and bus sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8727/20]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance when a double taxation agreement (details supplied) will be signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8744/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of applications under the cycle to work scheme in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [8759/20]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will direct support to the bus and coach sector such as a continuation of the temporary wage subsidy scheme until the tourism and transport sector returns to normal, the introduction of a turnover-linked direct grant to assist with liquidity and the restoration of the fuel rebate for the sector. — Sean Sherlock. [8790/20]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has given consideration to the reclassification of VAT status to harmonise the VAT system on the island of Ireland for the bus and coach sector. — Sean Sherlock. [8791/20]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance when betting shops can reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8809/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to allow persons that are registered blind to avail of tax relief under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8845/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending panels for Departmental jobs which are valid for a two-year period in view of the fact that the hiring process is at a halt at present and therefore those high up on the list on the panel may lose out as the period will have lapsed. — Cathal Crowe. [8876/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider putting in place an investigation into the disposal of the business platform of companies (details supplied) at nominal consideration. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8882/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason Strategic Banking Corporation Ireland funding provided to a company (details supplied) was used to replace an existing €30 million three-year facility of a bank granted 8 July 2015 on 8 July 2016; his views on whether this is not a contravention of the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8883/20]

*82. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request an explanation from a bank (details supplied) the reason a branch of the bank in Ballyhaunis, County Mayo has remained closed during the Covid-19 crisis; when it will reopen; if the matter of financial institutions using the Covid-19 crisis to close local branches will be raised with the Central Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8884/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance if human rights and equality training will be provided for the directors of the Central Bank and the State-appointed directors of other banks in line with the recommendation from the A Lost Decade - Study on Mortgage Possession Court Lists in Ireland report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8965/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the Central Bank measure the impact its decisions are having on housing rights, equality and women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8966/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request a quarterly report from the Central Bank to accompany the quarterly statistics on mortgage arrears on the impact its decisions are having on housing rights issues and disproportionate effects its supervisory actions are having on women in line with the recommendation from the A Lost Decade - Study on Mortgage Possession Court Lists in Ireland report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8967/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted research on the impact of moving to a four-day work week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8973/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if financial supports will be made available to SMEs in the range of financial supports provided to the banking sector during the financial crash of 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8981/20]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary wage subsidy scheme will be extended to those returning to work from maternity or parental leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8982/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners determined that an employer did not qualify for the temporary wage subsidy scheme after the subsidy was provided, if the liability for repaying the Revenue Commissioners falls on the employer and not the employee; if there are protections for employees that are of the view their employer does not qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9049/20]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VRT and other tax liabilities collected on behalf of the Revenue Commissioners by NCT centres since a company (details supplied) was appointed to do so; when the tax collected by the company is transferred to the Revenue Commissioners; the amount outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9068/20]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance the remaining policy, legislative or regulatory obstacles that are preventing credit unions from being able to provide funding for social housing through investments in approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [9103/20]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will instruct businesses to base the benefit-in-kind company vehicle calculation on the previous year's mileage, that is 2019, as opposed to January 2020 for overall 2020 calculation in view of the fact that January is a month in which regular business operations are slowed due to a number of factors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9104/20]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a reduction in the VAT rate to 21% on goods to help small and medium enterprise businesses compete against online shopping outlets. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [9115/20]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider raising the threshold over which companies are required to register for VAT from €35,000 to €50,000 to reduce the cost of administration for small businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9172/20]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance the period for which a quotation from an insurance company should stand prior to being withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9192/20]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he will implement to protect jobs in the motor industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9219/20]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress to date in discussions with insurance companies in ensuring that claims are honoured in relation to business interruption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9242/20]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance if assistance will be provided to a business in relation to an operational matter relating to the temporary wage subsidy scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9263/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give urgent consideration to the requests of an association (details supplied) regarding the urgent need to provide support to a sector due to the severe difficulties facing the industry as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9274/20]

*100. 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. — Micheál Martin. [9330/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will encourage banks to extend the moratorium on farmers repayments into the Autumn in view of the ongoing impact of Covid-19. — Holly Cairns. [9388/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on reclassifying the VAT status for the bus and coach sector to harmonise the VAT systems in view of the fact that operators in Northern Ireland have an advantage in their ability to claim VAT back on expenditure which the operators here are not able to do. — Holly Cairns. [9389/20]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether in relation to the car insurance industry it is reasonable for an insurance car provided to demand an additional €1,138 when the insured person is changing address to a new home in rural County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [9544/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to encourage a bank (details supplied) to intervene with a consortium, of which it is a part of, to ensure fair treatment of its workers in view of that fact that employment was terminated by the consortium and it is refusing to provide a fair redundancy package for the employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9600/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of discussions at EU level in relation to the action plan on the future of VAT; the opportunities which have been taken to continue to recommend that member states should be able to apply a specialised VAT rating to defibrillators and other emergency medical and rescue equipment at EU Council level in these discussions; the detail of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9630/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to extend the scope of the SSD tax to milk products with added sugar; if information collection processes on products that are liable for the tax have been developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9631/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the yield for the SSD tax since its inception; the projected yield for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9632/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer on an annual basis of illegal trade in tobacco; the additional measures planned to counteract such illicit trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9634/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of illicit tobacco products and or non-Irish-paid tobacco here in tabular form; the percentage of these products that are cigarettes, illicit whites or counterfeit; the relevant applicable breakdown for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9635/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons prosecuted for cigarette and or tobacco smuggling in 2019 and to date in 2020; the additional resources and equipment being provided to the Revenue Commissioners to tackle the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9636/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated time for the tax rate on roll your own tobacco to reach equivalence with manufactured cigarettes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9637/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance the fiscal monitor for excise duty receipts for May 2020 or the most recent date for 2020, by category in tabular form; the increase or decrease of each category from the same period in 2018 and 2019, inclusive in respect of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9638/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised by adding 50 cent of duty to a packet of 20 cigarettes with proportionate increases on other tobacco products. — Louise O'Reilly. [9639/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated increase to a pack of cigarettes if an annual tax escalator of 5% and the rate of inflation was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9640/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of actions taken as part of the WHO Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9641/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance the taxation receipts that were expected for January, February, March and April 2020; the amount actually taken in in relation to Table 1 in the Fiscal Monitor in April; the expected amount from taxation receipts in February 2020 as set out in the Fiscal Monitor in February; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9739/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9838/20]

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

*118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of and the expected completion date for construction works at the new Garda station in Bailieborough, County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8335/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of Emyvale Garda station following a fire in 2019 which caused extensive damage at the station; if funding will be ring-fenced for the refurbishment of same; if so, the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8349/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if measures have been considered to allow employees to defer taking annual leave entitlements to later dates and or into 2021 if

necessary when Covid-19 domestic and international travel restrictions are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8540/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has communicated with National Paediatric Hospital Development Board since 1 March 2020 in relation to cost projections for the national children's hospital caused by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8769/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has communicated with the National Procurement Board since 1 March 2020 in relation to increased cost projections for the national children's hospital caused by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8770/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the communications that have taken place between his Department and the Department of Health regarding the potential for increased costs in the development of the national children's hospital in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8772/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are delays with persons being paid their National Lottery winnings in cases in which they have won a prize; if so, when the problem will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9166/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8402/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the necessary financial assistance will be provided to Fingal County Council to tackle the alarming rate of coastal erosion that is occurring at the Burrow, Portrane, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8578/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress in the preparation of a national coastal erosion strategy and plan in view of the gravity of the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8579/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to a matter (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [8638/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter regarding flood relief (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8672/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent on the refurbishment of Fitzgibbon Street Garda station; if costs are in dispute or conciliation; and when the refurbishment works will be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [8773/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if construction works have commenced on a new State data centre in Backweston, County Kildare; if so, the duration of those works; and the budget allocated for same. — Catherine Murphy. [8774/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter regarding the closure of Skellig Michael (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8902/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a public consultation and review of the overall traffic through the Phoenix Park will be implemented by the OPW. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9310/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason for his decision to close Skellig Michael to visitors this season; the reason the decision was taken so early prior to the lifting of restrictions for the tourism sector without an opportunity to gauge the way in which matters might progress or improve in the interim; and if the decision is subject to an ongoing review. — Norma Foley. [9315/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to review the current public sector motor travel rates; and if they include appropriate compensation for those using bikes and e-bikes which informs the rates that are paid tax free to private sector workers (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [9387/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood defence works in Athlone, County Westmeath; and the timeline for the completion of flood defences. — Sorca Clarke. [9557/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans being considered or in progress to address the ongoing flooding in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [9558/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the cost of the temporary wage subsidy scheme falls under the Employment Affairs and Social Protection Vote; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9737/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the maximum amount that can be spent in each vote under the four fifths rule; the amount actually spent to date for each vote; when each vote will reach its four fifths maximum in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9738/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9843/20]

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

*141. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the resumption of safe pass courses will be facilitated now that construction has reopened in view of the fact the inability to facilitate new recruits into the sector will greatly hamper the reopening and stifle job creation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8889/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to include teacher-led representation and the full involvement of teachers, students and unions in the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector; if English language education providers are required to provide refunds to students that no longer have access to the schools and education already paid for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8980/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the July provision programme will be extended to six weeks or 60 hours of tuition (details supplied). — Stephen Donnelly. [9080/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the July provision programme will be extended to six weeks or 60 hours of tuition (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [9081/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when provision will be made for safe pass courses which have been suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic for returning emigrants and new entrants to enable them become involved in construction work; if the course can be organised in a way that would respect social distance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9177/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the safety measures regarding social distancing, hand hygiene and face covering being planned for school buses with schools reopening in September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9213/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the efforts he is making to ensure online safety for children using remote learning applications in conjunction with their schools; if data protection guidelines were sent to schools in advance of them setting up remote learning networks; his views on whether the current use of remote learning applications is in line with the national conversation with regard to children and online safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9443/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the July provision will be provided in 2020. — John Brady. [8306/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider extending July provision from four weeks to six weeks to assist families that have children with autism over the summer. — John Brady. [8307/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to the use of the mock leaving certificate examination results as part of the proposed predictive grading process in view of the fact the papers in many cases were available to students in advance; his views on whether this is an unfair advantage if included in the predictive process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8322/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the building of a new school (details supplied) will be sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [8352/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a person (details supplied) has been denied an exemption from a subject on the curriculum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [8354/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if concerns outlined in correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to requirements for master of education completion will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8360/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the campaign by parents in Crumlin, Dublin 12 in relation to the reopening of a school (details supplied) as an ASD specific school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8362/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a funding application by a school (details supplied); when the application will progress to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8366/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the application to extend a college (details supplied) has been at stage 2B for five years and that the original planning application will expire soon; the reason for numerous requests for revised stage 2B reports on this project; the status of this application; the date by which the school will be allocated funding to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8371/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of applications for school buildings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8372/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application for a summer works scheme by a school (details supplied); his views on the eligibility of the school for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [8377/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated full year cost of recruiting ten additional psychologists for the National Educational Psychological Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8378/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had or is likely to have on the funding and timescale for completing the extension to a school (details supplied). — John Brady. [8384/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional funding will be provided to allow for further temporary prefab accommodation for a school (details supplied) to be implemented in advance of the new school term in September 2020 to accommodate students in the local area that were unsuccessful in getting a secondary school place. — John Brady. [8385/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a section 29 appeal by a person (details supplied). — Thomas Byrne. [8393/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if adequate provision is being made in primary and second-level schools throughout County Kildare to accommodate the needs of children that are living the in area or that have moved permanently to the area; the degree to which such accommodation needs have been identified; the proposals for resolution including special needs accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8396/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools will be directed to accept a small number of pupils before phase 5 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in order to test measures that will be needed in September 2020 with much larger numbers. — Joe O'Brien. [8400/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a DEIS review has been completed for schools (details supplied); if so, the outcome; if the review will benefit schools in east County Meath and County Louth areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8405/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to possible delays to a school (details supplied) to transfer to its new premises which is occupied by another school; if the matter will be expedited in view of the disruption that delays will have on the school not being in a position to transfer during the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8410/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the level of CPD completion by teachers on the recent changes at junior cycle; and when he plans to formally dissolve the junior cycle for teachers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8432/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the NCCA designed senior cycle physical education application will be made available to schools, teachers and students to commence teaching the new senior cycle physical education curriculum; and if the new cycle is scheduled to commence in September 2020. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8433/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to difficulties for professional masters of education in primary school teaching students of a college (details supplied) in completing an alternative Gaeltacht placement due to the prevalence of mature students with families, the Covid-19 pandemic and the coinciding requirements to complete academic work in April 2020; and the steps he plans to take to engage with students from the college in order to achieve a resolution. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8434/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the proposed LMETB headquarters in Drogheda, County Louth; the reason for the unacceptable delays to the commencement of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8449/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the planning position in regard to the new post-primary school for south Drogheda, County Louth; if he will provide other relevant updates on the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8450/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the July provision will operate in 2020; the way in which parents should apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [8476/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the rendering process for a cluster of primary school building projects including a school (details supplied); the timeline for tender completion and assignment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [8485/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter regarding calculated grades (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [8498/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a summer works scheme application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8513/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if SOLAS will make provision for persons whose safe pass cards expired in February 2020 that may have not had an opportunity to renew cards due to booking lead-in time and whose cards are invalid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8514/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider including teachers and representatives on the Covid-19 working group for the English language education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [8532/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process that will be followed regarding the calculated grades system in the case of students whose families have provided home schooling sometimes in the form of a private tutor in the best interests of the educational development of their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8538/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if adjustments will be made to the traditional July provision scheme for children on the autism spectrum; and if so, the adjustments being considered in the context of Covid-19. — Alan Farrell. [8564/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the guidance school principals can expect on processes and procedures to deal with anticipated increased need for substitute teachers due to ongoing self-isolation protocols associated with respiratory symptoms or close contacts with Covid-19 cases. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8574/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if teachers and students will be included as stakeholders in the active Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [8589/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 309 and 376 of 20 May 2020, if the matter (details supplied) will be investigated and students advised in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8596/20]

*183. 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. [8609/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position regarding the July provision programme in view of Covid-19; if contingencies are being examined to ensure it goes ahead; the application arrangements that apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8611/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will include teacher-led representation in addition to full involvement in the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector; his views on whether it is vital that every stakeholder including teachers, students and unions is given a place on the working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [8626/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied). — Jack Chambers. [8633/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will invite representatives of the teachers, students and trade unions from the English language education sector onto the Covid-19 working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8645/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) regarding the leaving certificate. — Robert Troy. [8656/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a child (details supplied) will be awarded a SNA support. — Chris Andrews. [8666/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to including English language teachers in the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [8669/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason English language teachers were not included in the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector in view of the fact that English language schools are due to reopen in Autumn 2020 and that a plan to ensure a safe return to teaching is needed but can only be achieved by engaging with each stakeholder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [8670/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when he will announce DEIS status for schools; and if he will confirm the inclusion of a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [8671/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consult with parents and children on decisions to be taken in respect of the reopening of schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8680/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department and the Teaching Council will make allowances for school days lost due to the Covid-19 pandemic for those that in the 2019/2020 academic year were in the process of completing the Droichead framework process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8685/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason there is such a disparity between private school bus operators that have received no payments after the Covid-19 restrictions were introduced and private school bus operators such as in the case of a company (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [8689/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8692/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the new school building project for a school (details supplied) which is due to be completed by 2021; if the school is being prioritised due to the continued deterioration of the prefabs which make up the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8720/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of works following an inspection at a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [8722/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure that representatives of teachers in English language teaching colleges are represented and heard at the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8732/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the Department responsible for the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector has sought or will seek the opinions and input of teachers in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8733/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the changes that will be introduced in the school transport scheme. — Sean Sherlock. [8734/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of building works for a school (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [8735/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views in relation to Droichead training for teachers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8754/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the position regarding teacher numbers for a school (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8756/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the commencement order for new laws under the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018 signed on 15 January 2020, has had a negative effect on children with special needs and disabilities and prevents them going on school waiting lists (details supplied); if he will review the legislation to ensure that such children will not be excluded from applying for schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [8766/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the development of a secondary school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8788/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason online teaching is not being counted for the purpose of the Droichead process for persons that had all other aspects completed prior to school closures on 12 March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [8796/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the July provision will be provided in a school-based setting for children with severe and profound intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8798/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the construction of the new primary school in Kanturk, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [8804/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the construction of the new ASD unit approved for a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [8805/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a teacher will be retained in a school (details supplied) in County Mayo due to the difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. — Peter Burke. [8815/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which he plans to financially support schools and education centres to put in place social distancing facilities and sanitation units ahead of their reopening in autumn 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8827/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will review the need of a school (details supplied) for the provision of temporary prefabricated accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8829/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the allowances which will be made for leaving certificate students that were absent from school for large portions of the school year on medical grounds certified by a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [8843/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on a request by a person (details supplied) in relation to third-level education. — Robert Troy. [8851/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason newly qualified teachers that have not completed the required 60-day block teaching requirement by 12 March 2020 are being disadvantaged (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Norma Foley. [8854/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for teacher allocation in primary and secondary schools for the 2020/2021 school term; and his plans to increase the allocation of teachers to meet the demands of social distancing requirements due to the Covid-19 crisis. — Norma Foley. [8855/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase school transport capacity for an area (details supplied) in view of the issue of students left without transport options for 2019. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8863/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase school transport capacity for an area (details supplied) in view of the issue of students left without transport options for 2019. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8864/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if teachers and students will be included as stakeholders in the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8872/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the appointment of at least one additional SNA will be sanctioned for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8873/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address the case of a person (details supplied) in relation to the leaving certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8879/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of teacher insurance for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [8886/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the Attorney General and his Department have completed the review of the State ex gratia scheme which Dáil Éireann was informed was occurring on 12 December 2019. — Paul Murphy. [8905/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when his Department made its latest report to the Council of Europe on the implementation of the European Court of Human Rights judgement in a case (details supplied); and when the report will be uploaded to be accessible to the public. — Paul Murphy. [8906/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made regarding the eligibility of persons (details supplied) for the ex gratia scheme. — Paul Murphy. [8907/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if students that choose to sit the leaving certificate examination later in 2020 will have an opportunity to make up the time they have lost with their teachers before they sit the exams. — Pauline Tully. [8919/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the retention of a fifth teacher in a school (details supplied) will be supported for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8922/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he will take for workers that have an expired safe pass and are unable to return to work in sectors such as the construction industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8923/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the alternative to calculated grades for leaving certificate being made available to students that are home schooled or take a subject outside of school without a recognised tutor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [8924/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when safe pass courses will resume in order that persons that wish to take up employment in industries that require a safe pass can do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8927/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the consideration given to students that have studied a subject outside of school and that therefore do not have a teacher to give them a calculated grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8933/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if English language teachers have been included in the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector; the consideration given as to the way in which the English language schools will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8934/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a roadmap to get children with special needs to return to school exists; his plans for the July provision to continue in summer 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8935/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the issue of some educational training boards seeking recoupment of overpaid food and travel allowances during the lockdown period from their students; the reason ETBs are requesting this refund in view of the precedent that exists for food and travel allowances to be paid to students whether they are on

or off campus and the difficulties faced by many students during the ongoing crisis; the measures he is taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8936/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the provisions he has put in place for primary and post-primary students to return to school; if he has considered reducing the number of children in classrooms; his plans to issue guidelines to parents and schools on the way to continue social distancing during school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8937/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a permanent site has been identified for the new secondary school for the Greystones and Kilcoole planning area (details supplied); if the permanent site is in the ownership of his Department; if not, when the school will open on its permanent site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Martin. [8938/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the arrangements being made in the new measures regarding the leaving certificate in 2020 for students that are studying a subject for the leaving certificate outside the school system and for those, some of whom are repeating their leaving certificate, that are not attending a school establishment during this academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8943/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a supplementary pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8977/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an application process (details supplied) allowing only one school to be named on the application form will be extended to allow more school choices should space be unavailable for the school a student selects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8985/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will engage with third-level colleges and universities that have to date failed to refund some students for their prepaid student accommodation not now being used; if he will request that students be fully refunded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8995/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he is considering the reopening of small schools that offer tailored programmes for autistic children and children with other special needs prior to September 2020 in order that structured face-to-face learning for these children can recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8996/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will permit the July provision to take place in a school (details supplied) in view of the fact that the school building and teacher-pupil ratio would enable social distancing guidance to be followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8997/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the €10 million information technology equipment fund announced by his Department will be available to special schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8998/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of members of an order employed in schools (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [8999/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of members of an order employed in schools (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [9000/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if special needs assistants will be sanctioned to carry out the July provision in 2020 to assist teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9001/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider extending the July provision into August 2020 in order that children with special needs are eased back into the new school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9002/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures taken to ensure engagement between school owners and teachers in the English language sector prior to the them reopening; and the supports he plans to provide to these schools to address the financial impact of Covid-19. — Martin Browne. [9023/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will address an issue that has emerged regarding Droichead training and newly qualified teachers (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [9036/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has considered the issuing of a temporary safe pass to those that have previously held a safe pass but is now out of date with the stipulation that they must undertake the course when they are up and running again in view of the fact that SOLAS does not have the legal authority to operate outside of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9041/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the date on which new safe pass courses and or refresher courses will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9042/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the provisions being made for pupils that are finishing fifth year of secondary school and will sit the leaving certificate in 2021 but have lost vital class time due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Cathal Crowe. [9058/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his Department has assessed the need for two new mainstream classrooms, one special education teaching room, large-scale refurbishment of existing buildings and associated redevelopment of the grounds of a school (details supplied); the status of the two applications to have the works approved and funded; if his officials have engaged with the board of management of the school regarding the proposed building project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9062/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students seeking a place in a secondary school in Kilkenny city for commencement in September 2020; if these students will be accommodated in Kilkenny city schools; his views on whether this is a growing issue; the action he plans to take to solve the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9071/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of places available in special units of schools in Kilkenny city for the education and support of children with Down syndrome; if there are sufficient places available for 2021; and the position of a person (details supplied) awaiting a place at a school. — John McGuinness. [9072/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a wage subsidy payment from his Department in view of the fact their income as a secondary school teacher doing 11 hours of resource teaching and 11 hours from casual substitution has ceased due to school closures. — John McGuinness. [9073/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the new Citywest and Saggart post-primary school; the details of objections made; when the school will be built; the status of the sports grounds promised by the ETB; if these sports grounds will facilitate the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9095/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the provisions or options for students that were planning to sit one subject in the leaving certificate in 2020, primarily students that were planning to repeat Irish with a view to securing a necessary higher grade (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [9129/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to confer DEIS band 1 status on schools on the northside of Drogheda that are currently in DEIS band 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9139/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if it is policy to build the LMETB headquarters building at a site in Drogheda, County Louth; the amount spent on the project to date; when the building will be occupied; the number of ETB staff that will be accommodated in the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9140/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional support will be provided to students that attend Gaelscoileanna particularly in cases in which Irish is not spoken in the home therefore depriving students of day-to-day use of their primary learning language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9156/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional support will be provided to address the specific needs of children with learning disabilities; if the funding will be allocated to facilitate additional classes and support to these students in addition to the existing model when they return to school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9157/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the criteria used for allocation of teaching posts in DEIS schools (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9159/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide additional funding for book rental schemes in post-primary DEIS schools. — Róisín Shortall. [9160/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans for the junior certificate school programme; if it will include resources for school libraries and allocation of librarians, particularly in DEIS schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9161/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional support and resources will be provided to school staff due to changes in the school completion programme in view of the increased workload; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9162/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if English language teacher-led representation on the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector will be ensured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9167/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when full details of the way in which the July provision of services for children with severe and profound intellectual disabilities will operate in 2020 will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9173/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the early reopening of special schools for children with severe and profound disabilities will be allowed in view of the challenges faced by the parents of children with severe and profound disabilities and the small numbers involved in each classroom of special schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9174/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has had discussions with the outdoor adventure and activity centre sector (details supplied) in view of the cancellation of most activities and events in adventure centres in 2020 to ensure they survive the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic; if he has considered providing a deposit guarantee to the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9179/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when guidelines will be provided for the reopening of schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9190/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures he will implement particularly in rural schools to reduce class sizes; if extra teachers will be provided to allow for one class one teacher to minimise educational and social disruption for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9218/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will engage with third-level institutes and universities to seek clarification regarding their plans for online courses for the 2020/2021 academic year (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Norma Foley. [9252/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools will not lose a teacher for the 2020/2021 school year in view of the fact increased health and safety requirements due to Covid-19 make it vital that schools have sufficient teachers available to implement same. — Norma Foley. [9271/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to increase capacity at a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [9275/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when apprentice mechanics that had their studies interrupted due to Covid-19 will be able to return to study; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the interruption has prevented many apprentices moving onto the next pay scale (details supplied); if he has considered a way to accommodate apprentices in the meantime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9286/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the exact statistical methods which will be used for the standardisation of results submitted by schools in the context of the calculation of grades within the leaving certificate. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9296/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that would have sat the leaving certificate this summer that will now not be entitled to a calculated grades due to a lack of evidence or lack of access to a registered teacher for a given subject or several subjects. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9297/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will consider arranging an alternative examination for potential leaving certificate students that will now not receive a calculated grade such as, for example, an online oral. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9298/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when it will be possible to arrange a written leaving certificate examination. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9299/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to ensure that post-leaving certificate students from 2020 will be in a position to attend third-level in 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9300/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if work undertaken after 12 March 2020 can be taken into consideration in the calculation of calculated grades. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9301/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the stage junior certificate will be factored in view of his comments that junior certificate results can be used as a safeguard to protect a strong cohort from suffering under the standardisation part of the calculated grades model; and the role it plays in the statistical model being used for standardisation. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9302/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps his Department and the SEC are undertaking with regard to the leaving certificate of 2021 in view of the fact that the 2020 fifth year cohort have also suffered significantly from the lack of building-based schooling in recent times. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9303/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the latest details regarding the July provision scheme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9304/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will publish the current draft of plans for school buildings reopening; his plans for schools or units to be open for teaching before summer 2020; his further plans for a combination of remote learning and in school learning when schools reopen; if an additional budget will be provided for school cleaning; if an additional budget will be provided for information technology; and if he will publish a roadmap for education to give a clear basis for schools to begin preparation for the next school year. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9305/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on whether the SIM model for SNA and special needs allocations does not allow for significant shifts within a class cohort within a year; and if he will examine this further. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9306/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the action he will take to ensure the significant shortfall of school places in ASD units and in special schools in County Cork is addressed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9307/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the reopening of schools will be on a phased basis; if it will still involve remote learning; and if he will consider additional funding to ensure access to remote learning for all primary and secondary children. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9308/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has made provision in the calculated grades system for the leaving certificate for students that would have had valid reasons, including working towards the HPAT, to not focus on their mock leaving certificate exams to ensure that their grades will be fair and reflect their true ability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [9320/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when safe pass courses will begin again in view of the fact many persons cannot take up employment due to the expiry of the card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9324/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an indicative roadmap will be provided on when and the way in which primary and secondary schools will be returning. — Holly Cairns. [9382/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps he is taking to provide young persons with non-formal educational and outdoor activities resources and opportunities for the summer months in the context of an absence of usual summer camps. — Holly Cairns. [9384/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) in County Kerry will be permitted to retain its current teaching complement in view of the impact of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9425/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if his attention has been drawn to the situation facing social care students that would typically carry out 800 hours of placement under QQI and CORU guidelines in two block placements in year two and three and which due to Covid-19 work placements have not been halted with students unable to start their placements (details supplied); if placement hours will be altered to reflect the situation for students in this position that want to progress to the next year; if he has met with QQI and CORU regarding this situation; the proposals being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9437/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will provide further clarity on the status of the July provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9438/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for a short time frame for leaving certificate students to register online; the efforts his Department is making to ensure that those children that do not have access to technology can register; if an extended time frame will be allocated to those young persons unable to register on time due to the existing digital divide made even more apparent under Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9440/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which he plans to address the ongoing issue of student accommodation in which students that left their accommodation due to Covid-19 when universities were shut down and are not being refunded their accommodation fees; the representations his Department has made in relation to this issue; if a partial or full refund of accommodation fees is being considered; if he is considering making available financial supports for students in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9441/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the allocation regarding special needs provision for the 2020/2021 school year; when schools will be notified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [9466/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of students taking languages in their mother tongue that do not have a designated teacher either inside or outside of school; his plans to ensure such students receive a fair predicted grade; if they will be obliged to sit a written exam; if obliged to sit a written exam, if affected students will be able to sit their exams and receive results before the beginning of the commencement of the 2020/2021 term year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9478/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will contact an accommodation provider (details supplied) with regard to its refusal to issue refunds to students. — Robert Troy. [9493/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to fully continue the July provision in summer 2020; and the details of same. — Norma Foley. [9494/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the 2020 July programme (details supplied); his plans to run the programme in summer 2020; if it will be incorporated into the July provision initiative; and if he will consider involving SNAs in order to meet new health and safety requirements. — Norma Foley. [9495/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans to provide additional supports to children with special needs to assist them in reintegrating in a school environment as soon as it is safe to do so in view of the very significant impact that the closure of schools has had on all children but particularly on children with special needs; his further plans to provide additional supports outside of school between now and the return of schools in the Autumn for these children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9496/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his views on the decision by the Teaching Council to not allow virtual teaching to be included in the probationary period, Droichead, of newly qualified teachers (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [9503/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the book grant scheme for 2020/2021 will allow schools to secure information technology tools and e-books in view of the recent learnings from Covid-19 and the fact that schools have not been able to use the funds in the past due to licensing fees. — Gary Gannon. [9504/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will recommend to higher level institutions to increase dedicated places for students progressing on from post-leaving certificate courses in view of the expected decrease in international students. — Gary Gannon. [9505/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there are dedicated advocates for DEIS schools, students with disabilities and experts in inclusive assessment and education in the Advisory Group for Contingency Planning for State Examinations 2020; and if not, if he will ensure representation of such advocates. — Gary Gannon. [9506/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the system put in place for external candidates and students that are home tutored in their sixth year in view of the fact that predictive grades rely on the expertise of teachers and knowledge of a student. — Gary Gannon. [9510/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when safe pass courses will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9518/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the plans and provisions being made for those currently in fifth year that have missed out on a large part of their leaving certificate preparation for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9519/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of provisions for those with special educational needs and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9520/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills his plans and proposals for when the prefabs in a school (details supplied) will be replaced. — Seán Crowe. [9524/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress and decisions made on facilitation of the July provision programme before the reopening of schools which he is in favour of. — Sorca Clarke. [9551/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason no contact has been made to date with the service officers in the State Examinations Commission regarding their employment in 2020. — Sorca Clarke. [9552/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures being considered for trainee teachers that were unable to complete their NQT 60 days due to Covid-19 restrictions closing schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9582/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the engagement by trainee teachers looking to complete their NQT 60 days but disrupted by Covid-19 restrictions that are continuing to participate in the school environment with online teaching and staff meetings will be considered as part of their NQT 60 days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9583/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all stakeholders including students and teachers will be given a place on the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector in view of the fact it has been denied to some of these essential persons that should be represented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9588/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 20 May 2020, his plans for apprentices that have to complete assessments which are of a practical nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9614/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if English language teachers will be represented on the Covid-19 Working Group for the English language education sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [9624/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the arrangements that have been put in place for student teachers undergoing the Droichead process to ensure that they qualify in time to contribute fully to the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [9743/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the recent announcement regarding the cancellation of the leaving certificate will impact students studying single subjects outside of traditional school settings be that as an extra subject to supplement their in school options

or as a single exam that was undertaken to achieve qualification for a specific course requirement such as honours level Irish for primary school teaching. — Steven Matthews. [9757/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9836/20]

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

*325. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an extension of carer's leave will be considered for the parents and guardians of children with disabilities that will need additional support transitioning back to school or with special educational needs and disabilities violent–challenging behaviour (details supplied) due to the lack of available childcare and the inability of many carers to return to work as a result of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8850/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider extending maternity leave and benefit for those women moving onto the unpaid entitlement phase of their maternity leave during the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8875/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he is considering extending maternity leave for mothers of newborn babies on a temporary basis in view of the effects of Covid-19 on society in general and particularly on crèches and childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8948/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to extend maternity leave by three months for those currently on maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9604/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider extending adoptive leave to fathers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [9744/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to extend maternity and paternity leave for parents whose babies were born during the Covid-19 lockdown period that prevented much needed family and community support. — Alan Farrell. [8340/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason there were no supervised tests in the internal higher executive competition 2020 held in his Department; and the way in which his Department can ensure that the person that was called to interview was the same person that did the unsupervised test. — Jim O'Callaghan. [8364/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the period of working entitlement will be extended for non-EEA and Swiss nationals with a student visa on the third-level graduate scheme that graduate or have graduated with a degree from a university here in view of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [8392/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has raised the establishment of a northside crime task force with the Garda Commissioner, which was previously committed to. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8435/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a funding application that has been received from Louth County Council to fund CCTV in Moneymore, Drogheda, County Louth has been received; if so, if same will be expedited in view of the importance both the inter-agency committee and local Gardaí have placed on its installation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8441/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to introduce a task force for Drogheda, County Louth similar to that of the north inner city Mulvey report. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8442/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if there are plans that have been discussed with him or his officials regarding the redevelopment of the east Meath Garda station; if a new Garda station has been discussed to deal with the large increase in population in east County Meath in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8446/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he can extend paid maternity leave and maternity benefit without a change in primary legislation; his plans to make changes in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8460/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 269 and 270 of 19 November 2019, if there has been further progress made in putting in place an enhanced process for the consideration of applications for naturalisation as directed by the Supreme Court in judgments delivered on 31 May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8465/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the terms of reference of the review of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 which is required under section 27 of the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8477/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the terms of reference of the review of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 will seek to include the participation of persons engaged in prostitution and of persons that have been victims of human trafficking; if it will review the risks the operation of the Act poses for the safety and well-being of persons engaged in sex work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8478/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will address the lack of social distancing by large groups in the Moore Street area of Dublin. — John Lahart. [8487/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration will be given to extending the period of maternity leave for persons whose leave ended during the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the fact that there were issues with those coming off maternity leave specifically in relation to being enrolled on their employers wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [8507/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will consider extending maternity leave and maternity benefit to all those on maternity leave since the outbreak of Covid-19 in view of the restrictions on access to childcare and other services for mothers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8522/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration has been given to extend the period for maternity leave in order to accommodate those that have been affected by the Covid-19 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [8530/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has received a report from the Garda Commissioner in relation to a case (details supplied); the reason for such a long delay in releasing the report; when he expects to release the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [8533/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of a visa application by a person (details supplied); and the reason for the delay in relation to same. — John Lahart. [8537/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when decisions will be processed and issued on applications submitted in November 2019 for a right of residency accompanied by a right to work based on parentage of an Irish minor citizen and based also on the principles of the Zambrano judgment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8541/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the long delay for a review by the INIS of the EU treaty rights of a person (details supplied) who has applied for citizenship. — Paul Murphy. [8544/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the protection available for the family of a person whose will was changed when their decision-making capacity was diminishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8565/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he has raised the progress on the development of the new Garda station at Northern Cross, Dublin 17 previously committed to by An Taoiseach in June 2019. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8570/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the procedure for a business (details supplied) to obtain a licence to sell directly to the public and not through an intermediary; if he is considering changes to the licensing laws to make it easier for businesses to sell directly to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8607/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding a Chinese citizen and Irish visa holder that cannot return from China to get their visa stamped in July 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8622/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his Department is in talks to provide a direct provision centre at a location (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [8639/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when inspections of direct provision centres will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [8702/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the way in which in view of the absence of inspections, he can be confident that operators of direct provision centres are maintaining appropriate health and safety standards during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [8703/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the measures in place between the HSE, operators of direct provision centres and his Department in relation to notification of suspected and or positive cases of Covid-19 in direct provision centres whether amongst residents or staff members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [8704/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he or his officials have examined the possibility of extending the period of maternity leave permitted in view of the impact the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions imposed to curtail it is having on new mothers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [8705/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of bench warrants outstanding in the Kildare Garda division as of 22 May 2020; and the number of those warrants outstanding for a period of a minimum of four months. — Catherine Murphy. [8778/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the documentation that can be supplied to progress an application by a person (details supplied) apart from documents already supplied and an email submitted in response to correspondence dated 21 April 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8826/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the alternative temporary location for Roscommon District Court; when it is envisaged that the relocation will take place; when works will commence on the refurbishment of the courthouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [8828/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of drugs seizures and value of drugs seized by An Garda Síochána in County Tipperary by month to date. — Martin Browne. [8869/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Covid-19 cases in direct provision centres in Portarlington, County Laois and Monasterevin and Newbridge, County Kildare; if there have been deaths due to Covid-19 in these centres; his plans to ensure all residents and staff in these centres are tested for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [8904/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will respond to concerns raised by residents (details supplied) regarding direct provision accommodation. — Cathal Crowe. [8914/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will clarify with the Garda Commissioner, the plans for the reopening of the Garda Training College, Templemore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9007/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of new Garda vehicles that were added to the roads policing unit in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of vehicles withdrawn during the same period. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9030/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated full year cost of recruiting two additional full-time accountants for the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9031/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of firearms seized by gardaí in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9032/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if funding is available in 2020 to replace the aircraft or helicopters within the Garda air support unit; and if so, if the contract to replace the aircraft or helicopter has been put out to tender. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9033/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for an extension of a stamp 2 visa by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9109/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will recommend the reallocation of probationer gardaí attached to districts as part of the Covid-19 response back to those districts as soon as their training is complete (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [9134/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the new community policing framework; if online public consultation will be carried out on the draft document which will include working with local authorities and local joint policing committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9147/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will give consideration to establishing a dedicated Garda Síochána transport police section to deal with public transport in urban areas in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9148/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of applications received from potential community sponsors in the county and city of Galway respectively, under the community sponsorship Ireland scheme; the number that have received refugees to date; the number approved as community sponsors and undergoing training; the number awaiting approval; the name of each group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9168/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether it is appropriate for haulage companies to charge for the release of vehicles that have been impounded after accidents on request of gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9199/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount paid to private operators in respect of the housing of persons seeking international protection in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and in each month of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9200/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons seeking international protection that are housed in emergency accommodation in County Monaghan; the number of settings concerned; the location of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9201/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to increase the capacity of emergency accommodation for asylum seekers in County Monaghan; the details of new emergency accommodation capacity being examined in the county; if he will consult with local communities, the local authority and other statutory agencies prior to finalising an agreement in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9202/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons seeking international accommodation in direct provision or emergency accommodation settings that are sharing rooms with persons not related to them in groups of 2, 3, 4, 5 and so on in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9203/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his views on whether the outsourcing to private operators of the housing of persons seeking international protection is not satisfactory; if he will work towards a public model of delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9205/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí based at each station in County Monaghan; the number at each rank; the corresponding figures at 1 May in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9206/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position of persons subject to the Dublin III Regulation during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9222/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons subject to the Dublin III Regulation and whose case is stayed in view of ongoing court proceedings concerning discretion and the Dublin III Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9223/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if consideration has been given to granting permission to remain to the approximately 150 healthcare workers in the protection process in the event that they receive a negative refugee or subsidiary protection application decision in view of the fact that they have undertaken and continue to undertake vital healthcare work during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9224/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the person or body responsible for undertaking inspections in the context of Covid-19 in direct provision centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9229/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of installing a minimum of two defibrillators in each Garda station that is opened on a 24/7 basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9233/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the Garda divisions currently without a crime prevention officer; the length of time each division has been without same; when these posts will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9234/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the budget allocation for each of the Garda specialist units in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9235/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when he plans to introduce the motion for the annual renewal of sections 2 to 4, 6 to 12, 14 and 17 of the Offences Against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 in Dáil Éireann; the implications of not renewing these sections for the Special Criminal Court and other related matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9262/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he has taken to put in place an enhanced process for the consideration of applications for naturalisation as directed by the Supreme Court (details supplied) in judgments delivered on 31 May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9314/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps he has taken to put in place an enhanced process for the consideration of applications for naturalisation as directed by the Supreme Court (details supplied) in judgments delivered on 31 May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9340/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if he will provide a list of all direct provision accommodation centres. — Joe O'Brien. [9343/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of the process by which decisions are made on the area in which a direct provision centre will be located; and the criteria that inform such a decision. — Holly Cairns. [9390/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the details of the way in which local communities are consulted as part of the process of establishing a direct provision centre including the timelines involved and the types of consultation activities deployed. — Holly Cairns. [9391/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality his plans to establish a direct provision centre in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [9392/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and type of Garda vehicles attached to DMR northern division in each of the years 2009 to 2019 and to date in 2020, by division, district and sub-district in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [9400/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the weekly opening hours of Howth Garda station. — Denise Mitchell. [9401/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of juvenile liaison officers attached to the Coolock district in each of the years 2009 to 2019 and to date in 2020, by division, district and sub-district in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [9402/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda youth diversion projects in the DMR northern region in each of the years 2009 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and the areas in which they are located. — Denise Mitchell. [9403/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the public order unit in the DMR northern region in each of the years 2009 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [9406/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí by rank attached to the community relations unit in the DMR northern division in each of the years 2009 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [9407/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of member training hours per annum that are allocated to core gardaí attached to the DMR northern division in each of the years 2009 to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [9408/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to the specialist units in the DMR northern division. — Denise Mitchell. [9409/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to specialist units in Coolock Garda station. — Denise Mitchell. [9410/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to specialist units in Raheny Garda station. — Denise Mitchell. [9411/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of dedicated community gardaí attached to the DMR northern division and each district within it. — Denise Mitchell. [9412/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if extended maternity leave will be granted to mothers due to go back to work during the Covid-19 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9617/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 961 and 962 of 20 May 2020, the number of passengers that arrived here since the passenger locator forms were rolled out; the number of persons that filled them in; the number of persons that were followed-up with by phone call; the number that refused to fill them in; and the number exempt in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [9619/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9842/20]

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*409. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her views on public country by country reporting for corporation tax purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8356/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of public country by country reporting for corporation tax purposes in the EU; if a decision on the matter requires unanimous consent from all member states; if not, if qualified majority voting is to be used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8357/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if guidance in particular on the use of physical barriers in lieu of physical distancing will be published on appropriate public health measures to allow hairdressers operate safely ahead of the estimated opening 20 July 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8870/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if legislation prepared by her Department will be required to implement the new measures announced recently to help businesses recover from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic; the progress made to date in drafting this legislation; when it is hoped to publish same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8939/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the details of the restart fund for micro and small business of €250 million will be available; the reason the scheme was announced before application forms and details were available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8951/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the criteria for the business restart scheme will be amended to include charity shops which are precluded (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [9133/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures she has introduced to promote and increase safety on farms in view of the Covid-19 situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9143/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will place a cap on the amount of funding provided to local authorities to administer the SME restart grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9431/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the guidelines given to supermarkets in cases in which members of their staff have been diagnosed with Covid-19 but have recently been carrying out their duties on the premises. — Gary Gannon. [9516/20]

*418. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason for the prohibition on refinancing existing loans under the new €2 billion credit guarantee scheme particularly since many businesses will have to restructure their loans in the coming months as a consequence of the Covid-19 crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8285/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason capital and interest is payable under the new €2 billion credit guarantee scheme from the start under the scheme in view of the fact that the UK scheme allows for a window of 12 months for interest and capital repayments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8286/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the guarantee charge being applied by the State under the new €2 billion credit guarantee scheme; the reason for such a fee in view of the fact that in the UK no such charge exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8287/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the rules for the current working capital scheme; the reason loans under the scheme are to be up to only three years; if she is considering increasing same; if so, if it will require primary legislation for the change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8288/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the rules for the current working capital scheme; the reason for the innovation test; if she is considering changing same; if so, if it will require primary legislation for the change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8292/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to extend the powers of the Health and Safety Authority to facilitate it to immediately shut down businesses or work sites that are found to be in breach of safety measures relating to Covid-19 that could put workers at risk or are in breach of the Return to Work Safely Protocol; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8293/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to address concerns regarding the ability of the Health and Safety Authority to visit sites unannounced due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8294/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports available for businesses which set up in 2020 and did not receive a commercial rates invoice from the local authority in relation to the restart grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8295/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to meet with an association (details supplied) to discuss measures to maintain public health compliance; her plans to reopen the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [8348/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of proposed solutions to address the matter of commercial rents for businesses affected by Covid-19 closures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [8365/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she has received and read correspondence from an organisation (details supplied) dated 7 May 2020; her views on the proposals contained in the correspondence; when it can expect a detailed response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8373/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the phase in the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business that removal companies fit into in view of the fact they are not specifically listed. — Steven Matthews. [8412/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the restart grant will be made available to a business (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8459/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the role the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission can play in circumstances in which an airline is refusing to provide compensation or vouchers to passengers that cannot catch their flight due to the fact they are obeying advice on non-essential travel and the flight is still operating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8462/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps being taken to help persons (details supplied) secure redundancy packages; the efforts made to determine ownership of the Irish website and stock; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8510/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to introduce measures to restrict private companies from providing access to official documents such as birth and death certificates at a marked-up price. — Paul Murphy. [8545/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the definition of small retail outlets in relation to the retail outlets listed as being allowed to open in phase 2 as per page 11 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; if this is defined by a specific size; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8600/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there will be specific guidelines issued to various sectors regarding the way in which they can manage social distancing, for example, in the gym sector; and if there will be clear guidelines for the way in which they should reopen. — Kathleen Funchion. [8621/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the grant funding available for start-up online e-commerce business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [8624/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if financial supports are being made available to small business impacted by Covid-19 which are unable to avail of the restart grant in view of the fact they are not currently on a local authority commercial rates payment system. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8687/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of inspectors employed at the Workplace Relations Commission. — David Cullinane. [8695/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of WRC inspectors that will be assigned to the Health and Safety Authority to help enforce the back to work protocols and or assist in related matters. — David Cullinane. [8696/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if WRC inspectors are carrying out on-site inspections during this time. — David Cullinane. [8697/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of on-site inspections which have been carried out by the WRC since the Covid-19 restrictions were put in place. — David Cullinane. [8698/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of WRC inspections that took place remotely since the Covid-19 restrictions were put in place. — David Cullinane. [8699/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the current policy of the WRC regarding carrying out inspections either on-site or remotely. — David Cullinane. [8700/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the WRC or other body will take action or investigate employers that are implementing unilateral pay cuts often while availing of the temporary wage subsidy scheme but insisting their employers work normal weekly hours, as a result of which is resulting in new hourly rates that are below the national minimum wage or agreed sectoral hourly rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [8713/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding the horticultural work permit scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8736/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the estimated full-year cost of recruiting four additional full-time senior analyst investigators at the higher executive officer grade for the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission. — Catherine Murphy. [8779/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to lift the policy ban on enterprise support for the hemp industry in view of a European Court of Justice ruling (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [8799/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department has ever consulted with the hemp stakeholder body; her plans to consult with it following the recent European Court of Justice ruling (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [8800/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a reply will issue to correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding a hair salon solution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8807/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the restart grant to sole traders and businesses without premises will be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8808/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason sports clubs cannot apply for the restart grant even though they pay commercial rates like other businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darragh O'Brien. [8822/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will issue instructions to the owners and operators of mobile home parks to suspend charges to users for the period while the users cannot get access to their mobile homes due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8835/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the benefits a business which is approved for the business continuity voucher receives for €2,500; the costs that the enterprise board incurs in delivery of the €2,500 grant for a business; and the amount mentors are paid per hour. — Chris Andrews. [8840/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when homeware shops such as furniture stores and carpet stores will be allowed to reopen; and the phase under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business that this is permitted. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8881/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will publish the report of her Department which has been referred to in the media which includes information regarding the previous earnings of those in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Paul Murphy. [8913/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her Department has conducted research on the impact of moving to a four-day work week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8974/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps she is taking to support supply chain businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8983/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a licensed public house that has a main business activity as food can reopen under phase 3 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9026/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will consider the parallel opening of large and small retail premises in Dublin to alleviate the issue of queuing and street congestion and to facilitate greater individual personal space around general mobility within the city and suburban centres to ensure maximum safety and minimum queuing. — John Lahart. [9034/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if consideration has been given by the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business planners in terms of time and space rationing and staggering in Dublin (details supplied). — John Lahart. [9035/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a business in receipt of the Covid-19 wage subsidy scheme is obliged to pay a full wage to an employee should they be absent from work for a day or more. — John McGuinness. [9067/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports available for persons that have been discharged from bankruptcy, were running profitable companies for over two years until the outbreak of Covid-19 but are ineligible for loans under the credit guarantee scheme for Covid-19 due to previous bankruptcy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9090/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will provide a derogation to SEMs from the de minimis rule in the wake of Covid-19 in view of the fact that indigenous companies that have benefited from grant aid totalling €200,000 over the past three years are ineligible for further business supports at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [9111/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will instruct the HSA to engage in supportive dialogue with business owners in the first instance if they deem a business needs enhanced social distancing measures and that they would do this as an extra step before reporting. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [9116/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if new businesses that have not yet paid rates will be eligible for the grants to support small businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [9126/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 1454 of 20 May 2020, if all businesses including cinemas are instructed to self-identify which phase in line with the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business they fall into; if businesses listed on the roadmap in specific phases can reopen at a different phase depending on their self-assessed risk and safety; and if the HSA will be providing further guidance or oversight for businesses to self-identify their reopening phase. — Róisín Shortall. [9150/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if consideration has been given to the specific needs and challenges facing businesses operating in the supply chain for the food service, catering and hospitality sectors (details supplied). — Róisín Shortall. [9158/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the discussions she has had to date with the events industry (details supplied); her plans for the sector to be represented through an organisation on task forces set up or being set up to spearhead the recovery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9170/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to reopen the business continuity voucher scheme to enable further companies and businesses to reopen after the Covid-19 pandemic and to help companies and businesses to adapt to the new circumstances after the pandemic; the cost of the scheme to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9171/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there is a contact facility at which consumers can raise their concerns regarding inadequate Covid-19 measures employed by some businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9181/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number and location of all HSA inspections that have taken place in direct provision centres; the findings of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9230/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she is satisfied that the HSA is adequately staffed; if the HSA has made a request for additional staff; the number of staff taken on by the HSA as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9231/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if consideration has been given to the detailed submission by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the reopening of a sector; the outcome of discussions with the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9245/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation her plans to maximise the potential and usage of enterprise centres in attracting employment opportunities to rural areas and also help to reduce travel for the workforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9250/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of construction workers that have been refused return to work due to the fact their safe pass expired before 1 March 2020; the way in which the matter will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9277/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures she has taken to help reduce the number of job losses at a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9278/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when beauticians can return to work; the sector specific guidance being provided to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9282/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when driving instructors can return to work; the sector specific guidance being provided to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9283/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when a return to work safety protocol for builders, plumbers and electricians working in domestic homes will be published; and the phase of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in which these employers and employees can return to work in domestic homes. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9311/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of workers in the meat processing industry that are stamp 1 or stamp 2 from January 2016 to April 2020, in absolute and percentage terms relating to the total number of workers in the sector in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [9385/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the phase of the easing of Covid-19 restrictions dog groomers fall under; if dog groomers will be restricted to the distance of 10 kilometre radius at this phase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9429/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the category coaching facilities offering nutritional advice, physical fitness, sport and recreation fitness fall under in view of the fact they are not traditional gyms (details supplied); if they would qualify to come under phase 3 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9430/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the assistance given to facilitate small shop owners to recover after the Covid-19 pandemic, with particular reference to those that did not qualify for a Covid-19 payment; if alleviation of rates, VAT returns or other provisions are being considered to ensure that they are not forced to close permanently in view of their viability before the lockdown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9456/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if additional funding can be made available to Kildare Local Enterprise Office for the online trading voucher scheme, which is oversubscribed for 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9457/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the conditions under which it will be possible to allow the reopening of hairdressers under regulations compliant with Covid-19 restrictions using surgical masks, gloves and screens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9459/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason certain homeware businesses that sell furniture were not allowed to reopen under phase 1 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if she will review this decision to enable such business that have implemented strict health and safety polices to adhere to the return to work protocol to reopen. — Robert Troy. [9479/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if there will be a similar grant to the restart grant available through local councils for SMEs that is not conditional on being registered for commercial rates in view of the fact not all small business have rate registered premises due to the fact so much business is conducted online and many businesses do not require physical premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9491/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the enterprise boards will facilitate initiatives and training programmes for traders and businesses to upskill and improve during and post-Covid-19 phased reopening that do not require the person or company to pay or to go into debt in the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9492/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses in County Westmeath eligible for the restart grant. — Sorca Clarke. [9553/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses in County Westmeath not eligible for the restart grant. — Sorca Clarke. [9554/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of businesses in County Longford eligible for the restart grant. — Sorca Clarke. [9555/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will consider a separate scheme for businesses which legitimately do not pay rates and which cannot avail of the rate-based rebate scheme. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9577/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if she will consider a scheme for businesses whose rates are significantly higher in 2020 than they were in 2019, due to rates revaluation and other factors and which are not sufficient as a restart grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9578/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if sector specific supports will be made available to secure the viability of bus and coach operators going forward in view of the fact such operators are essential to the tourism sector and the transport network here. — Norma Foley. [9580/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures being considered for supporting sole traders reopening following Covid-19 restrictions but that do not qualify for the restart grant in view of the fact they do not have a commercial premises, for example, plumbers, electricians, financial advisers and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9584/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if her attention has been drawn to the fact that film production companies have refused to attend the WRC in an industrial relations matter taken by more than 30 employees (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9603/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if guidance will be provided regarding the reopening of businesses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9731/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the proposals brought forward by her Department to deal with Covid-19; the number that have availed of each since the start of March 2020, for each policy in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9740/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by her Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9832/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*500. To ask the Minister for Health if he has communicated with the National Procurement Board since 1 March 2020 in relation to increased cost projections of the National Forensic Mental Health Service Hospital in Portrane, County Dublin caused by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8897/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the communications that have taken place between his Department and the Minister for Finance regarding the potential for increased costs in the

development of the National Forensic Mental Health Service Hospital in Portrane, County Dublin in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8899/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to a company (details supplied) for the transportation of personal protective equipment during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Cathal Crowe. [8925/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health if airline staff resident here and working from airports in the UK will be exempt from quarantine when they return from work in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8984/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering a review of the compulsory travel ban in view of representations from the aviation industry and in further view of the potential job losses in the sector with specific regard to concerns regarding a blanket travel ban that takes no account of the prevalence of Covid-19 in specific locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9048/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons seeking international protection that contracted Covid-19 by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9204/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health when the extended emergency powers given to An Garda Síochána will be rescinded; the plans in place for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9255/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health the process for the school dental screening programme and Covid-19 (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [9515/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that mental health services and voluntary NGOs receive sufficient funding to ensure that their services can continue during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [7315/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the issues raised in correspondence by associations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8289/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health if an investigation has been undertaken in relation to the continuing high incidence of Covid-19 in counties Cavan and Monaghan; if so, if there is an identified deficiency in healthcare provision in the areas; if so, if additional resources will be provided to public and private healthcare providers to deal with such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8290/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a surgical procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8296/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who is over 70 years of age was refused a full medical card and was awarded a general practitioner only card. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8297/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health if queries raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business and property industry protocols will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8301/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that non-Covid-19 related cases and or treatments and other delayed medical procedures are being accommodated in the private hospitals that have been utilised by the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8304/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed building of the Shiel Hospital in Ballyshannon, County Donegal; if the contract has been awarded; when building will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8308/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the events which took place at the Rock Hospital, Ballyshannon, County Donegal in which all patients were relocated; the status of the hospital; his plans for the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8309/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the status of HSE waiting times for assessment of need for children with disabilities; the number of children waiting at present; the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8310/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 637 of 3 March 2020, if the issue at a health centre (details supplied) has been rectified; his plans to reopen the centre once Covid-19 restrictions loosen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8312/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health if the reason free travel passes are not being accepted under an agreement between the HSE and LocalLink to facilitate bringing persons to day services will be reviewed; if the matter will be urgently reviewed from a HSE perspective; if his attention has been drawn to the additional costs this is putting on service users with free travel passes that are depending on social welfare income in these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8313/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health the number of attendances at the minor injury unit in Monaghan Hospital between 2010 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8315/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health the reason members of the fire service that are trained emergency first responders are not called to life-threatening emergencies such as cardiac arrests in view of the fact they could be on the scene of an emergency quicker than the ambulance service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8323/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to deal with the provision of home help hours during the ongoing Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8324/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health when full counselling services will resume in the context of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [8337/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the IVF scheme in maternity hospitals; the criteria for same; the way in which eligibility for the scheme is determined; the waiting list for same; the hospitals in which it is available; the way in which a referral can be obtained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8339/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health if primary care counselling services will be made available free of charge for general practitioner visit card holders here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8359/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health if construction work on a new radiation oncology unit at University Hospital Galway has commenced; when the project is set to be completed; the estimated cost of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8379/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or the HSE will launch a public awareness campaign in 2020 on the dangers of casual drug use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8380/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the reason epidiolex that is a cannabis-based medicine for the treatment of epilepsy and been approved by the EMA and FDA, has not be approved for reimbursement by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [8389/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health if pubs that serve food can open as part of phase 3 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [8391/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions being made to facilitate the needs of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8397/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the process for the school dental screening programme in view of Covid-19 (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [8228/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds and locations available for hospital step-down patients that are positive for Covid-19; the number occupied in each location; his plans and timeline for additional capacity; the corresponding figures for those that need to self-isolate from the community as a result of a positive Covid-19 test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [8407/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of PPE for home help and carers. — Pat Buckley. [8408/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that all carers are provided with a medical card; the reason for this not being the case at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [8409/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is appropriate for delivery drivers to enter or pass through isolation wards in order to deliver materials to hospitals during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Micheál Martin. [8416/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health when the implementation of the €10 cap on hospital car park charges will be introduced to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital car parks in Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8444/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed Dundalk primary care centre; if a site has been secured; if so, the full list of services that will be provided on-site; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8445/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the progression of the 50-bed new St. Joseph's Hospital, Ardee and other relevant details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8448/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a new national medicine pricing agreement in 2020 and in place before the expiry of the existing agreement later in summer 2020; the engagements and negotiations that have taken place to date to reach a new agreement; the parties he engaged with in this regard; the estimated timeline for the conclusion of a new agreement; the negotiating structure; the parties that will be a party to this agreement; the processes to reach agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Stephen Donnelly. [8451/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed 100 bed unit at the St. Mary's Hospital site, Dublin Road, Drogheda, County Louth; the most recent specification brief on the project; if specific commencement dates have been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8452/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the detailed financial support provided to the private nursing home sector to deal with Covid-19; the amount of payments that have been paid in support of this during April and May 2020 to date; the expected payments for June, July and August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8454/20]

*542. 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. [8455/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place between the HSE and section 38 and 39 organisations in respect of an organisation and its staff that are pregnant; the special arrangements in place for these non-HSE staff that are full-time workers in the health sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8456/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health when ASD early intervention services and services for children with other neurodevelopmental conditions will recommence in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [8458/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances under which a person can acquire cannabis-based products (details supplied); the details of the clinical guidance required; the Department responsible for international controlled drug export licensing requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8463/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the serious concerns and worries amongst affected families, staff and the wider public regarding Covid-19 procedures at Mayo University Hospital; if a report on the matter to Dáil Éireann will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [8467/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the capital investments that have been sought by the Saolta group for Mayo University Hospital; the status of each application; the status of the planned capital development at Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [8468/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the free mental health supports in place for young persons in counties Longford and Westmeath during the Covid-19 pandemic; if an organisation (details supplied) has engaged with his Department or the HSE in relation to the establishment of a service in the counties similar to those in places such as County Offaly; if so, if funding will be provided for such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8472/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health if partners of women having an elective caesarean section at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny are not allowed to attend the birth; and the reason for same in view of the fact partners in the same hospital are allowed attend a normal delivery. — Kathleen Funchion. [8475/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider allowing religious services to resume in June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8480/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the referral for an assessment of needs for a person (details supplied); and the steps he will take to ensure that the HSE complies with its legal requirement under the Disability Act 2005 to carry out an assessment of need within three months of the referral being accepted by the children's disability services on 7 October 2019. — Paul Murphy. [8490/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering a delay in the implementation of the enforcement of structural separation within off-licences as part of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018. — Mattie McGrath. [8493/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health if a homecare package will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8494/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health if there are still plans to recruit 1,000 new community healthcare workers by the end of 2020 as was pledged in Budget 2020; if so, the number of positions filled to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [8505/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the reopening of a service (details supplied) in County Cork. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [8508/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the advice or instruction available for a retailer aged over 70 years of age and is the only employee in their business as to whether they should reopen if the business is included in the list of businesses allowed to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8516/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be given an urgent date for an assessment of needs to be carried out by CAMHS. — Chris Andrews. [8519/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that certain private patients that have paid health insurance are not able to have essential surgery carried out by their private consultant in a private hospital at this time; if he is taking steps to resolve the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8521/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it is not possible to be referred for a Covid-19 test by the Covid-19 HSE information line which would save time and money; the reason only a general practitioner can refer persons for a Covid-19 test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [8539/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to carry out the necessary upgrade to keep a health centre (details supplied) open in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8543/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health the phase in the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business which applies to the return to work of speech and language and occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8547/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health if public and mental health workers in the public, private and community sectors returning to work are being prioritised for Covid-19 testing; and if not, the reason therefor. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8575/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing campaign by families of persons with amyloidosis here to be provided with the drug patisiran as is the case in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8576/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons made the subject of an order for detention and isolation to date pursuant to section 38A of the Health Act 1947 as amended in which such persons have been detained; the length of time they have been detained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7116/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the number of certificates issued pursuant to section 38A(3) of the Health Act 1947 as amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7117/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reviews requested pursuant to section 38A(5) of the Health Act 1947 as amended; the number of reviews carried out pursuant to section 38A(6); the number of certificates issued pursuant to section 38A(6); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [7118/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has received an application for acarizax for addition to the reimbursement list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8581/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if summer camps will be allowed to take place during the summer in view of the fact they are integral part of summer for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8582/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment date in the ENT clinic in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [8583/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [8584/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8586/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8599/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of PPE for dentists (details supplied) that have HSE contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8606/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health if the services of a qualified practice nurse (details supplied) who responded to the Be on Call for Ireland initiative is required; if they will be contacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8613/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the opening of caravan parks in summer in the context of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8614/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive services such as speech and language therapy and occupational therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8634/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) with ASD will be offered services such as speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8635/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health when services for older persons in Drogheda will be reopened (details supplied); if the status and operation of the service and centre is under review; if the centre will continue to operate in its current form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [8636/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if a reply will issue to a query raised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8640/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the need for healthcare of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8642/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the practice of the same staff, that is, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and others working between Covid-19 positive, negative and queried patients ceased at Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8646/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health when Mayo University Hospital converted wards into Covid-19 positive, negative and queried wards to avoid the risk of cross infection; the way in which patients are segregated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8647/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health the protection in place to encourage staff to report concerns they may have over practices they deem to impact on their own health and safety and the health and safety of patients; his views on whether staff at Mayo University Hospital and other healthcare facilities are issued with warnings of disciplinary action if they comment on concerns they have regarding their own health and safety or that of the patients and residents they are caring for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8648/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if all staff at Mayo University Hospital have been tested for Covid-19; if the results are confirmed; if that testing will continue; the intervals at which it will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8649/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider allocating an expert team from his Department to Mayo University Hospital to restore public confidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8650/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients discharged from Mayo University Hospital to nursing and other residential care homes from 1 March to 20 May 2020 without being tested for Covid-19 and the results being confirmed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8651/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters regarding the provision of funding to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [8662/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health when the location allowance will be paid to nurses in University Hospital Limerick that are employed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [8664/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is eligible for cross border directive funding through the HSE. — Peter Burke. [8667/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health when full services will be restored for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [8673/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to cases by which a shoe and clothing repair store which as outlined in the Roadmap on Reopening Society and Business is allowed reopen in phase 2, in view of the fact it is a small commercial outlet but the store is located within a shopping centre, which is set to reopen in stage 5; his views on such cases; and if clarity will be provided for business owners in similar situations as to the legality of when they are allowed reopen. — Steven Matthews. [8684/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health if reference was made to the international aviation advice on air travel when introducing 14-day quarantine guidance; the way in which this compares with other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8721/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health if the social distancing measures currently in place and which demand a distance of two metres to be kept from all persons is now under consideration to be reduced to one metre in line with the advice of the World Health Organisation for the later stages of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in order to ensure smaller SMEs can reopen in June and July 2020 in a safe manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8723/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a tailored awareness campaign for young persons aimed at maintaining adherence to the required social distancing measures and perhaps engaging popular musicians, celebrities or entertainers in the process (details supplied). — Joe O'Brien. [8729/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to approve a 24/7 catheterisation laboratory at University Hospital Waterford; the position regarding the recruitment of a consultant interventional cardiologist at the hospital; if a second catheterisation laboratory at the hospital will be equipped to carry out interventional cardiology services; when the national cardiac services review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8730/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of a disease similar to Kawasaki disease combined with toxic shock and similar to Covid-19 which have been identified here (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [8745/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health when out of hours doctors service will resume in Youghal, County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [8753/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the measures and funding in place to assist the farming community deal with the mental health consequences of Covid-19; if funding allocations can or have been made to charities that deal with suicide and the farming community since the outbreak; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8768/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the latest costings of the development of the national children's hospital since the outbreak of Covid-19; the date those costings relate to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8771/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE on capital projects at Naas General Hospital in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and the status of each project. — Catherine Murphy. [8777/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct that the fair deal scheme will apply to a person (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [8784/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of expanding the current public health nurse sponsorship programme by 200 nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [8789/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if injections and procedures will continue for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [8795/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have a severe or profound disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8797/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in a submission by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8814/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be expedited for the accommodation and care of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [8830/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health further to a previous Parliamentary Question in relation to a person (details supplied) and response from the HSE of 25 November 2019, his views in relation to the response; the steps he has taken to provide services and supports for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [8831/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the pension entitlements of a person (details supplied); and if the full details of their pension and benefits will be released. — John McGuinness. [8832/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of need will be carried out for a child (details supplied); if they can be provided with speech and language therapy in addition to occupational therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8839/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider using a statutory instrument to lift visiting restrictions on condition of adherence to HSE guidelines for social distancing and use of appropriate PPE and with the agreement of the management and medical staff at end of life care establishments or hospices for the families whose loved ones are resident and that do not have long to live. — Paul Murphy. [8841/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health if some radiologists or radiographers have resigned recently within the radiology department at University Hospital Kerry; and if so, the way in which this will impact the implementation of the recommendations from the report regarding appropriate staffing in the department. — Pa Daly. [8842/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which private hospital capacity is being used in County Limerick to relieve pressure on University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ossian Smyth. [8844/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if reflexology and similar complementary therapies can be identified in the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; and the guidelines on appropriate measures that must be taken. — Pa Daly. [8847/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health if a scheduled operation will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [8852/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the reason dentists treating patients on behalf of the HSE are without the necessary PPE to carry out their work in view of the fact the receipt of same was guaranteed within 48 hours (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Norma Foley. [8853/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the provision being made for the return to work of speech and language therapists (details supplied); and the point at which speech and language therapists will be free to return to work in view of the fact it is unclear in the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Norma Foley. [8856/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 609 of 20 May 2020, if the work location of a person diagnosed with Covid-19, that is, a small retail, large retail, warehouse, construction, transport, hairdressing and so on will be included in the NPHET daily reports or a weekly report; and his views on whether this would assist in highlighting industry together with issues regarding public health guidelines in relation to the Covid-19 crisis. — Joan Collins. [8860/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the measures the HSE has taken to reschedule surgeries and other non-emergency medical procedures which have been postponed due to Covid-19 (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [8865/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health when non-emergency procedures and surgeries that were scheduled to take place in private hospitals prior to the start of the Covid-19 crisis will recommence. — Martin Browne. [8866/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the work being carried out by his Department to educate young persons on the dangers of nitrous oxide abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8871/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure in relation to testing for Covid-19 in hospitals; if a person presents at accident and emergency are they tested for Covid-19 or if this depends on if they are presenting with an injury or illness related or not related to Covid-19 symptoms; and if the procedure differs based on if the patient is being admitted to the hospital or treated as an outpatient. — Danny Healy-Rae. [8878/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the difference in the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business which allows, dentists, chiropodists and so on to operate (details supplied) compared to the way in which they operated before the Covid-19 crisis. — Johnny Mythen. [8893/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health when cervical cancer screening and BreastCheck screening will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8894/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if guidance can be given to paediatric occupational therapists and speech and language therapists as to which phase under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business they can resume delivering therapy services to children. — Paul McAuliffe. [8895/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for implementation and expansion of ASD and disability services for persons over 18 years of age; the subsidised transport options that can be made available to those over 18 years of age with a disability that cannot avail of their free travel entitlement due to not being able to use the bus service on their own and that no other option is available to them; if his attention has been drawn to the fact these persons may be living at home with aged parents and require an alternative transport option available to them to enable their attendance at day-care and learning facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8896/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the extra steps and measures put in place to deal with mental health needs of prisoners in view of the extra restrictions in place to protect the prison population from Covid-19; the extra resources made available in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8135/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the latest costings of the development of the National Forensic Mental Health Service Hospital in Portrane, County Dublin since the outbreak of Covid-19; the date those costings relate to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8898/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health when amusement arcades can reopen under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8901/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the phase in the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in which occupational and speech and language therapists will return to delivering therapy services for children will resume. — Gary Gannon. [8224/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines given to supermarkets in cases in which a member of staff has been diagnosed with Covid-19 but has recently been carrying out their duties on the premises. — Gary Gannon. [8234/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health his plans or the proposals being discussed to temperature test passengers arriving at airports and seaports as part of the Covid-19 response. — Seán Crowe. [7072/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses working in Wexford General Hospital; the number of vacancies for nurses; when the posts will be filled; the number of full-time consultants working in the hospital; the number of vacancies that exist at consultancy level; and the number working on a temporary basis. — Johnny Mythen. [8926/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if pain relief medication will be put on the medical card of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8930/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8932/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider amending the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business to enable restaurants co-located in public houses and operating under public house drink licences to open as restaurants with sit-down service only with meals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8940/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if it is planned to introduce a statutory homecare scheme to support the elderly at home (details supplied); if he has had discussions with the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection in relation to improving the carer's benefit and carer's allowance scheme conditions and payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8947/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health when it is planned to open the new rehabilitation hospital in Dún Laoghaire in view of the long waiting list of patients waiting to access the present facility as a consequence of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8949/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include cannabis oil on the medical card or as part of the drugs payment scheme for those affected with Dravet syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8986/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to each regional drugs and alcohol task force in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Chris Andrews. [9013/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health if he will permit the resumption of acupuncture services in view of the fact that some persons are of the view such services are critical to their health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [9029/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the date he expects private hospitals to be released back to the private sector to ensure those that pay for private health insurance can get their medical treatments, consultations and surgeries which have been withdrawn since 1 April 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9038/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to have an operation which has been cancelled; if the procedure can take place in one of the State controlled

private hospitals if there is a capacity issue in the public hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9045/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if there is need for more Covid-19 contact tracing officers; if those in the private sector or without work can apply for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [9060/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 882 of 8 May 2019, if he will provide an up-to-date report on the services required by a person (details supplied); the progress made on the staffing issues outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9064/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding required to restore the level of services that were in place prior to the cuts being applied over the past ten years at a service (details supplied) in relation to the care of persons with an intellectual disability will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9065/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in discharging a person (details supplied) to their home; if the requirements for them to be cared for at home have to been agreed between the parent and the HSE; if the director of public health nursing in County Kilkenny has met with a person; if so, the outcome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9066/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recent closure of a hospital (details supplied) in County Tipperary; the length of time the centre will remain closed; when hospital staff that have been redeployed to other HSE facilities will revert back to working at the hospital; the long-term plans for the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [9076/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if a series of matters (details supplied) will be addressed in relation to weddings in the context of the gradual unwinding of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [9077/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received advice from the Chief Medical Officer in relation to the risk posed by the requirements in the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 that segregates alcohol from other shops due to the requirement to open additional doors to purchase alcohol; if plans to implement this measure will be delayed due to the disruption caused to retailers by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9083/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health if public houses that serve food can reopen similar to restaurants under phase 3 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; if not, the public houses which can reopen similar to restaurants at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9085/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the provision of PPE to dentists that treat patients with sufficient PRSI payments under the treatment benefit scheme; if additional support will be provided to dentists to help with the cost of safely disposing of used PPE as clinical waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9088/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the recourse available to families when a member of the family has symptoms of Covid-19 or has tested positive for Covid-19 but refuses to self-isolate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9093/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol in place in a nursing home (details supplied) for the isolation of patients that test positive for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9094/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the recommended social distance can be reduced to 1.5 metres in line with the European average pending health advice and continuous decreasing rates of transmission. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [9113/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in outfitting private practice dentists with appropriate PPE gear; the steps being taken to outfit them with correct PPE in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [9114/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health if the taxi transfer contract attached to University Hospital Kerry and awarded to a company (details supplied) has been terminated; if the hospital management requested as part of that contract that the dialysis unit in the hospital taxi transfers be awarded to a specific third party due to the complex nature of transferring dialysis patients; and if a new tendering process will now take place. — Pa Daly. [9119/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [9120/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the €9 million allocation for paediatric orthopaedic services was spent in 2018; and the budget allocations for same for 2019 and 2020, respectively. — Pa Daly. [9121/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the dermatology services available at University Hospital Kerry. — Pa Daly. [9122/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to meet with major bookmaker firms and ensure that they have sufficient safeguards and public health measures in place to safeguard staff and members of the public before reopening in June 2020. — Joe Flaherty. [9132/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1366 of 20 May 2020 to the Minister for Housing; Planning and Local Government, if his Department and the National Public Health Emergency Team for Covid-19 plan to issue direction, guidance and advice to local authorities in relation to the need for streets and public areas in towns and villages to be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised by means of deep clean to help address the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the fact that local authorities and an association (details supplied) have requested guidance on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9149/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a written process for issuing Covid-19 sector-specific guidance by agencies (details supplied). — Róisín Shortall. [9151/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the epidemiological reasons that have allowed physiotherapists to reopen while the BreastCheck and CervicalCheck screening programmes remain paused; if the decision to continue pausing the BreastCheck and CervicalCheck cancer

screening programmes due to Covid-19 was made purely based on epidemiological reasons; and if other reasons fed into this decision, the reasons therefor. — Róisín Shortall. [9152/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration he has given to moving medical appointments into health centres during Covid-19 in order that safe social distancing can be maintained in accident and emergency departments. — Róisín Shortall. [9153/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions HIQA raised concerns regarding the lack of clinical oversight in nursing homes with his Department over the past three years; if the submissions made by HIQA received a response; and if so, if he will make the responses available. — Róisín Shortall. [9164/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the response from his Department following inspection reports by HIQA on residential centres for older persons on 11 December 2019, 27 January 2020 and 3 March 2020; the steps his Department took to address the non-compliance found in centres particularly in relation to infection control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9165/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the services that have been removed from Monaghan Hospital since 1997; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9195/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the group home for persons with disabilities constructed at Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross; if the HSE will be instructed to make the centre operational as a matter of urgency in view of the delays to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9196/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the dates from which each Covid-19 testing centre has been open; the number of patients tested on each date; the number of positive results resulting from each centre in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9197/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether staff in Beaumont Hospital should be in a position to apply for transfers to HSE hospitals while all hospitals are under the control of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9215/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health when cancer screening treatments will resume to prevent cancer fatalities increasing during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9216/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the breach of patient confidentiality regarding the HSE decision that an employer will be informed of Covid-19 tests before the person that was tested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9217/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Covid-19 notices in some hospitals request a social distance of one metre while all other public signs are two metres; if one metre is acceptable in a hospital setting, the reason is it not permitted in public and business settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9221/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if service level agreements have been completed between each of the private hospitals signed up to the Covid-19 contract and the HSE; if copies of same can be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9226/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if the nine community healthcare organisations have now completed their assessments of all centres in which persons are living in congregated settings including direct provision centres to establish the state of readiness; the outcome of these assessments; if a copy of these reports will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9227/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters in relation to the agreement with private hospitals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9239/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health when early intervention and disability services will be resumed; his plans to deal with the huge backlogs that will have built up during the period of lockdown; the reason it is not possible to have speech and language therapy and so on when such appointments can be held while maintaining a two metre distance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9240/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health when construction will commence on a project (details supplied); the timescale for the construction and completion of this facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9246/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health when he will establish a mental health task force to ensure a coordinated approach to the provision of adequate supports in a timely manner to persons with mental health issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9251/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make greater use of capacity in both public and private hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9253/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health if mandatory quarantining is envisaged for overseas visitors as international travel begins to resume; the length of time the quarantining period will be; if facilities have been sourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [9260/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the agreement with private hospitals is providing value for money; his plans for the agreement; his plans to extend or cancel the contract; and the timeline and the criteria to be used to make this decision. — Darren O'Rourke. [9285/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the return of non-Covid-19 healthcare in acute hospitals; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9287/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment. — Darren O'Rourke. [9288/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment. — Darren O'Rourke. [9289/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland will support the Costa Rica and World Health Organisation proposal to create a global pooling mechanism for rights in the data, knowledge and technologies useful in the prevention, detection and treatment of the Covid-19 pandemic which is scheduled to be launched on 29 May 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9294/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the commitment to introduce a statutory homecare scheme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9312/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the 2020 budgetary allocation of his Department for the implementation of the National Dementia Strategy. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9313/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health when consultants will be able to schedule public appointments for patients they had been treating in a private capacity prior to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [9319/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health his views on calls to facilitate visits by relatives and loved ones to the elderly in residential settings, for example, by using outdoor areas and timetabled visits with at least one or two family members per week; if he will request that nursing home managers prioritise planning to allow for such visits in the immediate future in view of the trauma inflicted on residents during the lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [9326/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which his Department received the HIQA report containing a list of nursing homes which it was of the view might struggle with the Covid-19 crisis; the actions taken on foot of this; if direct contact was made with these residential settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [9327/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the membership of the NPHET committee from its first meetings on Covid-19 in January 2020 to date; when and the persons added to the committee in each case; the reason for their inclusion; and the record of attendance of such persons at subsequent meetings of the committee. — Bríd Smith. [9328/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure nursing homes, especially those in which there were clusters of Covid-19 cases and deaths, will meet HIQA standards, for example, in infection control in the coming months; the steps which will be taken to ensure adequate staffing levels, trained personnel and medical care is in place before the winter and possible second wave or flu virus arrives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [9329/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the restrictions in place to prevent minors from purchasing paracetamol tablets in supermarkets and other retail units at self-service tills and other such checkouts; his plans to introduce measures to prevent the abuse of such purchasing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9337/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if direction and guidance will be given to restaurants on procedures and protocols to be followed on reopening; if consideration will be given to reducing the social distance requirement to one metre in the case of restaurants and similar businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [9347/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow family members to visit and spend some time with persons receiving end-of-life care in hospitals and hospices; and the timeframe for same. — Patrick Costello. [9352/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents of nursing homes disaggregated by the number or percentage of residents in private and voluntary nursing homes and in public nursing homes. — Pearse Doherty. [9353/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents of nursing homes that died from Covid-19 related illnesses disaggregated by the number or percentage of those residents in private and voluntary nursing homes and in public nursing homes. — Pearse Doherty. [9354/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents as a proportion of all nursing home residents living in nursing homes reported by HIQA to the HSE as those centres with poor compliance with key regulations, as those services were at increased risk of Covid-19 outbreaks as per HIQA evidence at the Special Oireachtas Committee on Covid-19 Response on 26 May 2020; and the proportion of this cohort of residents living in private and voluntary settings compared to public settings. — Pearse Doherty. [9355/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents living in nursing homes reported by HIQA to the HSE as those centres with poor compliance with key regulations, as those services were at increased risk of Covid-19 outbreaks as per HIQA evidence before the Special Oireachtas Committee on Covid-19 Response on 26 May 2020 that died from Covid-19 related illnesses as a proportion of all those nursing home residents that died from Covid-19 related illnesses. — Pearse Doherty. [9356/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the underfunding of supports for persons with disabilities as a result of the cuts to funding for not-for-profit disability service providers in January 2020. — Holly Cairns. [9366/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the matter raised in a statement from HIQA at the Special Oireachtas Committee on Covid-19 Response on 26 May 2020 (details supplied) in relation to a concern about the lack of clinical oversight of nursing homes; and if action was taken on foot of these concerns. — Holly Cairns. [9367/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the matter raised in a statement from HIQA at the Special Oireachtas Committee on Covid-19 Response on 26 May 2020 in relation to a list of nursing homes sent to his Department which were regarded as high-risk from an infection control perspective; if any action was taken in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [9368/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be implemented to reduce the perceived unacceptable waiting times in relation to assessment of needs in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9398/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for publishing the Health Services Capacity Review as it relates to intellectual disability services. — Holly Cairns. [9399/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health if guidelines have been given to carers that call to person's homes in regard to Covid-19 infections at the home. — Denise Mitchell. [9415/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the current primary care transport service schedule for County Wicklow residents travelling to Dublin city hospitals, that is, transport services provided by the HSE in County Wicklow including access to day hospitals and day centres and access to outpatient departments and other hospital services in counties Wicklow and Dublin; when the transport timetable was reduced in previous years; the reason for the reduction in this transport service; his plans to increase the frequency of the transport service during Covid-19 to facilitate patients that may have appointments in the afternoon and do not have access to alternative modes of transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9432/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available for medical staff working in private hospital facilities in circumstances in which they cannot commence work due to the lack of available childcare and all annual leave has been used and the employer is not flexible with regard to working on weekends as an alternative and they cannot afford a pay cut; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9433/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts made to date to include a representative on NPHET with expertise in child psychology and child development to enable a child-centred approach to the transition from Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9434/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the free flu vaccine was not extended to all children between 6 months and two years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9435/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols in place with regard to PPE in relation to mental health practitioners working with children; the way in which toys are handled and sterilised; the way in which social distancing can be encouraged among children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9436/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health when arrangements will be made to facilitate medical treatment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9460/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health when patients of private hospitals will be able to attend appointments and undergo procedures postponed due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9461/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health if weddings with guests of 50 or more will be able to go ahead in July and August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9463/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be guidance given to those that practice alternative complimentary therapies in relation to the phasing stages and the use of PPE equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [9467/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 707 of 13 May 2020, the proposals he plans to implement to lower the 59 month waiting list for school age team and 30 month waiting list for early intervention team support for children with special needs in south west Dublin; his views on whether this is inadequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [9476/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the refusal by the insurance industry to renew cover Covid-19 liability for small family owned nursing homes; his views on whether this will close many family operated nursing homes in view of the fact they will not be able to compete with the larger private operations that can obtain such cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [9481/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments that have been cancelled by month in Cork University Hospital and Mercy University Hospital, Cork since February 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9482/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for outpatient and inpatient appointments in Cork University Hospital and Mercy University Hospital, Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9483/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in May 2018, 2019 and 2020 in community psychiatry, community psychology and community CAMHS areas in County Cork by area; and the positions recruited since October 2019 in County Cork in these sectors. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9484/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health if all CHO areas are providing the same advice to home helps in terms of provision of PPE and sanitiser; if all areas have the same access; and his plans to ensure that home helps in CHO areas in counties Cork and Kerry have access to PPE and sanitiser. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9485/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will consider the provision of face coverings as distinct from medical grade PPE to the public by way of large scale procurement or a scheme to ensure persons on low incomes that desire face coverings may obtain them in view of findings (details supplied) that persons living in poverty that cannot afford face coverings is problematic. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9486/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 10 October 2019, the progress made with the review; when the review will conclude; if the findings of the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9490/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to general practitioner practices local in primary care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9497/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health if the fast tracking process of opioid substitution therapy implemented as part of the NPHET response to protect vulnerable groups deemed to have an increased risk of contracting Covid-19 will be maintained. — Gary Gannon. [9511/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the phase under which therapy services to children usually a mixture of occupational therapists and speech and language therapists can expect to return to delivering therapy services to children according to the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Gary Gannon. [9514/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the location and name of the private hospitals that were taken in charge during the Covid-19 pandemic; the number of beds that this entailed by hospital in tabular form; the number of beds per day that were used for public patients on a daily basis by hospital since the Covid-19 pandemic in tabular form; when the contract is proposed to end; and the estimated eventual cost in this regard. — Seán Crowe. [9525/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of organ transplants carried out in each of the past five years; if over 450 organ donations have been declined due to the fact the next of kin were unsure of their relatives wishes; his plans to change end of life protocols in relation to organ harvesting and donations; and if he has new plans to increase transplant capacity in the health system. — Seán Crowe. [9526/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to works being carried out or when work will resume on the new National Children's Hospital. — Seán Crowe. [9527/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient appointments that were cancelled in the primary care centres in County Westmeath due to Covid-19; and the current revised waiting list numbers by department in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9547/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient appointments cancelled in the primary care centres in County Longford due to Covid-19; and the current revised waiting list numbers by department in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9548/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient appointments cancelled in Mullingar Regional Hospital, County Westmeath due to Covid-19; and the current revised waiting list numbers by department in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9549/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for urgent and non-urgent patients that are waiting on an appointment with the child and adolescent mental health services in County Kildare; his plans to improve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9563/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a MRI for a person (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [9565/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the Obesity Policy Implementation Oversight Group Reformulation sub-group in its priority of setting of targets for food and drink reformulation and a roadmap for reformulation action to achieve such targets; when the submission of a report with the targets and roadmap is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9566/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 805 of 5 March 2020, if the timeframes for the installation of first device scheduled for November 2020 with second room becoming operational in May 2021 is still on track; if the device located in Cork University Hospital has resumed full functionality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9567/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the progress within the Saolta group to progress the development of the acute stroke unit in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9568/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health if work has been undertaken to review evidence for fiscal measures on products that are high in fat, sugar and salt to reduce their consumption as per Action 1.10 of A Healthy Weight for Ireland: Obesity Policy and Action Plan 2016-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9569/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health when essential elective surgery that had been planned to take place but was postponed due to the Covid-19 crisis will resume throughout the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9571/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to progress the implementation of eating disorder teams in CHOs here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9585/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the establishment of a task force on mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9586/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide all the minutes of the expert advisory group, the advices and position papers provided to NPHET and the minutes of the vulnerable and elderly subgroup of NPHET as previously requested through the Covid enquiries line and directly with the CMO at the Special Committee on Covid-19 Response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9589/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for expanding testing into all healthcare settings including regularity with which healthcare workers will be tested and the way in which this will be rolled out to home help; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9590/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the new criteria for Covid-19 testing; and if he will provide a report in relation to a number of areas related to testing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9591/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the investigation by the HSPC and HSE of a beef plant in Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan after reports of a possible outbreak at the plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9592/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed report on the research and trials taking place here into vaccines, therapies and antibody testing and specifically in the area of convalescent plasma therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9593/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 deaths in hospitals; the number of these patients that were transferred to an intensive care unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9594/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health if changes have been made to the private hospital agreement to allow for private consultants to treat existing patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9608/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the process of hiring a pain management team and consultant full-time post at Children's Health Ireland, Crumlin (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [9609/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health if he will create a pathway for persons that are at risk due to underlying healthcare conditions to see a specialist and receive a letter to present to their employer to allow them to cocoon or work from home to protect their health. — Louise O'Reilly. [9610/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the reason haemochromatosis patients are having their treatment deferred indefinitely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9611/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional beds which have been opened in the public hospital system since the onset of Covid-19; and the current number of hospital beds in the public hospital system. — Louise O'Reilly. [9612/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests for capital health projects which have been made and which have not been precommitted under existing capital plans but have been

applied for; the estimated cost of such requests; and the projects with precommitted funding for each year for the next five years and frontloading of funding. — Louise O'Reilly. [9613/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the phase of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in which local authorities can reopen their tennis courts and cemeteries to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [9742/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to establish a new easily accessible, dedicated phoneline and or email for relatives of residents and staff in nursing homes and other congregated settings in order to raise concerns regarding the care or management of the centre with the relevant authorities. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9748/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9840/20]

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

*757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason greyhound racing is not resuming at the same time as horse racing in view of the fact that the greyhound racing could be run behind closed doors in a very safe environment ensuring social distancing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [8874/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the regulations in place regarding the spraying of MCPA; if there is a minimum distance requirement for spraying near domestic residences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9059/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the exclusion of boats licensed for aquaculture from the voluntary fleet support scheme for the fishery sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [8320/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a matter (details supplied) in relation to the culling of animals will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8376/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application for a felling licence will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [8504/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of plans in relation to the banning of fur farming. — Paul Murphy. [8546/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason it is a condition of the voluntary fleet support scheme that vessel owners surrender their fishing licence to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [8598/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding a cut to an ANC payment to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8641/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer that has been accepted for the future growth loans scheme and has the relevant code that expires on 6 June 2020 can draw down the loan before that date; if not, if the codes date will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8663/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if derogation from a regulation (details supplied) can be obtained due to the cost of implementing this on both farmers and merchants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8749/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of employees as of 1 May 2020 employed by Horse Racing Ireland; the breakdown of roles; and the funding the body has received in each of the past five years to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [8781/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of employees as of 1 May 2020 employed by the Irish Greyhound Board; the breakdown of roles; and the funding the body has received in each of the past five years to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [8782/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding licences for fishermen (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8811/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application for a forestry licence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8816/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider extending panels for Departmental jobs which are valid for a two-year period in view of the fact that the hiring process is at a halt at present and therefore those high up on the list on the panel may lose out as the period will have lapsed. — Cathal Crowe. [8877/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry road application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8900/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a company (details supplied) has been in receipt of funding from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development or another State subsidy during the course of the Covid-19 public emergency. — Joan Collins. [9004/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if force majeure will be accepted in a GLAS 2 contract in respect a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9044/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of land utilised for forestry here; the amount in public ownership and private ownership, respectively; the estimated acreage that is planted with Sitka spruce trees; the acreage planted with indigenous species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9141/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of his considerations in respect of a compensation scheme for poultry farmers affected by avian influenza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9142/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has examined the way in which farmers can be paid for their role in capturing carbon on the farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9144/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingency measures he has put in place to support farmers in the event of a failure to reach agreement in the Brexit trade deal talks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9145/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that received basic payments by county in 2019; the number that had penalties applied by county; the breakdown of the percentage penalties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9146/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recent Teagasc report on farm incomes; the measures he will introduce to support beef, dairy and sheep farmers in view of the projected loss of income for these sectors; the additional financial supports that will be provided at EU and national level in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9257/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on reviewing the tie-up scheme and the fact that the current start date of 1 June 2020 fails to recognise the previous six months of hardship suffered by the fishing industry due to the Covid-19 crisis. — Holly Cairns. [9372/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the tie-up scheme provides for retrospection; and the steps he is taking following the amended EU Regulation 2020/560 of 23 April 2020 with specific measures to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak in the fishery and aquaculture sector. — Holly Cairns. [9373/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the tie-up period of one month; and the way in which it is envisaged this period will relate to the objective of removing oversupply of product on the market. — Holly Cairns. [9374/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason he did not adopt proposals of applying 30% of the full grossing of the vessel in the same period in 2019 in view of the fact that this approach is being implemented in other jurisdictions. — Holly Cairns. [9375/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the deaths and injuries of greyhounds at tracks here from 1 January to 31 December 2019. — Holly Cairns. [9376/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown by month and track of all greyhound drug testing since 2015, in tabular form as a percentage of starters at each track. — Holly Cairns. [9377/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the way in which funding for piers and other marine infrastructure projects are prioritises; and the consideration that is given to small piers in supporting coastal and island communities. — Holly Cairns. [9378/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of funding granted for piers and marine infrastructure projects in each local authority for the period January 2015 to April 2020, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [9379/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on legislation that would ban hare coursing. — Holly Cairns. [9380/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on encouraging Coillte to designate as many forests as possible across the country to be for recreational and biodiversity use only in view of its recent announcement regarding nine Dublin forests. — Holly Cairns. [9381/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of EU countries to which his attention has been drawn to as having applied for an emergency exemption to allow for the continued use of the herbicide diquat (details supplied); if he will apply for an exemption on behalf of Ireland; if his Department has carried out an assessment on the impact that the removal of the herbicide will have on the potato sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [9416/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which provisions are being made to ensure social distancing in meat processing plants nationwide; the extent to which the onslaught of Covid-19 is under control in processing plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9458/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the latest EU level discussions regarding fisheries in upcoming Brexit negotiations and the latest reports (details supplied) that the UK wants to replace relative stability with zonal attachment; and the position Ireland has taken on this at EU level. — Charlie McConalogue. [9488/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the main elements of the EU Commission farm to fork and biodiversity strategies; if his Department will undertake an analysis of both strategies with respect to the impact on farm incomes, the environment and on the agri-food sector here; and the likely timeframe for the final strategies to be agreed at EU level and timetable for impact assessments to be carried out. — Charlie McConalogue. [9489/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the opinion of four fish producer organisations (details supplied) that the Covid-19 voluntary fleet tie-up scheme announced by him is inadequate to meet the needs of the sector; and if he will engage with the producer organisations in order to amend the scheme. — Charlie McConalogue. [9579/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9831/20]

Chun an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil: To the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

*797. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding provided to Louth County Council for diesel sludge removal and treatment in 2018 and 2019, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9105/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the supports that have been offered in relation to a case (details supplied) in view of recent developments; the status of the matter; the agencies involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8314/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the implementation of electric vehicle fast charging points in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; if matters raised by a person (details supplied) in correspondence will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8319/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the steps he is taking to help county councils deal with an increase in incidents of illegal dumping and fly tipping during Covid-19 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8321/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason the warmer home scheme is taking up to 18 months to have applications processed; the waiting time for the scheme; the number waiting on the scheme; the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8326/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of a licence application (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to concerns of the local community in relation to the matter; his plans to address same; when a decision is likely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8327/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of an application for an Eircode by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [8355/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when a person (details supplied) can expect good quality broadband. — Thomas Byrne. [8394/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the carbon sequestration potential of forests and the forestry sector will be included in the revised model of assessing carbon emissions compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8482/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if contractors, installers, suppliers and service providers undertaking activities within SEAI funded works and funded administered schemes can return to work as part of phase 1 of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; if not, the phase under which they will be allowed to return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8484/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he remains committed to introducing a ban on the sale of fossil-fuelled internal combustion engine cars and to have 840,000 electric vehicles on the road by 2030; if his attention has been drawn to the fact there is a significant gap between EU emission reduction targets for cars and emission reduction targets contained within the Climate Action Plan 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8517/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the next tranche of funding will be made available under a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [8526/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the appropriate action will be taken to ensure that future policies setting out the limitations of so-called renewable energies will take research into consideration in view of recent reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [8597/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason SEAI grants and similar grants for energy efficient systems in sports facilities, clubhouses and club buildings are excluded from application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8751/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress being made with regard to the planned €75 annual support for waste collection to those with lifelong and long-term medical incontinence; and the date for the roll out of same. — Pauline Tully. [8757/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the arrangements in place to introduce a scheme to compensate persons that have been historically cutting turf on Bord na Móna bogs and are prevented from doing so at the moment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8760/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of broadband for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [8801/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the provision of broadband for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [8802/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the provisions in place for consumers to sell excess solar generated electricity back to the national grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [8803/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there is a grant (details supplied) available from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8817/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if supplementary plans to ramp up the construction and delivery of offshore wind farms are being discussed or formulated within his Department; if guidance is available in terms of the preferred construction options for offshore farms; if they will be made available; the way in which Irish companies can prepare appropriately for future tender processes in the area of offshore wind farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8820/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will review the decision to exclude accommodation and food service providers from availing of the trading online voucher scheme administered by local enterprise offices (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8887/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan in counties Sligo and Leitrim; the timeline for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8916/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to local authorities that are oversubscribed and or have exhausted grants regarding the €2,500 trading online voucher (details supplied); if he will release further funding to local enterprise offices; if local enterprise offices have requested further funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9010/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when high speed broadband will be available to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9039/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will issue local enterprise offices with an additional and increased allocation of trading online vouchers in view of the fact that there is a significant demand for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9043/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the volume of complaints in relation to the customer service of a company (details supplied) during the Covid-19 crisis; if he has discussed the matter with the Commission for Communications Regulation; his views on whether prompt customer service in relation to broadband is particularly important while persons are working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [9056/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of megawatts of solar power that have been put onto the national grid in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the projection for 2020; the number of grid connection applications granted in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9061/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason a provider (details supplied) is refusing to provide broadband at an address, when this area is eligible for broadband under the National Broadband Plan; the actions the owner of the property should take to get access to broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9092/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will consider returning fees paid in respect of salmon fishing licences for the 2020 season due to the fact that anglers had very little time on the water due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Joe Flaherty. [9131/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the north-south interconnector; if he will meet with representatives of the campaign groups that wish to see the project proceed using underground technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9185/20]

*828. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the north-south interconnector is still considered an EU project of common interest project following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9186/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of electronic car charging points in County Monaghan; the locations of same; his plans for new charging points in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9187/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number or estimated number of homes and businesses in County Monaghan that do not have access to adequate broadband coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9188/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if approval issued in January 2020 by the CER in relation to the procurement process for the proposed north-south interconnector; his views on such approval issuing prior to the planning process being completed here or in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9291/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the projected roll out of the National Broadband Plan in 2020 in County Cavan; the areas that will benefit from this development; if his attention has been drawn to the urgent need to have the broadband infrastructure upgraded in many parts of County Cavan due to increased demand for proper connectivity for households, businesses, community and public facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9292/20]

*833. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when high speed broadband will be made available to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9325/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the arrangements and compensation scheme which will be put in place for persons that rely on turf harvested by contractors and individuals and not directly by Bord na Móna on Bord na Móna bogs that will not be able to obtain such turf for heating in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9331/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there is a detailed schedule available on the roll out of the National Broadband Plan by county; if activity is taking place to achieve this schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [9422/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 949 of 20 May 2020, the status of progress to continue digital skills training to elderly persons; if he has been working with organisations representing older persons in order to continue digital training throughout Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9445/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that one of the key reasons for older persons accessing the national Covid-19 helpline is due to older persons not having access to the internet and cannot access all of the information that is being made available in relation to Covid-19; the extent to which traditional media forums such as television, radio and print are being used to target older persons to ensure messaging and support gets to those that do not have internet access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9447/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there will be extra funding for local authorities to deal with a significant surge in dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [9465/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide an overview of the EU and national level regulation pertaining to eel fishing; and if his Department has reviewed the decision regarding the closure of eel fishing and the impact on local jobs and communities as set out in correspondence (details supplied). — Charlie McConalogue. [9487/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the broadband connection points nationally and in County Kildare specifically; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9521/20]

*841. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9522/20]

*842. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will engage with Fingal County Council in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9625/20]

*843. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when the working group on urban transport-related air pollution will report with recommendations to address pollution from traffic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9628/20]

*844. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9847/20]

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*845. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has had direct engagement with the management of a company (details supplied) concerning the restructuring of the company which was announced unilaterally without consultation or communication with the trade unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8928/20]

*846. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of the recently announced scheme to back a new refund credit note scheme for tour operators and travel agents; if this applies equally to tour operators based here that bring tourists here and are now being asked to refund deposits and tour operators and travel agents based here that organise holidays abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8950/20]

*847. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if golf clubs and courses are permitted to operate on a pay and play basis during the phase 1 restrictions of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9462/20]

*848. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will meet with representatives of taxi drivers from organisations (details supplied) in view of the difficulties faced by taxi drivers as a result of Covid-19. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9601/20]

*849. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a representative of an organisation (details supplied) will be appointed to the Tourism Recovery Task Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9690/20]

*850. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the engagements he has had with the airline industry to ensure refunds of cancelled flight fees to customers will be made as quickly as possible and in line with the recommendation of the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [8299/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request an update from Transport Infrastructure Ireland on a route (details supplied); if all material has been examined in relation to submissions made; when a decision is likely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8316/20]

*852. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the plans in place for the return of the driver theory test, the resumption of the mandatory driving lessons and subsequent driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [8317/20]

*853. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if discussions have taken place within his Department on providing funding for the east-west link road and rural roads in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8328/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the extension of the M3 motorway to Cavan town and the east-west link which are urgently needed in the north-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8329/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a successful funding application by a local authority (details supplied); if funding has been drawn down; the next phase in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8330/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department or an agency operating under his aegis has devised a roadmap for the way in which companies providing CPC training to drivers will adapt to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8341/20]

*857. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered waiving fees associated with a CPC company transferring its licence to hold a CPC training from one hotel to another in view of the fact that Covid-19 restrictions may prevent certain hotels from reopening. — Marc MacSharry. [8342/20]

*858. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if holders of certificates of professional competence which are due to expire in the coming months will still be required to meet their training obligations for the renewal of their CPC cards; and if so, the date by which they will have to meet these obligations. — Marc MacSharry. [8343/20]

*859. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there will be further derogations for the postponement of CPC. — Marc MacSharry. [8344/20]

*860. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the impacts which social distancing guidelines will have on the ability of CPC training companies to deliver training safely; and if he is considering financial subvention to the sector in view of the reduced capacity which it will experience as a result of social distancing. — Marc MacSharry. [8345/20]

*861. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase enforcement of the CPC requirement and to increase awareness of its existence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8346/20]

*862. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to engage representatives of CPC training organisations in future discussions and decisions regarding legislative changes to the professional driving sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8347/20]

*863. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures being taken to plan for the reopening of the National Driver Licence Service; when the centres will reopen for customers that require licences urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8353/20]

*864. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the guidelines for taxis returning to work post Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8363/20]

*865. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide cycle lanes on the N7 to and from Rathcoole; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8368/20]

*866. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a location (details supplied) will be reviewed for safety for both cyclists and motorists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8369/20]

*867. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to protect taxi drivers during the Covid-19 crisis; the advice his Department is providing in relation to adapting vehicles; the financial and non-financial supports that will be put in place to help taxi drivers with this transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8370/20]

*868. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated full year cost of a 15% budget increase for LocalLink; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8381/20]

*869. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the assistance that will be provided to person (details supplied) in relation to a previously booked suitability test for a new car bought due to the ten year rule on taxis; if a suitability test will be provided in such circumstances in order for persons to return to work and cease assistance payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8390/20]

*870. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a business (details supplied) will receive assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [8403/20]

*871. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports in place and that will be introduced to support the private coach and bus sector through the Covid-19 crisis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [8426/20]

*872. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if correspondence (details supplied) in respect of the bus and coach sector will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8427/20]

*873. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the membership of the Tourism Recovery Taskforce was decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8428/20]

*874. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether it is appropriate that the pub industry here is not represented on the Tourism Recovery Taskforce in view of the links between pubs and the tourism industry. — Marc MacSharry. [8429/20]

*875. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if progress has been made in respect of the Meath County Council draft appraisal for the proposed Julianstown bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8443/20]

*876. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that airlines are refusing to provide compensation or vouchers to passengers that cannot catch their flight due to the fact the flight is still operating even though passengers cannot catch the flight due to the fact they are obeying advice on non-essential travel; his plans to ensure these passengers receive compensation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [8461/20]

*877. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8470/20]

*878. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a guidance document is being prepared for the resumption of driving lessons and driver licence tests; if a date for the resumption of driving lessons and driver licence tests has been set; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8473/20]

*879. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter regarding the conducting of driver tests (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8481/20]

*880. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason he has not yet released the rail report by a company (details supplied) assessing the economic viability of reopening the closed railway which runs from Athenry to Claremorris; the reason all freedom of information requests to his Department asking for the report have been denied; when the report will be finally released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [8483/20]

*881. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which a company (details supplied) is managing and monitoring physical distancing on Luas trams. — John Lahart. [8486/20]

*882. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the meaningful measures which are being or have been put in place for the hotel and tourism sector to help a reboot of the sector in

the areas of liquidity, VAT, the job subsidy scheme, rates and water charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [8491/20]

*883. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter raised in correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding driver tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [8495/20]

*884. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the progress of the Cootehall and Croghan junction upgrade on the N4 between Boyle and Carrick-on-Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8497/20]

*885. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider offering an amnesty to those that applied pre-Covid-19 for a category B/BE driver licence authorising persons to tow a trailer in view of the fact that they would have completed all required lessons and would also have been given a test date only for the test cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that may have applied for this are relying on same for employment reasons and cannot afford to wait until full services are resumed to obtain same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [8506/20]

*886. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a grant is being considered for sports clubs struggling with finances and repayments in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8560/20]

*887. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 1007 of 20 May 2020, if the NTA will consider extending the limit to March 2021 instead of December 2020 to give the industry the full year in view of the fact many SPSVs would have been purchased in January and February due to the new car registration system in place before 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8585/20]

*888. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has examined the impact of Covid-19 on Irish hauliers such as data on a decline in their activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8627/20]

*889. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of empty trailers that travelled on ferries to and from Ireland in February, March and April 2020; and the number of empty trailers that did so in the same time periods in 2018 and 2019. — Marc MacSharry. [8628/20]

*890. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered simplifying the process through which hauliers can apply for a tax rebate on vehicles that are temporarily off the road due to Covid-19. — Marc MacSharry. [8629/20]

*891. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered extending a temporary exemption from tolls to hauliers in view of Covid-19; and the estimated quarterly cost of introducing such a measure. — Marc MacSharry. [8630/20]

*892. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking regarding the hospitality sector here post the five phase Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in order to assist business owners from all sectors of hospitality; his plans to broaden the work of the Tourism Recovery Taskforce; if a stakeholder map exists regarding the task force; if all sectors and or hospitality stakeholders will be consulted; if they can make submissions to the task force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8657/20]

*893. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase resources and funding of Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland in 2020 and 2021; if these bodies will require supplementary and or top-up funding in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [8658/20]

*894. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some insurance companies consider the erection of Covid-19 protective screens in vehicles as vehicle modification thus warranting the loss of cover; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that a directive from the National Transport Authority would negate this difficulty; if he will direct the NTA to issue directions to owners of small public service vehicles in relation to making them Covid-19 safe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [8660/20]

*895. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason no representative from the coach hire or chauffeur drive tourism industry was included in the recently announced Tourism Recovery Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [8661/20]

*896. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will give consideration to the requests of an association (details supplied) regarding the urgent need to provide support to a sector due to the severe difficulties facing this industry as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8683/20]

*897. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver test centres are due to reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [8688/20]

*898. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for the resumption of driver tests; the number waiting for driver tests by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [8701/20]

*899. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration has been given to allowing driver tests to take place under the criteria of exceptional circumstances of the Road Safety Authority, in which a person's continued employment is reliant on obtaining a driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [8714/20]

*900. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will include a representative from an organisation (details supplied) on the Tourism Recovery Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8726/20]

*901. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures which will be put in place to ensure the survival of the bus and coach sector in view of the important roles it plays in terms of public transport especially the school transport service and the tourism sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [8728/20]

*902. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the provisions which will be in place for campsites and caravan parks when they reopen that have shared washing and catering facilities; and when operators of these sites will be able to access the latest information available in view of the fact that they need to prepare for opening. — Cathal Crowe. [8738/20]

*903. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if clarity will be provided on queries from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8743/20]

*904. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if taxi and SPV driver licences will be extended for 12 months due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8746/20]

*905. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if full driver licences will be extended for 12 months due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8747/20]

*906. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to implement measures to ensure elderly persons cocooning are reimbursed for vehicles that are off the road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [8750/20]

*907. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the phase that NDLS centres will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8758/20]

*908. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide financial supports to private bus companies that will lose out during the tourist season as a result of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [8761/20]

*909. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding which was announced for the provision of the national surf centre in Strandhill, County Sligo and the Sligo civic plaza in Sligo town by Fáilte Ireland is still proposed to be allocated in view of the Covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8767/20]

*910. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons awaiting a driver test which was cancelled due to the Covid-19 emergency; the number of these persons based in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8785/20]

*911. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to meet with representative groups to find a solution to the backlog of driver tests. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8786/20]

*912. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the proposals his Department has developed to address the cancellation of driving lessons and driver tests for thousands of persons nationally in view of the many workers impacted that require a licence to travel to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [8787/20]

*913. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if support will be provided to scheduled services for the bus and coach sector in circumstances in which vehicles may need adapting and capacity reduction measures. — Sean Sherlock. [8792/20]

*914. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider the Tourism Recovery Taskforce membership and whether an organisation (details supplied) should have a representative on it to ensure the voice of the transport aspect of tourism is heard. — Sean Sherlock. [8793/20]

*915. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider the initiation of a new public transport recovery taskforce with an independent chair and budget. — Sean Sherlock. [8794/20]

*916. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of National Lottery funding for an association (details supplied) to construct a new workshop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [8810/20]

*917. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when persons with learner permits will be permitted to sit their driver tests. — John Brady. [8824/20]

*918. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider lifting restrictions to allow persons with learner permits drive unaccompanied in view of the fact that it is not possible for a learner driver to sit their driver test at present many of whom rely on their car to travel to work. — John Brady. [8825/20]

*919. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures introduced to resolve a matter (details supplied) in order to ensure there is no disruption to the supply chain. — Robert Troy. [8849/20]

*920. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the input he had when the Department of Health introduced a 14 day quarantine when arriving by air here; the reference made to the international aviation advice on air travel; the way in which the Irish proposal compares with other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8859/20]

*921. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the second bridge and southern relief route for Newbridge, County Kildare; the recent progress; his plans to bring the project to fruition; the target date for opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [8908/20]

*922. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the Athy distributor route; the recent progress; his plans to bring the project to fruition; the target date for opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [8909/20]

*923. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons waiting for theory test appointments in each administrative area and by age in tabular form (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [8920/20]

*924. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the policy for recommencing theory and driving tests. — Sean Sherlock. [8921/20]

*925. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if taxi drivers whose licence expires in mid-June, July or August 2020 will receive an extension to their licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8929/20]

*926. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a package of support will be announced for the hospitality and tourism sector; the elements that will be included in this package; if he has had discussions with the Minister for Health in relation to opening hotels on a limited occupancy basis at the same time as restaurants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8941/20]

*927. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the CIÉ group of companies have consulted with him in relation to the plan by CIÉ tours to cut the number of tours for 2021 by 50%; if he has expressed concern in relation to the effect this will have on many tourist locations nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8952/20]

*928. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons employed by DAA; if job losses are expected; if a guarantee will be given that as a matter of policy the staff will not be replaced with outsourced workers and that when the company is rehiring it will offer the same terms and conditions as are currently enjoyed by staff; if a further guarantee will be given that retained staff will continue to enjoy their current terms and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8968/20]

*929. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a representative of an organisation (details supplied) to the Tourism Recovery Taskforce, to ensure the voice of the transport aspect of tourism is heard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [8987/20]

*930. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a public transport recovery task force will be established with an independent chair and budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [8988/20]

*931. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to allow taxi licence holders to sell their vehicle licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9006/20]

*932. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the arrangements being made for private bus operators to compensate them for their loss of income (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9009/20]

*933. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the obligations on an airline to refund passengers that are unable to travel due to restrictions on undertaking unnecessary travel; the options available to a person (details supplied) having difficulties in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [9028/20]

*934. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the financial position regarding the CIÉ group of companies; the changes that have been made to the public service obligation as a consequence of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9050/20]

*935. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding allocated to the Royal and Grand canal greenway projects; the progress made to date on works; and the expected completion date of works of each stage and or section of these projects. — Catherine Murphy. [9054/20]

*936. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when HGV driver tests will be resumed; and if the Road Safety Authority has contracts with the ETBs to provide theory tests for those seeking a HGV licence. — John McGuinness. [9069/20]

*937. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to force an airline (details supplied) to provide a refund or a voucher to a pensioner that cannot catch a flight on 10 July 2020 due to the fact they are adhering to the guidelines on Covid-19 in order that they can take the journey in summer 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9096/20]

*938. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to reinstate the driver test; when driver testing will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [9110/20]

*939. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider the recommencement of driver tests for those that need a full licence for work purposes or to finish their apprenticeships. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [9112/20]

*940. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if matters raised by the bus and coach sector due to Covid-19 (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9163/20]

*941. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he or his officials have had discussions with representatives of the bus, coach and chauffeur sectors to develop a package of supports for the sector which will be impacted for a long time by the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied); if not, his plans to organise such discussions and put a package of supports in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9175/20]

*942. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he or his officials have had discussions with airlines based here in relation to the Covid-19 induced crisis in the airline business; if assistance has been sought by the airlines; if the airlines have indicated an intention to scale back their operations here particularly to and from airports other than Dublin; if they indicated if they plan changing the working conditions of staff as well as downsizing; if they sought assistance, financial or otherwise from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9178/20]

*943. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if financial support will be provided for those that had paid for flights which have not been cancelled but which cannot be used due to travel advice concerning Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9210/20]

*944. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when NCT centres will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9211/20]

*945. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a comprehensive plan will be published for transport during the reopening process that will cover social distancing, face coverings, hand sanitisation and disinfection of public transport vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9212/20]

*946. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has directed airline companies which are offering vouchers rather than refunds for airline tickets to comply with the EU Travel Pack Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9214/20]

*947. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated cost if the budget for Irish Coast Guard increased by 4% in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9236/20]

*948. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated amount the NTA spent on installing real time passenger information displays on roads and in public transport stations in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9237/20]

*949. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason it is not possible to carry out a driver test in view of the fact that two persons can share a taxi; if it is possible for both driver and tester to wear a mask, sit in the back seat or introduce other simple measures to allow driver tests resume; the reason his Department continues to ignore young drivers that now need to obtain a full licence to get to work; the supports that are being proposed to give these young drivers that have to give up or refuse job offers due to the fact they have no way to get to work without a full licence; the reason motorcycle tests cannot be immediately resumed in view of the fact there is no need to share a vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9241/20]

*950. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason it is possible to hold CVRT testing but not possible to hold NCT testing; if all NCT test centre lifts have been repaired to allow full testing to resume; if a person that failed a NCT test prior to shutdown and had to return for a visual without charge will still be allowed to present for their visual without charge; if they will now have to apply for a full retest and pay subsequent charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9243/20]

*951. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when theory test centres will reopen; the reason it is not possible to operate these centres maintaining a two metre social distance in view of the fact these centres have sufficient space to do so by reducing the number of tests at any one time; when NDLS centres will reopen; the reason it is not possible to reopen the NDLS centres by appointment only to ensure that social distance can be maintained in view of the fact their staff operate behind a screen and waiting rooms can be managed by operating an appointment only rather than walk-in service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9244/20]

*952. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the discussions he has had with representatives of driving schools and driving instructors in relation to the necessary preparations and systems to be put in place to enable resumption of driving lessons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9247/20]

*953. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when it is proposed to have driver theory tests and driver tests resumed; the measures in place to date to facilitate this resumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9248/20]

*954. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timescale for the construction and completion of an essential road project (details supplied); the funding to be provided for this project in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9249/20]

*955. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports he will introduce to support the bus and coach sector to help it through the difficult period forecast for the sector; if he will consider proposals (details supplied) from the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9256/20]

*956. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request a company (details supplied) to engage with employees and unions before deciding on restructuring plans and to place employee rights and welfare at the centre of future restructuring plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [9261/20]

*957. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address the matter of persons that passed their driver test in early March 2020 that cannot receive their licence due to office closures as a result of Covid-19 (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [9264/20]

*958. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he expects driver tests to resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [9273/20]

*959. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of driver tests carried out in March, April and May in each of the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [9279/20]

*960. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the meetings that have taken place to discuss the future of the driver test system, that is, lessons and tests; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9280/20]

*961. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered postponing, deferring or altering the delivery method of CPC courses for lorry, coach and bus drivers in view of Covid-19 restrictions; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9281/20]

*962. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the guidelines which apply to driving a taxi during Covid-19; if passenger screens are mandatory; if so, the implications for insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9284/20]

*963. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the L2455 road upgrade: his plans to fund it; if the NTA has submitted each of its observations to Cork City Council; and if the NTA is awaiting further information from Cork City Council. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9323/20]

*964. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the person or body that will enforce the new mandatory regulations for passengers arriving from overseas to complete a passenger location form, adhere to the regulations and be available for follow-up checks; the number of staff allocated to this task; and the level of grade of each. — Róisín Shortall. [9346/20]

*965. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will give consideration to establishing a task force to examine the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the aviation sector and its spin-off industries; if he will consider examining the impact on Shannon Airport and its hinterlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9350/20]

*966. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to support the staff and owners of limousine SPSV tour operating businesses during the recovery from Covid-19. — Holly Cairns. [9357/20]

*967. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to support the bus and coach companies in adapting their vehicles to cater for social distancing. — Holly Cairns. [9358/20]

*968. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on establishing a public transport recovery taskforce including all key organisations involved in public transport to restart the industry with social distancing measures and advise on post-Covid-19 transport changes

particularly in relation to infrastructure provision, active transport and the climate crisis. — Holly Cairns. [9359/20]

*969. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider a waiver on toll road charges on the M3 until the end of 2020 as a support to businesses in the north midlands reliant on road transport for recovery of their trading position and also as a relief to the many employees that will be using this route to commute to their employment in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [9420/20]

*970. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he plans to address the negative impact by Covid-19 on the bus and coach sector; if support will be provided until the tourism, transport and education sectors return to normal; if funding will be granted to help vehicles adapt to reduced capacity under social distancing rules; if he will consider granting representation to an organisation (details supplied) on the Tourism Recovery Taskforce to ensure the voice of the transport aspect of tourism is heard; his plans to initiate a new public transport recovery task force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9448/20]

*971. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the N11 upgrade; if the consultation has been closed; if the upgrade is still under active consideration in view of Covid-19; if so, the timeline of the next stages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9449/20]

*972. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend the ten-year rule on taxi vehicles until 29 December 2021 to enable taxi drivers to recover financially. — Paul Donnelly. [9470/20]

*973. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when NCT and SGS testing will recommence. — Paul Donnelly. [9471/20]

*974. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the legal requirements for screens in taxis. — Paul Donnelly. [9472/20]

*975. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the phase in which driving instructors can recommence their businesses under the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business. — Paul Donnelly. [9473/20]

*976. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the type of PPE equipment that will be required for taxi and driving instructors to enable them to operate safely for both themselves and their clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [9474/20]

*977. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider including taxis in the Leap card payments system to allow for greater integration of the public transport system. — Paul Donnelly. [9475/20]

*978. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports that will be put in place to ensure the continued existence of the sporting groups in Columb Barracks, Mullingar, County Westmeath should the ownership of the site be transferred for development. — Sorca Clarke. [9537/20]

*979. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the financial support that will be put in place to ensure that the rural bus link services will remain in operation post Covid-19. — Sorca Clarke. [9550/20]

*980. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if representation from bus and coach operators will be included on the new Tourism Recovery Taskforce. — Norma Foley. [9581/20]

*981. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the need to include County Wexford will be examined in a programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [9587/20]

*982. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will engage on behalf of the employees of a company (details supplied) regarding the company's intentions to unilaterally move forward with the restructuring up to and including lay-offs following the unprecedented events of Covid-19; if it will be ensured workers and their rights are protected and that workers' rights legislation is upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9642/20]

*983. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of driver tests conducted, cancelled or rescheduled during the period January to May 2020 inclusive; the phase of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business in which it is envisaged to recommence driver tests in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [9745/20]

*984. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of progress of the BusConnects network redesign programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [9746/20]

*985. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of progress of the BusConnects Core Bus Corridors programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [9747/20]

*986. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9845/20]

Chun an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige: To the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

*987. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when protocols and guidance will be issued to the owners of childcare facilities on the steps that need to be put in place in such facilities before they reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [8386/20]

*988. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the role and powers of city and county childcare committees; the way in which the membership of such committees is appointed; if there is a statutory basis for same; the person or body to which they are accountable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [8414/20]

*989. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will consider allocating a family resource status to a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [8417/20]

*990. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which decisions will be made regarding childcare access in which there is an excess of demand, for example, if essential healthcare workers will receive priority to access. — Anne Rabbitte. [8420/20]

*991. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of crèches that will leave or have left the childcare sector in 2020 either due to natural attrition of the impacts of Covid-19. — Anne Rabbitte. [8421/20]

*992. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of full-time equivalent childcare places for preschool children which will be available in September 2020. — Anne Rabbitte. [8422/20]

*993. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of full-time childcare places which were available for preschool children in September 2018 and 2019. — Anne Rabbitte. [8423/20]

*994. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if children will be able to attend crèche multiple days per week in September 2020. — Anne Rabbitte. [8424/20]

*995. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when all parents will be able to resume using childminding services in the child's and childminder's home. — Anne Rabbitte. [8425/20]

*996. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if essential workers will be able to access full-time childcare from 29 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8488/20]

*997. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a person (details supplied) will be entitled to access full-time childcare for their child from 29 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [8489/20]

*998. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she has raised the possibility of childminders that mind children in their own homes to recommence minding children in the home of the childminder if they care for children from just one household. — Anne Rabbitte. [8496/20]

*999. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her Department will be recommending that childcare will be carried out through a pod system; if so, if she will increase the ECCE to cover additionally incurred wages; if childcare providers will be encouraged to rent or buy modular buildings to facilitate such a method of childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8523/20]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her views on whether planning issues will arise from childcare providers having to extend their capacity through portacabins or modular buildings; if her Department has examined planning exemptions that may be necessary to provide swift solution for parents that need childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8524/20]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the way in which she had planned on spending the €4.7 million per week on the childcare scheme for essential workers; the way in which this funding is now being spent in view of the fact the scheme has been cancelled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [8525/20]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress made and the measures that will be in place for 29 June 2020 to ensure childcare services are available to employees returning to work in cases in which the employer in view of the nature of the business is not in a position to offer additional leave, working from home options or alternative working hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8556/20]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if consideration has been given to an independent inquiry into the abuses in an organisation (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [8572/20]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a childcare provider has indicated that no provision of physical comfort to children will be a condition of returning to its childcare service; her views on such guidance; if such advice has emanated from her Department; and her views on the effect such provision would have on the children being cared for. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [8595/20]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to the impact of Covid-19 on the early years sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8602/20]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the response of her Department to Covid-19 in relation to the childcare sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8616/20]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the response of her Department to Covid-19 in relation to the childcare sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8617/20]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the response of her Department to Covid-19 in relation to the childcare sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8618/20]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will review the ECCE scheme in order that a child born on 8 January 2018 and is due to start primary school in September 2022, is entitled to two years Montessori school under the scheme in view of the fact that such a child in these circumstances would be nearly six years of age when starting primary school under the current conditions of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8620/20]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if consideration of an overage exemption in the case of a child (details supplied) in view of exceptional circumstances will be granted. — Stephen Donnelly. [8665/20]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the additional supports being put in place in County Cavan to support victims of domestic violence during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8763/20]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the additional supports are being put in place in County Monaghan to support victims of domestic violence during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8764/20]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the location in counties Cavan and Monaghan that victims of domestic violence can seek refuge accommodation during the Covid-19 pandemic in the absence of domestic refuge spaces. — Niamh Smyth. [8765/20]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of vacancies by job title at Oberstown Children's Detention Centre as of 22 May 2020; and when each vacant post will be filled. — Catherine Murphy. [8780/20]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the objectives from the National LGBTI+ Youth Strategy which have been completed; the objectives which are outstanding; when the outstanding objectives will be completed; the main obstacle for objectives that will not be met by the end of 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8975/20]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to provide financial and procedural supports to childcare facilities as they reopen following the Covid-19 restrictions; if an assessment has be made of the impact on young children of physical distancing restrictions in a childcare setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8978/20]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans and recommendations in place for non-essential businesses and workers allowed to return to work on 8 June 2020 but childminding services for this category cannot operate until 20 July 2020; the way in which this issue is intended to be addressed in circumstances in which there is a gap in childminding provisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9003/20]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the final report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes will be published in June 2020; and if she will apologise to the survivors of the mother and baby homes for the previous delays in publishing the report. — Martin Browne. [9024/20]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if applications to the Early Years Capital Programme 2020 will be reopened in view of the fact that they were suspended before the original deadline of 27 March 2020; if there are alternative capital funding options open to services at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [9053/20]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans for the introduction of pods in centre-based settings as part of the reopening of services from 29 June 2020; if all providers will have to introduce a pod system; if services can develop an alternative system of care tailored to their building and staffing arrangements; if ratios will be reduced to facilitate pods; if additional funding will be provided if ratios are reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [9078/20]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a childcare worker is supervising a pod, which person then monitors the pod while that person is on break; if pods will overlap for part of the day; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [9079/20]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs her plans to establish a refuge for victims of domestic abuse in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9127/20]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of childcare providers expected to reopen at each phase of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business; the number of children that will be catered for in each instance; the supports that will be provided to those providers reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9184/20]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of referrals to Tusla in March and April 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, by referring body and reason in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9290/20]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the childcare measures in place for frontline workers; and her definition of the term frontline worker. — Norma Foley. [9316/20]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the measures and works which will be required in childcare facilities going forward to meet Covid-19 requirements. — Norma Foley. [9317/20]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the date by which the childcare temporary wage subsidy scheme will be extended to; and if the current rate of the payment will be maintained throughout this period. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9332/20]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the progress of the Advisory Group on Reopening Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare services. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9333/20]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will report on her recent meeting with EU ministers to discuss the impact of Covid-19 on the youth sector; and the actions she will take to further support the sector. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9334/20]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will include representative groups for au pairs and in homecare in her Department's planning for reopening services on 29 June 2020, in view of the increase in remote working; if she will support agencies to place persons legally in the family home; if she has set a date from when agencies can start placing persons legally in family homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [9341/20]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the steps she is taking to provide young persons with non-formal educational and outdoor activities resources and opportunities for the summer months in the context of an absence of usual summer camps. — Holly Cairns. [9383/20]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of discussions regarding the establishment of a transition task force or an alternative version by which a multi-departmental forum considers the needs of children and young persons as Ireland transitions out of Covid-19 restrictions and other issues affecting this cohort of the population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9444/20]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the efforts she is making to ensure online safety for children using remote learning applications in conjunction with their schools; if data protection guidelines were sent to schools in advance of them setting up remote learning

networks; her views on whether the current use of remote learning applications is in line with the national conversation with regard to children and online safety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9446/20]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there will be extra funding for counselling and other therapeutic interventions for youth and children services when they reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [9464/20]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of her discussions with childcare providers to ensure sufficient supports are in place to allow them to open in the coming weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Heydon. [9523/20]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if her attention has been drawn to the pressure that owners and operators of childcare facilities are experiencing as the direct result of the cessation of funding streams specifically those grants available for new crèches that require a fit-out to open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9626/20]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if she will publish detailed guidelines for the reopening of childcare facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9627/20]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by her Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9833/20]

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

*1039. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason County Kildare is not named as one of the counties in the target group as mentioned in the CLÁR funding round; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [9040/20]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a school (details supplied) is eligible to apply for funding under the CLÁR programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9189/20]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the local improvement scheme allocations to local authorities nationwide; if further funding will be allocated to clear backlogs of over ten years in some cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8331/20]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the CLÁR scheme for 2020; when applications will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8332/20]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the length of time he plans for the community services programme support fund 2020 to remain in place to support community organisations through the Covid-19 crisis; his plans to amend the scheme to provide support for a full-time manager position; if participating organisations will also be allowed to avail of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McGrath. [8464/20]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application for funding by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8479/20]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason funding for amateur groups nationally that have experienced very heavy losses announced through Pobal prohibited organisations with charity status working in the arts from applying for these funds (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [8623/20]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a grant aid package will be made available for social enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [9118/20]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when decisions will be made under the community and voluntary stability scheme; the number of applications received; the value of the applications; the amount available for the grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [9176/20]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a school (details supplied) is eligible to apply for funding under the CLÁR programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9207/20]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the eligibility criteria for each element of the CLÁR funding programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9208/20]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports which will be provided to community, social and tourist enterprises that have lost large levels of revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9254/20]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the timeframe will be extended to allow for delays and inevitable changes in circumstances as a result of Covid-19 in circumstances in which community facilities were previously awarded funding under the town and renewal scheme for specific works which must be completed by mid-2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9265/20]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his views on providing additional funding for community organisations to provide young persons with resources and opportunities for social distanced outdoor activities during the summer months in the context of an absence of usual summer camps. — Holly Cairns. [9360/20]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of supports for community centres that will be facing serious financial problems due to the limits placed on the numbers allowed to attend the centres at any one time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [9469/20]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports that will be put in place to ensure the continued existence of the community groups in Columb Barracks, Mullingar, County Westmeath should the ownership of the site be transferred for development. — Sorca Clarke. [9536/20]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9844/20]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

*1056. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person that works in childcare can be forced to use two weeks of their annual leave during lockdown whilst receiving the Covid-19 pandemic payment in view of a report of a childcare provider which has instructed its staff to use two weeks of their annual leave, leaving them one week of annual leave later in 2020. — Robert Troy. [8568/20]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to support the workers in the bus, tour bus and coach industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [8880/20]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to support employees of a company (details supplied) in view of the announcement by the CEO to employees that the company will move forward with the restructuring of the company, including lay-offs; if she will intervene to ensure there is consultation with employees and unions regarding decisions on redundancies and changes to the terms and conditions of employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8979/20]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will extend workplace protections such as holiday pay and sick leave to school secretaries paid by boards of management. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [9117/20]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department will extend the school lunch programme until the end of August 2020; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [9125/20]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the contacts she or her officials had with a company (details supplied) prior to or since the announced closure of the business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9182/20]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which the cited figure of 38% recipients on the pandemic unemployment payment being disincentivised was arrived at in view of the fact they previously earned less than €300 per week came from which was featured in Economic Considerations for Reinstating Economic Activity. — Gary Gannon. [9507/20]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the decision not to facilitate access to emergency rent supplement will be reconsidered in view of that fact this would enable women and children in need of immediate relocation due to domestic violence secure safe housing for a period of three months and or the duration of the Covid-19 national emergency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8334/20]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the person or body with lead responsibility for the coordination of the emergency Covid-19 response to domestic, sexual and gender based violence and the need to 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; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8336/20]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has been in contact with the union representing the workers of a company (details supplied); the position in relation to the situation; and if progress has been made in finding a fair solution for the staff of the company. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8358/20]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an increased payment can be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8398/20]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a review application for carer's benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [8418/20]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8471/20]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there will be an extension given to those in receipt of jobseeker's benefit before Covid-19 restrictions were introduced in view of the fact that there were limited opportunities to secure work during this period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [8492/20]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person that was laid off due to the Covid-19 pandemic can continue to remain on the pandemic unemployment payment despite their employer reopening in order that the person can continue to provide essential childcare in the family home in view of the fact crèches, schools and other childcare facilities remain closed; the steps being taken to help families in this situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8511/20]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the options available in terms of social welfare support if a person that is in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment and can only return to self-employment on a part-time basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8512/20]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1258, 1259 and 1260 of 20 May 2020, when a cheque will issue to the person (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [8515/20]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the situation being faced by the former workers of a company (details supplied) that are awaiting redundancy payments after being laid off prior to the Covid-19 crisis and are facing the issue of their former employer cutting off all contact with former staff including their elected employee representative committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [8520/20]

*1074. 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. [8548/20]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the measures being considered to address the issue of employees returning to employment from maternity leave that do not meet the criteria for the Covid-19 wage subsidy scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8550/20]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8551/20]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8552/20]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8553/20]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8554/20]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a carer's benefit allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8555/20]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if assistance is available for a person (details supplied) in County Kildare in addition to their disability payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8559/20]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kildare is due illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8561/20]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of staff in her Department working in the welfare fraud section; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8563/20]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will include adult literacy tutors on the provision of the pandemic unemployment payment in addition to seasonal hospitality workers in view of the fact their employment has ceased due to Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [8615/20]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps being taken to allow persons that were in the process of changing jobs when the national shutdown commenced but were not actually on the payroll of their new company to avail of the pandemic unemployment payment, many of whom had a full employment history; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [8631/20]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review the back to school clothing and footwear allowance and include those in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance such as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8637/20]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the workers brought to Dublin by a company (details supplied) in April 2020 were in receipt of the Covid-19 payment during their two week quarantine as stated by the company in the national media. — Joan Collins. [8652/20]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be allowed to continue on a community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8655/20]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding extensions to community employment schemes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8659/20]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will introduce appropriate measures to ensure that carers that are in receipt of the carer's allowance and that provide full-time care and attention for children with special needs qualify for the State pension (contributory) in due course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8675/20]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the contract of a person (details supplied) will be extended in view of the exceptional circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8690/20]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if those on career breaks can access social welfare supports during Covid-19 in view of the fact that their plans for their career break cannot go ahead and they have no income; the options those affected have; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [8694/20]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review the exclusion of persons over 66 years of age from applying for the pandemic unemployment payment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8739/20]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of new rent supplement applications received from 12 March 2020 to the most recent date for which figures are available; the number of new claims awarded from 12 March 2020 to the most recent date for which figures are available; the breakdown of these applications and claims by county; and if the availability of this rent support will be extended until the public health emergency is over. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8752/20]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a review of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment is carried out, if it will allow unemployed taxi drivers returning to work to avail of the back to work allowance scheme; if she will consider amending the scheme to facilitate such payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [8836/20]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the hardship facing persons that are awaiting arrears for their Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment; if the case of a person (details supplied) can be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [8858/20]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8861/20]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8862/20]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment counts as contributions or reckonable contributions for the State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8885/20]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) and persons in similar positions did not qualify for the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8888/20]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to provide support for those over 66 years of age that have been unable to access the pandemic unemployment payment but are still suffering from a loss of income due to a loss of employment or earnings. — Paul McAuliffe. [8890/20]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal for a carer's grant by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8891/20]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the percentage of those that have been in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment that previously qualified for a social protection payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [8911/20]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the previous income including social protection payments of those that have been in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [8912/20]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the employment protections being considered or that are in place to ensure security and protection of employees' employment both in the private sector in which they cannot return to work due to no childcare service being available and have an underlying medical condition and in which the employer will not consider unpaid leave or other options; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8917/20]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for the pandemic unemployment payment by a person (details supplied) will be investigated; if the other support options available to the person can be outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8918/20]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person is entitled to receive their means-tested disability allowance payment in another EU member state for a time period under the provisions of EU law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [8931/20]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if discussions are taking place to close an office (details supplied); when a decision will be made on this matter; if she has issued a direction to the board in relation to its duty to provide services in the Irish language to the Gaeltacht community from offices in Gaeltacht areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8945/20]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the level of personal information sharing and or exchange between her Department and An Garda Síochána. — Chris Andrews. [9012/20]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the measures being considered to ensure that employees participating in the wage subsidy scheme do not have their social insurance contributions adversely affected as a result of the use of the PRSI class J9 arrangement currently in place; when such measures will be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9025/20]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will facilitate oral social welfare appeal hearings using video call technology for those applicants that are willing and able to use this technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9027/20]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an invalidity application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9052/20]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the position of assistant supervisor will be funded to manage the meals on wheels project operated by a community employment scheme (details supplied); if she will continue the arrangement authorised and entered into in 2002 when the first assistant supervisor was appointed to the project which continued up to February 2020 when the person retired; and if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the HSE also provides funding for the initiative and without the assistant supervisor position being filled as a matter of urgency, the future of the project will come into question. — John McGuinness. [9063/20]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has considered giving further relief to a greater number of women that stayed at home to raise their family at a time in their lives when they could have gone back to work; if the proposal has been examined in terms of the numbers that may qualify; and if so, the estimated cost. — John McGuinness. [9074/20]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of the review by external consultants of all contracted public employment services; the outcome of this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9097/20]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of contracts with local employment services and jobs clubs to provide activation services and public employment

services; when a decision will be made to extend these contracts; the criteria on which the decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9098/20]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will continue after 8 June 2020; if so, the length of time; the rate which will be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9101/20]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment that were part-time workers; her plans to reform the short-term working support scheme to allow former part-time workers to be eligible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9107/20]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the average number of hours worked per week by pandemic unemployment payment recipients by sector; the average net weekly wage of part-time workers by sector in receipt of the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9108/20]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of businesses that have notified her Department regarding their intention to consider collective redundancies in January, February, March, April and May 2020; the number of jobs involved by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9135/20]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount her Department issued in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in statutory redundancy payments to workers whose employers became insolvent and went into liquidation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9136/20]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to bring legislation forward to give effect to the recommendations in a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9137/20]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of pandemic unemployment payment recipients that were owed arrears; the number that have received arrears payments; when remaining arrears will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9191/20]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the date to which the pandemic unemployment payment will be extended to; and if the current rate of the payment will be maintained throughout the Covid-19 period. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9295/20]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a disability appeal by a person (details supplied). — Norma Foley. [9338/20]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied). — Norma Foley. [9339/20]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age on the pandemic unemployment payment by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9342/20]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of pandemic unemployment payment recipients disaggregated by their previous net weekly pay in intervals of €10 and then €50, using the data that informed page 4 of the report that was published by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Economic Considerations for Reinstating the Economic Activity. — Joe O'Brien. [9344/20]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age that are in receipt of jobseeker's benefit, jobseeker's allowance and signing for credits for 12 months or more in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9345/20]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age that are in receipt of the €112.70, €203 and other varying rates respectively of jobseeker's allowance per week in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9348/20]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age in receipt of the disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9349/20]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age in receipt of the one parent family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9351/20]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of disability allowance that have lost employment due to Covid-19. — Holly Cairns. [9361/20]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there will be a supplementary payment to support persons on disability allowance to supplement their income if they are unable to return to work (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [9362/20]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the firewall will continue in relation to information sharing with the Department of Justice and Equality on social welfare payments for migrant workers (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [9363/20]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on extending payment eligibility to those that have lost employment due to Covid-19 but reside in direct provision. — Holly Cairns. [9364/20]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to review the anomalies in operational guidelines on disability allowance (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [9365/20]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the cost of restoring young persons under 25 years of age on the reduced rates of jobseeker's allowance to the full rate of €203 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9395/20]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fortnightly payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9397/20]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9417/20]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when restrictions allow, if an oral hearing can be arranged for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [9418/20]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when restrictions allow, if an oral hearing can be arranged for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [9419/20]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications for the pandemic unemployment payment which her Department has rejected due to there being no record of the applicant's employment; the steps she will take to investigate those employers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9426/20]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department will make available grants or extend current grants such as the fuel allowance to those workers aged 66 years of age and over that cannot access Covid-19 but are under serious financial stress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9499/20]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the rent supplement guidance circular 22/20 will be extended beyond 31 May 2020. — Gary Gannon. [9501/20]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps she is taking to ensure that the citizens' information services including the phone service, the money advice and budgeting service and the national advocacy service for persons with disabilities are sufficiently funded to maintain and expand their level of service which has been invaluable during the Covid-19 crisis. — Gary Gannon. [9508/20]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if vulnerable persons that were not able to go on Covid-19 illness benefit previously are now eligible; and if vulnerable persons are entitled to two 14 day Covid-19 illness benefit terms. — Gary Gannon. [9509/20]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if clarity will be provided regarding one parent families in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment and another social welfare payment regarding the measures expected to be enacted to claim some portion of this income back (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [9512/20]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applicants awaiting arrears of the pandemic unemployment payment; and the value of same in County Longford in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9559/20]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applicants awaiting arrears of pandemic unemployment payment; and the value of same in County Westmeath in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9560/20]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when backdated weeks of the pandemic unemployment payment will be paid. — Sorca Clarke. [9561/20]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has taken steps to investigate suspected abuse of the pandemic unemployment payment by employers since its

introduction particularly in relation to the misclassification of workers as self-employed; the number of suspected breaches by employers reported and subsequently investigated; the way in which ongoing cases into suspected fraud by employers are ongoing as a result of these investigations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9570/20]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the operationalisation of the school meals programme during school closures as a result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9633/20]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a trial of a basic income model will be supported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9732/20]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by her Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9837/20]

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil: To the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

*1156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 1389 of 20 May 2020, the number of recommendations of the Working Group Report on the Regulation of Short-Term Lettings that have been implemented; the number of recommendations outstanding; if a progress report on the outstanding recommendations will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8964/20]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the rates exemption applied to businesses that had to close also applies to businesses that have partially opened including hotels that provide a very limited service such as takeaway and food. — Stephen Donnelly. [9051/20]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if it is permissible under the Covid-19 emergency legislation for landlords to move family members into properties rented to a third party. — Sorca Clarke. [9562/20]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the register for architectural technicians. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8303/20]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if assurance will be provided that the fire stations in Bundoran and Ballyshannon, County Donegal will be retained to ensure the health and safety of both towns and surrounding communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [8305/20]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of children and adults deemed homeless in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Louth and in each county nationwide in each of the past 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8325/20]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the Land Registry Office to resume its function following the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [8350/20]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding streams available to support traditional seaweed harvesters in maintaining their boat and safety equipment; his plans to make funding available into the future for these harvesters finding it increasingly difficult to ensure a sustainable, full-time livelihood out of managing and harvesting seaweed; the avenues available to individual traditional seaweed harvesters to voice concerns in relation to the seaweed harvesting industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [8382/20]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a directive has issued to exclude the press from having access to the virtual meetings and briefings being held by the members of Kerry County Council during the Covid-19 pandemic in cases in which statutory business is not being dealt with (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [8399/20]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position in relation to the advertisement of a senior executive officer role for Drogheda, County Louth as agreed in late 2019; the expected date for the role to become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8406/20]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the current and long-standing issue of the recruitment and retention crisis within the fire and rescue services nationally and that the last meaningful engagement with significant improvement for retained firefighters was the composite agreement which took place in 1999; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8436/20]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the mass exodus of fully trained and experienced firefighters from the fire and rescue service over the past number of years well before retirement age due to their inability to have a work-life balance and the 50% drop in calls nationally that in turn makes it not financially viable to stay in the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8437/20]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that fire calls are being vetted by fire service management (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that fire service call charges differ from county to county not only in amounts charged to the public and that some counties have call charges and others do not; and the reason persons have to pay for availing of this frontline service but no other frontline service such as An Garda Síochána or the ambulance services. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8438/20]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on whether the fire and rescue service is the best geographically placed organisation to deliver on the co-responder project which would help in reducing the death toll in relation to cardiac arrest and respiratory emergencies in rural areas; and if he will work with the Minister for Health to complete the memorandum of understanding commenced by his predecessors and enable the fire and rescue service to be deployed to respond to these emergency situations. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8439/20]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) that stated that the retained fire service was not fit for purpose; and his plans to ensure that the proposals will now be implemented. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [8440/20]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will review the tenant incremental purchase scheme and the €15,000 minimum income requirement to avail of the scheme due to the significant number of persons that are being denied the scheme albeit living in the homes for decades in some cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [8447/20]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter regarding the opening of offices (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [8509/20]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the position regarding persons that are in arrears in their housing accommodation during the Covid-19 crisis; if landlords can issue notice to them regarding their arrears and consequences for not paying such arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [8531/20]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the capital grants provided to Kerry 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); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [8535/20]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if houses in County Sligo will be included for compensation regarding pyrite defects in their construction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [8542/20]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if contact had been made between his Department and the EU Director General for Competition on the issue of the Land Development Agency since the conclusion of pre-legislative scrutiny of the land development agency Bill 2019 by the Houses of the Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government; if so, the details of the contact; and if correspondence arising from same will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8557/20]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is a grant for the replacement of old septic tanks; if so, if it is available to all households; if a review of previous grants is being prepared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8558/20]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans drawn down by each local authority; if all local authorities have allocated the funding provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [8562/20]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeline for decisions on national funding under the Multi-Annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme 2019-2021 under the application submitted by Cork County Council and specifically the application for Crossbarry, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [8571/20]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to cover the shortfall in funding that will be experienced by local authorities as a result of the non-payment of commercial rates due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [8577/20]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jack Chambers. [8668/20]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if Land Development Agency staff are designated as public officials under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015; if not, the reason; and if he will examine ways in which to ensure they are required to register as designated public officials. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8676/20]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding being provided for the social and affordable housing development at Shanganagh Castle, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8677/20]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the land that has been transferred to the Land Development Agency to date; and if no such land can or will be transferred to it prior to the agency being put on a statutory footing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8678/20]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the public relations consultancy acting for the Land Development Agency is a company (details supplied); if his attention was drawn to this appointment before it was made; and his views on whether there is a conflict of interest in this relationship in view of the fact the company has other residential developers on its books. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8679/20]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the planning application submitted by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council for social and affordable housing in Shanganagh includes proposals to apply the build to rent apartment standards to the social housing component of the development; and if this complies with the standards for social housing issued by his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8715/20]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason his Department is providing a latent defects redress scheme for homeowners affected by pyrite and MICA in counties Mayo and Donegal but refusing to provide similar supports to homeowners with latent defects in other parts of the country; and his views on whether this selective approach to assisting only some homeowners with latent defects could be classed as discriminatory to those homeowners with latent defects that are receiving no support to address serious fire safety and structural issues with their homes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8716/20]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the 733 leased Part V units delivered in 2019 were in addition to or included in the 1,326 Part V units reported in the table included with the press release on the 2019 social housing output released on 22 May 2020 and published on his Departments website; if the same 733 leased Part V units are included in the 1,161 leased total detailed in the same table in the press release; and if so, if this means that the 733 leased Part V units have been double counted in the stock total figure of 10,007 figure in the same table in the same press release. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8717/20]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the 733 leased Part V units delivered in 2019 are lease to buy or if the property reverts to the private owner at the end of the lease term. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8718/20]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 1342 of 20 May 2020, if he will clarify the role and function of the RTB in enforcing

the emergency legislation that sought to provide protection for all tenants from eviction during the period of the Covid-19 crisis; and the reason the RTB is refusing to support tenants facing evictions or the withholdings of deposits during the Covid-19 crisis due to the fact their tenancies are not covered by the 2004 Act, when such evictions are in clear breach of the emergency legislation which a previous response made clear extended to all tenancies even those not covered by the 2004 Act. — Bríd Smith. [8731/20]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address matters in relation to a project (details supplied); the details of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [8737/20]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of the 11,498 site finish social housing units referenced in Appendix 2 of the Social Housing Construction Projects Status Report Q4 2019 by funding programme (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [8783/20]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the retirement age for retained firefighters will be extended from 58 to 60 years of age following the recommendation of the Workplace Relations Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [8812/20]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a landlord agreed a rent increase on the housing assistance payment scheme with both the tenant and the local authority prior to the three-month freeze, can the local authority deny the increase due to the freeze. — Duncan Smith. [8813/20]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the temporary ban on evictions will be extended if deemed necessary; his plans to review a putative expansion to take account of individual situations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Hildegarde Naughton. [8846/20]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he has put in place to ensure a full collection of the vacant site levy (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [8867/20]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures he has put in place to replace lost revenue due to Covid-19 in view of the fact Tipperary County Council estimates the loss due to Covid-19 is €20 million. — Martin Browne. [8868/20]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when an application for a boundary change lodged with the Property Registration Authority submitted by persons (details supplied) in County Galway will be finalised; the reason for the delay in finalising the application in view of the fact the application has been lodged since 2019 and has been with the mapping team for some considerable time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8910/20]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there will be an extension to the current rent and eviction freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [8915/20]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a final decision will be made on a protected disclosure (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8946/20]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the cost guidelines issued to each local authority for the acquisition of houses and apartments for use as social housing units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8955/20]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social houses recorded under the heading of new build in the 2019 Social Housing Update that are leased by local authority area; if they are included under approved housing body or local authority units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8956/20]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding stream from which the 2019 Part V units were paid from by local authority; the spend by local authority per unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8957/20]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the criteria for including a leased unit as a new build in the social housing update; the number of leased social housing units that will end up in the ownership of the State at the expiry of the lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8958/20]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons on the housing waiting list by local authority area; the number of persons in receipt of HAP in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8959/20]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of public private partnership units included in the latest Rebuilding Ireland social housing update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8960/20]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Traveller halting sites considered by his Department to be overcrowded; the number of Travellers living in overcrowded conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8961/20]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount spent on Traveller accommodation in 2019; the estimated amount to be spent in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8962/20]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the effectiveness of communications campaign commissioned by the RTB to make landlords and tenants aware of their new obligations and responsibilities as set out in the Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Act 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8963/20]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of local authorities which have active vacant site registers; the amount collected by the vacant site levy in 2019; the estimated amount that could have been collected if all vacant sites were included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8969/20]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the compliance rate for the vacant site levy compares to the local property tax; the reason for the difference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8970/20]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of sites that were removed from the vacant site registers in 2019; the number of sites that were inspected to ensure compliance with the vacant site levy rules and regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8971/20]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the criteria used to measure housing need in areas with respect to non-operation of a vacant site register by some local authorities due to lack of housing need as per PBO Publication 29 of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8972/20]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress made on the proposals to modernise the electoral register as per his statement of 27 December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [8976/20]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of capital assistance scheme and capital loan and subsidy scheme funded social housing units which have exited their original 20 or 30 mortgages; and his plans with respect to the future use of the units by approved housing bodies. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8989/20]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the rent pressure zone cap of 4% applies to a property which is being transferred from a social rental tenancy with differential rent to a private rental tenancy for the first time within 12 months of the social housing tenancy ending. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8990/20]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the rent pressure zone cap of 4% applies to a property which is being transferred from a RAS tenancy to a private rental tenancy for the first time within 12 months of the RAS tenancy ending. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8991/20]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the rent pressure zone cap of 4% applies to a property which is being transferred from a HAP tenancy to a private rental tenancy for the first time within 12 months of the HAP tenancy ending. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8992/20]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the views of the EU Commission on the delayed timetable for upgrading a number of the non-compliant plants as detailed in the media (details supplied) in view of the ongoing European Commission enforcement proceedings against Ireland with respect to the breaches of the Urban Waste Water Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [8993/20]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to ensure the expansion of the housing first scheme to reduce the demand for emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [9018/20]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the local authorities which have not to date sought funding for Covid-19 support measures for Travellers since the circular issued by his Department on 18 March 2020. — Paul Murphy. [9019/20]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of mobile home units in each case that the local authorities have or are in the process of obtaining for self-isolation as per HSE Covid-19 guidelines (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [9020/20]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the plans the local authorities are implementing to mitigate against Covid-19 infection amongst Traveller families (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [9021/20]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the services and facilities the local authorities have put in place for Traveller families during the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [9022/20]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the ongoing work of the Land Development Agency; the details of the members appointed to the board; the qualifications of each; and the date of appointment of each. — John Lahart. [9046/20]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there are members of the board of the Land Development Agency with qualifications in architecture, town planning and planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9047/20]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average approval offering by each local authority of the 1,550 Rebuilding Ireland home loan approvals made in 2019; the number of loans drawn down in each local authority; and the average amount of the drawn down loans in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9057/20]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for the delay in issuing approval to county councils for housing loans; and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [9075/20]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the remaining policy, legislative or regulatory obstacles that are preventing credit unions from being able to provide funding for social housing through investments in approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [9102/20]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will direct local authorities to accept emails in lieu of stamped salary certificates as is the policy of the commercial lenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9106/20]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a decision will be made on a funding application to develop the northern port access route in Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9138/20]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government further to Parliamentary Question No. 1368 of 20 May 2020, if section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, which relates to strategic infrastructure development alterations, also applies to strategic housing developments; and the procedure for amendments to approved strategic housing development schemes, by which the changes are not considered material alterations. — Róisín Shortall. [9154/20]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to provide public housing in County Monaghan through the local authority and approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9198/20]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the local authorities that have requested additional finding under the Traveller accommodation programme to address the needs of Traveller families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness but unable to access emergency accommodation and therefore not on the PASS system. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9267/20]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures put in place across the four Dublin local authorities and funded by his Department for homeless families and for those not registered on the PASS system in view of the lack of availability of self-accommodation during Covid-19. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9268/20]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the allocation sought by Cork City Council under the Traveller accommodation programme to fund projects (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [9269/20]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures put in place and funded by his Department for Traveller families in north County Cork and Fermoy that have still not been supplied with water or toilets since the Covid-19 outbreak. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9270/20]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to give direction to private landlords of third-level on-campus accommodation to issue rent rebates or provide credits to students that have been unable to avail of their accommodation due to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [9318/20]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the guidelines required to facilitate the mica redress scheme to open for applications will be published by his Department; the reason for the delay in publishing the guidelines; the date on which he expects the scheme to open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charlie McConalogue. [9335/20]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons with disabilities on social housing lists for each local authority from January 2016 to April 2020 in absolute and percentage terms relating to the total list in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [9369/20]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the instances in which he or a Minister of State in his Department made decisions contrary to the advice of the Office of the Planning Regulator in tabular form; and if he will provide a brief rationale for each instance. — Holly Cairns. [9370/20]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on local authorities altering their development plans to accommodate individual large-scale developments. — Holly Cairns. [9371/20]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures in place or planned measures to aid Clare County Council in view of its loss of €19.7 million in commercial rates owing to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9394/20]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the overall national percentage of local authority housing currently vacant, awaiting refurbishment, reallocation or other reasons; the average time vacant; the breakdown by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [9421/20]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if temporary water supplies installed at Traveller sites nationally during Covid-19 will be retained into the future; if they are to be withdrawn as the pandemic subsides; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9424/20]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the advisory body for marine protected areas; when the report on marine protected areas from the advisory body will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9439/20]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will now reconsider all co-living developments including a site (details supplied) following the Covid-19 pandemic. — Paul Donnelly. [9468/20]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if inter-county HAP transfer lists are operating in some or all local councils to facilitate those with housing needs to seek accommodation in areas in which there is more available housing stock at lower rates of rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9498/20]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the assessments that have been carried out on the site of Columb Barracks, Mullingar, County Westmeath to ascertain its suitability for future mixed development incorporating the community groups operating from the site. — Sorca Clarke. [9534/20]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the audit of viability that has been carried out on the site of Columb Barracks, Mullingar, County Westmeath regarding future housing development; and if a site map of the housing development including potential vehicular access points will be provided. — Sorca Clarke. [9535/20]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social housing applicants in long-term leased properties in County Longford; the number of those on the housing transfer list; the number of applicants in receipt of the HAP payment; the number of applicants in RAS accommodation; and the number of applicants in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9538/20]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of properties owned by Longford County Council; the number that are occupied; the number that are voids; and the number under offer pending occupancy in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9539/20]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of properties owned by Longford County Council that are classified as OPDs; and the number suitable for tenants with a physical disability in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9540/20]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of properties owned by Westmeath County Council that are classified as OPDs; and the number suitable for tenants with a physical disability in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9541/20]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of properties owned by Westmeath County Council; the number that are occupied; the number that are voids; and the number under offer pending occupancy in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9542/20]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social housing applicants in long-term leased properties in County Westmeath; the number of those on the housing transfer list; the number of applicants in receipt of the HAP payment; the number of those in RAS accommodation; and the number of those in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [9543/20]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a revenue stream will be provided for Kildare County Council to bid for homes nearing completion in view of the fact that private buyers may have difficulty obtaining a mortgage due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9573/20]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if contingency plans have been considered relating to holding elections and referenda during the Covid-19 pandemic; if so, the nature of the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9574/20]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding will be increased for Kildare County Council in view of the collapse in income due to Covid-19; if so, the amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9575/20]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his officials will liaise with a housing association (details supplied) to ensure that all public health guidelines are being adhered to and to ensure there is a health and safety audit of the entire complex including fire safety in view of concerns in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9605/20]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the strategic housing development legislation will be suspended in view of the fact that the current health crisis shows that good quality public and affordable housing is needed which this legislation has not provided but instead has contributed to planning permissions for co-living and overpriced large-scale development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9606/20]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the work being carried out within his Department in respect of the national obesity plan specifically regarding developing guidelines and support materials for those working in developing the built environment of urban development and planning in relation to reducing the obesogenic environment; the status of this matter; when the proposed event on same will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [9629/20]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by his Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9841/20]

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*1264. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of reported cases of wildlife illegal poisonings and or killings from January 2016 to April 2020, in tabular form; and if in each case a person or persons were prosecuted. — Holly Cairns. [9393/20]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will engage with arts and arts workers in Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8291/20]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter regarding travel to offshore islands (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8431/20]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a decision to not shoot wood pigeon in 2020 has been made; and if so, the way in which the decision was arrived at. — Kathleen Funchion. [8474/20]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding allocated for the restoration of the Ulster Canal in 2019; the expenditure at the end of 2019; the works that were undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8502/20]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if funding can be provided in 2020 for the restoration of the Ulster Canal; the works that will be undertaken in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [8503/20]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if further clarity will be provided to photographers and other artists on the way in which they can ensure compliance with Covid-19 restrictions when they return to work; and if detailed guidance will be made available to assist photographers and other artists to comply with same. — Patrick Costello. [8536/20]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the price achieved in the sale of a site (details supplied) which was owned by Údarás na Gaeltachta; the number of other companies that had expressed an interest in purchasing part or all of the site owned by Údarás na Gaeltachta in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [8643/20]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the date the National Famine Commemoration Day 2021, due to take place in Buncrana, County Donegal will be held on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Brophy. [8681/20]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business identifies the final phase as the likely phase for the reopening of cinemas; if she has compared this to the reopening dates identified for cinemas in other European countries; if she has made representations to the Minister for Health in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8706/20]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she has met with representatives of a theatre (details supplied) further to correspondence of 8 May 2020 to her detailing its financial concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8708/20]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to provide financial support to a theatre (details supplied) in view of the financial crisis at the theatre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8709/20]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she or her officials have discussed the financial crisis at a theatre (details supplied) with the Arts Council; if so, the supports that will be made available to the theatre as a result of those discussions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8710/20]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the financial provisions and supports her Department will make available to theatres once they are permitted to reopen that will have reduced capacity as a result of social distancing requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8711/20]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she or her officials have made representations to the Minister for Health in relation to the impact the imposition of a social distancing requirement of two metres would have on theatres, cinemas and other cultural events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [8712/20]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will reconsider the ban on the shooting of wood pigeons; the consultation she has had with stakeholder organisations prior to the ban being introduced; the scientific analysis the ban was based upon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [8724/20]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of a turf compensation payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8755/20]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the action being taken by her Department in relation to the redesignation of the main channel of the Blackwater River as a special area of conservation for the freshwater pearl mussel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [8806/20]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of some members of the local community in the Baile Ghib Gaeltacht, County Meath regarding the melting of plastic and the subsequent emissions or fumes from this in an Údarás na Gaeltachta factory (details supplied); if she will engage with Údarás na Gaeltachta in relation to these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [8837/20]

*1283. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén uair a fhógrofar pacáiste cúnaimh dúnadh Coláistaí Gaeilge mná tí agus pobail de bharr nach mbeidh na Coláistí Gaeilge ar oscailt I mbliaina; an fáth go bhfuil an oiread moille ar an gcoinneadh; ar chuir sí mbeanran faoi bhráid an rialtais faoin ábhar seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8942/20]

*1284. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil i gceist teacht i gcabhair ar na hallaí agus aiseanna pobail a bheidh thíos ó thaobh ioncaim dhe leis an gcinneadh gan aon choláistí Gaeilge a bheith ann I mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [8953/20]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter regarding the condition of the roads within Killarney National Park (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [8954/20]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding allocated to the Royal and Grand canal greenway projects; the progress made to date on works; and the expected completion date of works of each stage and or section of these projects. — Catherine Murphy. [9055/20]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a one-off emergency post-Covid-19 restart grant payment in association with the Arts Council will be considered for small regional theatres in view of the potential loss of six months or longer in ticket sales (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [9130/20]

*1288. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta stádas an phróisis idirbheartaíochta atá ar siúl idir a Roinn, Údarás na Gaeltachta agus Coláiste Lurgan maidir leis an plean atá acu suíomh a fhorbairt in Indreabhán; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [9225/20]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to uphold the status of the freshwater pearl mussel as a qualifying interest in the main channel of the Blackwater River special area of conservation as recently affirmed by a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [9321/20]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will implement measures at least in the special areas of conservation for which the species is a qualifying interest with the goal of improving the bad overall status of the freshwater pearl mussel to be in compliance with the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [9322/20]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the percentage of the Arts Council funding programmes in the previous three years pre-Covid-19 emergency awarded to musicians, music projects and music programmes as opposed to other disciplines within the arts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9450/20]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding for grants Culture Ireland had available for 2020 before the Covid-19 emergency generally and for music-specific applications; if that same funding for grants will be made available during and post the Covid-19 emergency to artists, acts, touring groups and so on in the absence of international touring and performing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9451/20]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount available to the touring and dissemination of work scheme; if that funding will now be made available to artists, performers and touring groups that cannot travel abroad or perform due to the Covid-19 emergency measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9452/20]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department is or will receive funding from the EU Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative; if her Department has applied to receive additional funding from this initiative to protect the arts and entertainment sector while shut down during and beyond the phased reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9453/20]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the supports which are being or will be made available through the Creative Europe programme for the island of Ireland; the funding or State mechanism that funding and support will be disseminated through; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9454/20]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will be requesting that all artists, performers, technical and arts workers will be given extended access to the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment and businesses in the sector to have extended access to the temporary wage subsidy scheme in view of the fact that the sector will remain in shutdown beyond the period most other sectors can return to functionality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9455/20]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a list of the protected structures in relation to Columb Barracks, Mullingar, County Westmeath will be provided; the details of suggestions to amend the records; and the date of the most recent survey carried out by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. — Sorca Clarke. [9532/20]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her Department will organise and fund a series of small scale events in line with public health guidelines and physical distancing across heritage sites to provide work for Irish artists in order to showcase Irish art; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9596/20]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will consider purchasing a property (details supplied) to add to the State list of great houses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9597/20]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the action she has taken or will take to address the fact that Irish film production companies making live action films at studios (details supplied) that chose to terminate the employment of all film production crew in response to Covid-19 rather than retain them as employees under the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9598/20]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will set out, including implementation dates, the procedural, licensing, publicity and customer service arrangements her Department has made towards continuing to meet these important responsibilities since the commencement of Covid-19 restrictions on 12 March 2020 with regard to the Wildlife Act 1976 as amended and Article 9 of the Birds Directive, and her responsibilities under this legislation to derogate in the interests public health and safety and for the protection of air safety, crops, flora and fauna and others. — Louise O'Reilly. [9620/20]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will review negative impacts of urban-living seagull colonies on communities and make recommendations with regard to the 2020.21 State-wide Declaration under Article 9.1.a of the Birds Directive and the consultative committee she approved in October 2018 and that commenced its work in June 2019 (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [9621/20]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the amount that has been spent on advertising in 2020 by her Department and agency on social media platforms (details supplied) in tabular form; and the name of each campaign advertised. — Sean Sherlock. [9834/20]

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