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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north east inner city initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15758/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in the policy and programme implementation unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15759/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach the number of advisers that will be employed by the Government; the number of advisers he will be employing in his Department; and the process for the selection of these advisers. — Alan Kelly. [15770/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a high-level review of the economy to be led by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15760/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a special Cabinet committee on restoring jobs lost in the pandemic. — Alan Kelly. [15903/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Cabinet sub-committees he has established; the membership of each; and the role and function of each. — Alan Kelly. [15771/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a reformed structure of Cabinet committees. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15949/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the convening of Cabinet subcommittees. — Mick Barry. [16087/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone call with the UK Prime Minister. — Alan Kelly. [15772/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone call with the German Chancellor. — Alan Kelly. [15905/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagement with the President of the EU Commission. — Alan Kelly. [15906/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the discussions he has had with other heads of government since he assumed his position. — Mick Barry. [16088/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if his attention has been drawn to the recent decision of the courts to strike down the sectoral employment order in place for electrical workers; and if he will bring forward legislation to support and reinforce the SEO and strengthen it from further attacks of this nature. — Louise O'Reilly. [15876/20]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to address the defects identified in legislation relating to the making of sectoral employment orders following the recent High Court judgment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [15993/20]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he will implement legislation or measures to prevent tactical insolvency and ensure that workers are protected in insolvency situations. — Louise O'Reilly. [15877/20]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the modelling that has been undertaken to quantify the impact of Covid-19 on the sectors he plans to provide assistance to in the context of the proposed July stimulus; the persons that conducted the modelling and analysis; if it will be factored into the stimulus measures; if he has consulted with his Ministerial colleagues in the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the stimulus; and if aspects will require an early budget. — Catherine Murphy. [16040/20]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the regulations will be amended to make Covid-19 an occupational illness having regard to the immediate, exceptional and manifest risk posed to human life and public health by the spread of Covid-19, thus ensuring occurrences of same amongst workers in the workplace are reported to the Health and Safety Authority. — Louise O'Reilly. [15752/20]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to review and strengthen the co-operative legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15761/20]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to enable SMEs to return to capacity in circumstances in which it is possible; and his further plans to strengthen the resilience, productivity, and innovation of SMEs. — Cormac Devlin. [15818/20]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the review of the business re-start grant has commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15800/20]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of IDA visits to Waterford city and county in the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [15822/20]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he will meet with representatives of construction, contract cleaning and security workers to discuss the way in which to safeguard pay rates in these and other sectors in view of recent court rulings that could dramatically affect workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15812/20]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the action he is taking on foot of the High Court ruling that SI No 251 of 2019 Sectoral Employment Order (Electrical Contracting Sector) 2019, providing minimum rates of remuneration and other matters for workers in the electrical contracting sector, was made ultra vires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15807/20]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the further grant supports for small and medium enterprises being considered by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15798/20]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to obviate the negative impact of Brexit on the economy here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15689/20]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if funding loaned or granted under schemes offered to assist businesses due to Covid-19 will be made contingent on businesses which have not been tax compliant becoming tax compliant within a certain short time frame, on business fulfilling Labour Court recommendations and on businesses with outstanding cases at the Workplace Relations Commission committing to a definitive date by which they will attend to resolve such cases. — Louise O'Reilly. [15754/20]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps he plans to take to assist events businesses which are very seriously affected by Covid-19 to survive financially through the crisis taking into account their importance economically, socially and culturally to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15664/20]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to review regulations on business. — James Lawless. [15820/20]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his priority legislation in the area of workers' rights and employment legislation; if the Employment Permits Act 2007 will be amended for migrant workers to make it possible to access the WRC and Labour Court; if legislation regarding SEOs and collective agreements will be strengthened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15814/20]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the consideration his Department is giving to additional measures that may be needed to support the hospitality, retail, entertainment, arts and leisure sectors. — Marc MacSharry. [15801/20]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the new €2 billion credit guarantee scheme will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [15806/20]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures he is taking to support small and medium enterprises in the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15793/20]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the amending of employment legislation and the Companies Act 2014 will be made a priority in view of a dispute at a company (details supplied) and the past failure to legislate and in further view of the Duffy Cahill report; if the passage of the Protection of Employees (Collective Redundancies) Bill 2017 will be supported which passed second stage in the 32nd Dáil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15813/20]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he will list the requests made under section 10(4) of the Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014 to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission; his plans to make a further request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [15682/20]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which he expects to combine enterprise and innovation in the context of maximising economic recovery from the Covid-19 crisis; the degree to which he has identified precise job numbers to be realised in this context on an annual basis over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15688/20]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if Enterprise Ireland and his Department have conducted its review of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund to identify gaps in funding provision in support of regional enterprise development; if so, the findings of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15762/20]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the detail of the requests made under section 10(4) of the Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014 to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission; his plans to make a further request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15635/20]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the funding that has been made available for each of the schemes offered to assist businesses due to Covid-19; the number of applications to each scheme; the number of unsuccessful and successful applications, respectively; the amount approved and sanctioned for successful applicants under each of the schemes; the amount actually released to successful applicants under each of the schemes to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [15753/20]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps he is taking to secure employment in Ballinasloe, County Galway following a review of operations announced by a company (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15676/20]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount of funding provided to businesses under the business restart grant; the number of companies that have received funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15804/20]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports his Department will provide to outdoor active tourism businesses that are facing closure due to the restrictions of Covid-19 and high insurance costs with no access to credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15764/20]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the position regarding the establishment of a regional IDA science and technology park or equivalent for Castlebar, County Mayo to enhance the competitiveness of the county globally for inward investment and ensure balanced and sustainable job creation in the county (details supplied). — Alan Dillon. [15691/20]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps he is taking to support remote working within his Department, its agencies and through the funding supports provided to business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [15684/20]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to deal with a no-deal Brexit; if businesses along the Border will be supported by measures that will lessen the impact of a no-deal Brexit; and the measures he is considering to help businesses through a no-deal Brexit (details supplied). — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15749/20]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number and value of grants disbursed under the restart grant scheme since its inception; the average grant disbursed under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15816/20]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to safeguard the pay and rights of construction, cleaning and security workers affected by a recent High Court judgement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15809/20]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the initiatives his Department is taking to support enterprises with significant reliance on seasonal business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15795/20]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he will consider extending the restart grant which is administered by the local authorities to include non-rate paying businesses. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [15763/20]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to incentivise behaviour that supports Covid-19 national public health priorities in particular remote working; and when the strategy for remote working to facilitate employees in working from home or from co-working spaces in rural areas will be published to support the retention of skilled young persons in rural communities. — Alan Dillon. [15690/20]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if measures are being put in place to ensure that companies with sufficient cash reserves are not unnecessarily

availing of Covid-19 financial support thus reducing the pool of funds available for those companies that need it. — Mairéad Farrell. [15767/20]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a review of the policy with regard to data centres will be undertaken in view of the fact that data centre development is projected to add at least 1.5 million tonnes to carbon emissions here by 2020 and the obligations under climate change legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15975/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*52. To ask the Taoiseach the controls in place to ensure that the Commission of Investigation into the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation will achieve its objective in a timely and cost-effective manner. — Peadar Tóibín. [14716/20]

*53. To ask the Taoiseach when updated data will be released by electoral division further to the release of Covid-19 cases up to 12 June 2020 by electoral division by the Central Statistics Office. — Emer Higgins. [14815/20]

*54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role. — Alan Kelly. [14853/20]

*55. To ask the Taoiseach the super junior Minister that will not be receiving the extra supplementary payment for sitting at the Cabinet table. — Alan Kelly. [14898/20]

*56. To ask the Taoiseach the details of his advisers; and the salaries and remuneration they will each receive. — Alan Kelly. [14922/20]

*57. To ask the Taoiseach the additional roles and changes being put in place in the offices of An Taoiseach, An Tánaiste and the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport that were not in place previously; and the amount the roles and changes will cost in each area in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [14984/20]

*58. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with the President of the United States of America since his appointment as Taoiseach. — Sean Sherlock. [15061/20]

*59. To ask the Taoiseach the heads of Government in the European Union he has spoken with since his appointment; and the nature of those discussions. — Sean Sherlock. [15062/20]

*60. To ask the Taoiseach his counterparts he has spoken to since his appointment as Taoiseach. — Catherine Murphy. [15269/20]

*61. To ask the Taoiseach the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [15534/20]

*62. To ask the Taoiseach if planning for phase 4 of the revised Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business retains social distancing measures; if further detail will be provided on planning for phase 4; and when the general public will be advised of the measures that will follow phase 4. — Róisín Shortall. [15875/20]

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

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to improve farm safety nationally. — Alan Kelly. [14909/20]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a report on Irish involvement in the Horizon 2020 programme has been commissioned; if so, when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15119/20]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of establishments investigated by the HSA for breaches of guidelines on return to work since 29 June 2020 by county and business activity in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [15132/20]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of the support for the Mercosur trade deal. — Patricia Ryan. [15566/20]

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps he is taking to support remote working within his Department, its agencies and through the funding supports provided to business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15636/20]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the restart grant will be extended to sole traders that do not pay local authority rates in view of the fact that they could not and did not trade due to the effect of the Covid-19 crisis on their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14736/20]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up the role of Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14796/20]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the financial supports available for self-employed persons including taxi drivers to assist them getting back to work post-Covid-19. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14834/20]

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Trade Promotion; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15052/20]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Employment Affairs and Retail Businesses; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15053/20]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a reply will issue to proposals set out by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15073/20]

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he will give consideration to the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15081/20]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when live music in venues will recommence; the guidelines that will apply to musicians and venues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15240/20]

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the sanctions for employers that do not follow the published Return to Work Safely Protocol, for example, failure to provide masks or to facilitate social distancing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15372/20]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if specific supports are available for travel management companies and travel agencies as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [15429/20]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the application by Ireland to become a full member of CERN will be progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15526/20]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if business support policies can be reviewed to provide greater help to microbusinesses that contribute to the national economy on a smaller scale but to the local community on a bigger scale than many other businesses; if he will give consideration to reviewing wage subsidies for casual staff in view of the fact that longer operating hours are now required and wage subsidies should be proportionate to new working hours as opposed to looking at pre-Covid-19 payments; if he will give consideration to offering more direct grants for businesses stay afloat until the end of the Covid-19 emergency as opposed to grants for hiring business consultants; if he will give consideration to offering restart grants to cover the additional costs for trading during the Covid-19 emergency, such as PPE, sanitiser and screens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15646/20]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if a social insurance record will be provided to a person (details supplied) that worked in the Department of Industry and Commerce from June 1972 to September 1978 for which the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection has indicated it has no records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15656/20]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports available to sole traders over 66 years of age that are impacted by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15696/20]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the supports available to a self-employed taxi driver impacted by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15827/20]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 872 of 30 June 2020, if he is satisfied that window restrictors on sale as separate items of hardware which can be fitted to a window after manufacture and which are not covered by harmonised European standards are safe to use and adequately regulated and monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15843/20]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures he will implement to ensure that small businesses have access to loan schemes that were established due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15845/20]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when pubs can organise and host live gigs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15914/20]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures in the July stimulus package for taxi drivers and the taxi industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15953/20]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which he expects to encourage foreign direct investment in the future in view of Brexit and the international political scene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16003/20]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to set specific targets in relation to job creation with a view to a major positive impact on the creation of employment in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16004/20]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which he can liaise with his colleagues throughout the European Union with a view to maximisation of efforts in a coordinated fashion to support job creation in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis and Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16005/20]

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the details of the mission statement of his Department in the context of the recovery of Ireland and the European Union following the Covid-19 crisis and the added complication of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16006/20]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the steps to be taken to bring about economic recovery following the economic impact of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16007/20]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which alternative markets continue to be found for Irish products in view of the impact of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16008/20]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which he is of the view that the available funding under the microenterprise loan scheme can be made available to a vastly increased number of applicants thereby increasing their chances of recovery and progress in the aftermath of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16009/20]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the extent to which efforts continue to be made to invest in modern industry throughout the island of Ireland with a view to ensuring the maximum positive impact on international markets for products originating throughout the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16010/20]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which efforts continue to be made to identify new markets throughout the European Union and globally for Irish exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16011/20]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which he continues to support and drive the creation of new enterprises in the indigenous sector nationally with particular reference on the need to encourage the generation of employment throughout the regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16012/20]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the degree to which he remains confident that Ireland continues to have the ability to attract foreign direct investment at a level required meet the economic needs of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16125/20]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the range of supports that will be put in place to support remote working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [16126/20]

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures being put in place to help business move online during the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [16127/20]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the specific measures being considered to protect businesses facing into the Covid-19 recovery which will affect businesses long after 1 January 2021 and a potential no-trade deal Brexit simultaneously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16128/20]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures that will be put in place to protect vulnerable industries particularly the agri-foods industry post-Brexit in view of the fact no trade deal will be better than the UK and Ireland both trading within the EU single market (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16129/20]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures that will be put in place to reform company law in view of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16130/20]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if the business restart grant will be reviewed; if further grant supports for SMEs will be considered in view of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16131/20]

Chun an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil: To the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

*104. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the mechanisms in place for persons residing in private apartment complexes to install electric car chargers at their own cost in their parking spaces or to encourage management companies to allow residents to do so as in the case of residents in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14793/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he has considered measures to reduce thefts of catalytic converters such as requiring proof of vehicle ownership before catalytic converters can be sold on the market. — Paul McAuliffe. [14832/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the Minister that has responsibility for the environment. — Alan Kelly. [14904/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the Minister that has responsibility for waste management. — Sean Sherlock. [15069/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the national retrofit plan; if the pilot scheme that was cancelled in 2019 will be rerun; the details of future undertakings of the pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [15943/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if additional funding will be available to local authorities which have exhausted their trading online voucher allowance for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16095/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if fibre broadband will be put in place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14678/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of broadband for Muckloonmodderree, Cornamult and the Terryglass areas of County Tipperary; when the areas will receive fibre broadband through State intervention and the National Broadband Plan in view of the fact the area was brought into the amber region following the 2019 NBP mapping consultation review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14717/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14798/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if measures will be put in place to make scooter schemes available to local authorities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [14929/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if consideration will be given to redrawing the Eircode boundaries to keep them separated by county, in view of the fact parts of east County Clare are grouped with County Limerick, which can prove challenging when persons need to give their Eircode to access services. — Cathal Crowe. [14936/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the restructuring of his Department; the agencies and offices that now fall under his remit; the offices and agencies that have been removed from his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14958/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated budget allocation for his reconfigured Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14959/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of applications for the SEAI renewable heat deep retrofit scheme; the number of approved applications from January to June 2020; the cost of approved applications; the budget allocated to the SEAI for the scheme; the processing time for applications to the scheme; when letters of offer will issue on such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14986/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to ensure that funds from the community benefit funds of €2mwh on renewable energy schemes will be administered by an independent body such as the municipal authority or the local LAG for the Leader scheme; the consultation he plans to have to ensure these funds are directed at the communities locally that host renewable energy schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15179/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if there is grant aid available to a person (details supplied) that needs a mobile booster to receive mobile reception and broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15216/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the process by which the licence fee is paid to RTÉ having been collected by An Post; if payment is made on a regular basis such as quarterly or yearly; the way in which the payments were made during 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15305/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the new renewable electricity support scheme requires the wind farm developer to submit a bid in the upcoming RESS auction in order to be connected to the grid; and if the developer is unsuccessful, when the next RESS auction will take place. — Jackie Cahill. [15386/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the new measures he is planning for those that do not have sufficient financial resources particularly those with a disability to support them in the retrofit in view of the target to retrofit 500,000 houses; and if there are existing supports for persons on a disability outside the mainstream grants. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15469/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding provided to RTÉ in each of the years, 2019, 2018 and 2017; the sum allocated to RTÉ in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15501/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the allocation made in 2020 to RTÉ for independent productions commissioned by RTÉ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15502/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding allocation made to media outlets other than RTE; and the funding each outlet received in 2019. — Imelda Munster. [15506/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding allocation made to the sound and vision fund in 2019; the expected funding for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15507/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding allocation made to TG4 in each of the years 2017 to 2019; and the expected spend for 2020. — Imelda Munster. [15511/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the percentage emissions reduction target set for each of the next five years; the plans in place to achieve these reductions; the estimated cost of achieving same; the modelling used to underpin the assumptions on which the reductions are based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15645/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be available at a house (details supplied); the steps the owner can take to accelerate the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15692/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the recent report carried out by UL and NUIG, headed by a person (details supplied) which has found that as much as 31% of plastic exported from Ireland for recycling is not recycled; his views on whether such a practice could harm public confidence in recycling; his plans to decrease this figure to zero; his further views on whether Ireland cannot adopt an out of sight, out of mind mentality when it comes to the disposal of plastic waste; his further plans to improve downstream traceability to ensure plastic exported from Ireland for recycling is actually recycled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [15776/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if energy improvement grants awarded in 2020 will continue into 2021 (details supplied) under the new Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15933/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when funding will be provided to Bord na Móna for the enhanced peatland rehabilitation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15973/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16141/20]

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*134. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if critical road infrastructure such as the proposed Adare bypass (details supplied) in County Limerick will not be abandoned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14719/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration will be given to a proposal by a person (details supplied) to boost the tourism sector and ensure small local businesses survive the difficult economic situation due the Covid-19 crisis. — Cathal Crowe. [14732/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the start date for the commencement of the construction of the J14 link road and Bracken Link Road, Sandyford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [14747/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the tender process for the construction of the J14 link road and Bracken Link Road, Sandyford has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [14748/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the appointment of contractors for the construction of the J14 link road and Bracken Link Road, Sandyford has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [14749/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter regarding a dealership number in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14784/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the cost of daily disinfecting and cleaning the public bike scheme in Cork, Dublin, Limerick and Waterford in each area in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [14812/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has approved the cancellation by Dublin Bus of all school transport contracts operated by private bus companies in the Dublin area; his plans for the way in which those private bus operators that depend on school transport contracts will continue in business if the school transport contracts are cancelled; his further plans for the way in which and by which service operator a comprehensive school transport service is to be provided at least to the level previously provided when the schools reopen if the private school transport contracts are cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14954/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the consultation with driving instructors that has taken place with the view to restarting driver tests; if he is satisfied appropriate guidelines will be in place to resume testing and lessons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14955/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he plans to support the thousands of workers employed in airlines and the airline industry in view of the huge challenges now facing the sector due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14956/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding requested by each airline in view of the challenges facing the sector due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14957/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration will be given to prioritising frontline workers that are waiting for driver tests due to the postponement during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14968/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to conduct an impact assessment on the future limitations to capacity at Connolly Station that the proposed planning application at 115 Amiens Street will have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15017/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the criteria for the allocation of Covid-19 funding support for the sport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15115/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports available to taxi drivers that have been impacted from Covid-19 and have still been unable to return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15213/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the proposal presented by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will engage with the organisation and respond to its proposals. — Róisín Shortall. [15324/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when Sport Ireland will announce the opening of applications for assistance under the €70 million grant scheme; and the process sporting clubs can apply for this funding. — Róisín Shortall. [15325/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the Irish Rail Rosslare line service (details supplied); and when the normal schedule will return. — Steven Matthews. [15343/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide grants to private bus companies that have lost all their income since March 2020 as a result of Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15362/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide the reports conducted by her Department into the return-to-play protocols for contact sports including medical advice from the Chief Medical Officer among other public documents. — Steven Matthews. [15629/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when tourist offices can reopen under the revised Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business guidelines. — Holly Cairns. [15892/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding provided to each local authority on the transfer of a harbour under the Harbours Act 2015; the date and amount of each transfer in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16096/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the M11 and N11 junction upgrade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16097/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is considering introducing legislation or providing funding to reduce the impact of noise from motorways in particular the M50; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16098/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason driver licence centres will not accept cash; the way in which persons without bank cards are to be accommodated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16113/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the further steps he plans to take to assist tourist and hospitality businesses which are very seriously affected by Covid-19 to survive financially through the crisis taking into account their importance economically, socially and culturally to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15664/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the findings will be published of the financial and economic appraisal of proposals to extend the western rail corridor (details supplied). — Ciarán Cannon. [14668/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views and advice in relation to a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14669/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of timelines for the M20 Cork to Limerick road; and if funding has been ring-fenced for the construction of the road. — Sean Sherlock. [14697/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding has been ring-fenced for the Northern Relief Road at Mallow, County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [14698/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a NTA office will be created in Cork city to deal with transport infrastructure demands in the city and county. — Sean Sherlock. [14699/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to publish the rail review report on the western rail corridor from Athenry, County Galway to Claremorris, County Mayo; when a decision on the report will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14704/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to ensure the enforcement of compulsory face coverings on all public transport services; when he expects enforcement to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14705/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason Bus Éireann buses nationally do not have screens fitted that could help drivers and passengers to mitigate the spread of Covid-19; if there are plans to provide such screens to its fleet; the estimated cost of same; and the time frame envisioned for this to take place. — Bríd Smith. [14778/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a plastic copy of a licence will issue to a person (details supplied) as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14782/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14810/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date on which the issuing of road haulage licences will commence; the number of pending applications; and the anticipated time frame required to clear the backlog. — Catherine Murphy. [14819/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to change the driver licence criteria that would allow licence holders in category D and D1 to drive vehicles in category CE and C1E. — Catherine Murphy. [14820/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will give final approval to a grant for a project (details supplied) under the large-scale sporting infrastructure scheme in view of the recommendation by the former Minister of State that the project would be funded following the results of the appeals process; if the matter will be given urgent priority in view of the amount of time that the applicant has waited since the application was made and the merits of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [14830/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he plans to ensure compliance with mask wearing by members of the public on public transport in the interests of worker and passenger safety. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14833/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the financial supports available for self-employed persons including taxi drivers to assist them getting back to work post-Covid-19. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14835/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the preparations being made for the development of the north ring road in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14839/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he will review the national roads plans. — Alan Kelly. [14902/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the next sports capital programme will commence. — Alan Kelly. [14903/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timelines for the delivery of the new M20 motorway between Cork; and the milestones he expects to be reached in 2020 and 2021 in relation to the project in chronological order. — Alan Kelly. [14915/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extra funding he plans to provide to national sporting bodies in 2020 to assist with Covid-19. — Alan Kelly. [14918/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to extend the domestic tourism season in 2019 outside of those already announced to date. — Alan Kelly. [14919/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14945/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the geographical units used regarding investment by his Department; and the transport coordination unit investment delivered in each of these geographical units for the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [14962/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps being taken to monitor and enforce the wearing of face coverings and masks on public transport; the penalties that apply to those that do not comply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14970/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the alternative public transport arrangements available for commuters that for valid reasons are unable to wear face coverings and masks on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14971/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason driver testers that were employed by the RSA on contract and whose contracts ended on 1 May 2020, did not have their contracts renewed or extended; the further reason driver testers employed on contract which ended on the 25 June 2020 had their contracts extended by four months; the basis on which the matter was decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14981/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the basis on which driver testers with the RSA that are on temporary contracts are selected for permanent contracts; if all such permanent contracts are awarded on this basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14982/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage; if this proposed development will be prioritised in view of the cross-Border tourism potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14990/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of flights from the United States of America; if his attention has been drawn to a recent EU recommendation on restricting such flights to help mitigate the spread of Covid-19; the supporting measures in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14996/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when mediation will begin between the National Transport Authority and a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15007/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the procurement of nine LocalLink routes in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15008/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will offer guidance to persons that have booked overseas travel during the period of time when official health guidance is to avoid such travel but in circumstances in which the airlines and or tour operators are refusing to offer compensation or credit for deferrals or cancellations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15037/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for International and Road Transport and Logistics; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15058/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount spent by each local authority on cycling and pedestrian infrastructure; and the details of each scheme by local authority in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [15067/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to hire additional driver testers to clear the driver test backlog nationally. — Sean Sherlock. [15068/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if employment incentives will be made available to the tourism sector for a new or developing small enterprise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15077/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding the NTA has awarded to Kildare County Council in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020; the amount awarded to each individual scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15080/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on whether the public bike scheme in Cork should be expanded to county towns on rail links. — Sean Sherlock. [15083/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport : if he will give consideration to the situation facing persons that have not been able to use their motor vehicles during the Covid-19 emergency period in view of the fact they cocooned on public health advice; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many are now facing large bills from their local motor tax offices for arrears and that they were unable to avail of an off road declaration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15089/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if there is legislation or policy to allow driving schools that had parked up vehicles for a number of months during lockdown to claim a refund on motor tax paid for that period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15096/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the development of the aviation recovery plan through the establishment of the Taskforce for Aviation Recovery; when the plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15124/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to publish the report prepared by a company (details supplied) in relation to the western rail corridor from Athenry to Claremorris; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15129/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to develop a comprehensive policy in relation to commuter services on all existing lines into Waterford, Limerick and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15130/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of persons that are ordinarily resident here but driving on licences from another country; if he has considered the possibility of converting these licences into Irish licences as an emergency Covid-19 measure to help reduce the waiting list for driver tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15143/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15148/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15149/20]

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*209. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15153/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter regarding road traffic accidents (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15161/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter regarding collisions and road traffic deaths involving alcohol (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15162/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which he is concerned regarding the risk to the domestic market for the remainder of 2020 posed by entry to the State by residents of other countries or re-entry by Irish residents; his views on whether Covid-19 testing at points of entry would be an effective way of replacing the quarantine requirement presently in place and an effective way of protecting confidence in the domestic market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15169/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the extent to which consideration has been given to Covid-19 testing at points of entry to the State as an effective way of replacing the quarantine requirement presently in place; the specific findings or recommendations associated with such considerations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15170/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider exemptions to the two week return self-quarantine for international travel in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15191/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the regulation that all taxis must be less than nine years old on their licence renewal date will be extended for a person (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [15206/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the criteria used to determine if a club is deemed to be in an area of disadvantage for the purposes of funding; if and the way in which this can be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15226/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the decision by the Dublin Airport Authority to seek payment from taxi drivers in August 2020 for the full following year for access to Dublin Airport; if he will intervene with the authority in view of the fact that many taxi drivers are presently still on benefits such as the pandemic unemployment payment due to the fact the business has suffered a catastrophic collapse and many drivers will struggle to pay the full years' fees in advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15244/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will intervene with Irish Rail and urge it to operate a full Monday to Friday schedule on its DART, commuter and intercity services

in view of the restrictions on passenger capacity and the likely increase in numbers travelling; his views on the proposal of Irish Rail not to operate a full service until September 2020 on many of its services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15245/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to an instance in which a parent and a child with autism that had attended a hospital appointment were prevented from boarding a bus from Limerick to Dublin due to the fact they were only destined for Roscrea, County Tipperary and not Dublin; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties that parent has also encountered in getting a seat on a Dublin to Limerick bus at Roscrea; if there is a policy to give preference to passengers travelling the full journey of a bus service; and his plans to give parents of children with special needs priority access to transport services. — Martin Browne. [15256/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if all Gaelic games players competing in 2020 will undergo compulsory Covid-19 testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15258/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of taxi permits issued by the Dublin Airport Authority to taxi drivers in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [15265/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will prioritise the further rolling out of the LIFT rural transport scheme further to its successful piloting in Keel and Castlemaine, County Kerry; if his officials will engage further with LocalLink organisations and relevant stakeholders in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15284/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a clear directive will be issued in relation to foreign travel and of moneys paid to airlines should a person not travel in respect of Covid-19 advice or regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15315/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated full year cost of purchasing 15 additional 55-metre-long Luas trams. — Paul McAuliffe. [15366/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the Luas extension to Finglas, Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15367/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which an association (details supplied) will distribute additional funding provided to grassroot football clubs. — Paul McAuliffe. [15368/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if final approval will be given to a grant for a stadium (details supplied) under the large scale sporting infrastructure scheme; if the matter will be given urgent priority in view of the amount of time that the applicant has waited since the application was made and the merits of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [15371/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a representative for workers in the tourism industry will be appointed to the Tourism Recovery Taskforce (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15385/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date the temporary funding supports announced on 25 June 2020 will issue to private bus operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15400/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the engagement he and relevant State agencies have had with representative bodies in the private bus transport sector; the dates such engagements took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15401/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to set up a transport forum within his Department to deal with the impact of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15402/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the distinct protections, advice and oversight of tourist and non-tourist arrivals from countries deemed to have a safe level of Covid-19 infections to those with an unsafe level; if the effectiveness of the proposed approaches are evaluated either by way of international experience or domestic trials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [15458/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans for Covid-19 testing within sporting clubs. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15470/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will advise travel agents that are liable for refunding clients that have booked holidays but cannot travel due to public health advice in circumstances in which the airline and hoteliers will not refund, in view of the fact the flights are running and the agent will be out of pocket jeopardising their business. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15472/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures being taken to ensure the driver theory test backlog caused by Covid-19 is cleared quickly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15492/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver tests for cars will resume; the measures being put in place to deal with the back log of those waiting for tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15496/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding allocated in June 2020 to sporting bodies; the amount received by each sporting body or sporting governing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15503/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the funding allocated for sports in June 2020 will involve a grant scheme for individual sports clubs in financial difficulty due to Covid-19. — Imelda Munster. [15504/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding allocation made to Tourism Ireland in each of the years 2017 to 2019; and the expected spend for 2020. — Imelda Munster. [15508/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding allocation made to Fáilte Ireland in each of the years 2017 to 2019; and the expected spend for 2020. — Imelda Munster. [15509/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the funding allocation made to local authorities for tourism purposes in each of the years 2017 to 2019; and the expected spend for 2020. — Imelda Munster. [15510/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the requirement for US citizens and returning Irish emigrants to sit a theory test, take driver lessons and a driver test within one year of living here will be extended by four months due to the Covid-19 restrictions on driver tests and lessons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15514/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider introducing a reciprocal agreement with the United States of America on driver licences in view of the fact the current requirements place an undue burden on Americans and returning Irish emigrants that are actively recruited to invest and work here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15515/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if even headway profiles are used in bus transport services here; his views on whether this is the best approach in the public transport system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15516/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will reinstate pre-7am services from Monasterevin train station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15574/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide clarity for those persons that have booked holidays abroad regarding clear guidelines for travel; and if they will be compensated for choosing to follow current guidelines which would leave them out-of-pocket. — Patrick Costello. [15587/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will review the concerns of a person (details supplied) regarding asymptomatic cases; if he will address the concerns; if he will review the proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15593/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many hoteliers that have not met the criteria for the restart grant find themselves in a situation in which they have no access to supports other than Covid-19-related loan schemes which would put them into more debt; his plans to address this problem that affects many in the tourism industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [15607/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if refunds will be arranged to be provided to persons that have booked foreign travel which has been deemed non-essential in cases in which their holidays are due to commence before 20 July 2020; the advice being provided on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15631/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if funding previously committed to extend the runway at Waterford Airport has been released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15644/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver tests will resume in Clonmel, County Tipperary; the reason for the delay in resuming tests at the test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15661/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if theory tests have resumed in Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15662/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if those living abroad with Irish driver licences that cannot travel home to renew same can extended their licence until all travel restrictions are lifted; the provisions available to persons that cannot get an appointment to renew their licence prior to the expiry date due to the unavailability of appointment slots and in cases in which the person does not hold a public services card and therefore cannot apply online; if persons that cannot get an appointment prior to their expiry date will have their licence extended until appointments become available (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15663/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if rain shelters will be placed outside NCT centres (details supplied) to ensure that those being made to wait outside are sheltered from the elements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15693/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to put hybrid cars back on the plan for limited companies as opposed to just electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [15727/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a stimulus package or other forms of support for the taxi sector are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [15780/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to deal with the backlog of driver test appointments in the Finglas test centre. — Paul McAuliffe. [15829/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to ensure that persons that paid for airline travel and in circumstances in which it is necessary to cancel such travel due to Covid-19 restrictions and quarantine requirements, will have full refunds of the cost of the tickets; the engagement he has had to date with the airline carriers; if he will ensure that consumers receive fair treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15830/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if regulations will be amended to allow SPSVs, taxis and hackneys to pass the required SPSV suitability tests in view of the fact that Covid-19 guidelines provide for perspex screens between drivers of such vehicles and their passengers in order to prevent their insurance being voided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15879/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding the reopening of the Killucan, County Westmeath train station; if a decision has been made as to when the station will reopen; and the engagement he has had with a group (details supplied) since becoming Minister. — Sorca Clarke. [15883/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an additional bus stop for the Wicklow to Glendalough LocalLink bus route will be put in place to facilitate residents of a direct provision centre (details supplied) in view of the fact that no other public transport exists in the area leading to increased isolation for those residing in the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15912/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the National Driver Licence Service did not extend the validity of driver licences beyond 30 June 2020; if the matter will be reviewed for those drivers that fall outside the criteria for online renewal and cannot obtain a timely appointment such as a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [15929/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the €11.2 million allocated to National Transport Authority under the accessibility retrofit programme was spent in each of the years 2018 and 2019. — Patrick Costello. [15931/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if an aircraft (details supplied) was given approval to land and refuel at Shannon Airport on 1 July 2020; if the aircraft was approved to transport weapons, munitions or other military materials through Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15961/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a series of matters in relation to the non-renewal of school transport contracts (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15964/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to provide Covid-19 testing for GAA players to prevent outbreaks in the community; if this could be seen as urgent in view of the fact that social distancing in the sport is deemed impossible; and if financial support will be made available to fund such a strategy. — Patrick Costello. [16015/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the train timetable for Carlow will return to a normal schedule; if services ceased during Covid-19 will be reinstated (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [16022/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 114 of 7 July 2020, if the advice since February 2020 constitutes advice not to travel; the body a person can complain to regarding breaches of this directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16028/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the relevant meetings with his officials will be organised to progress a proposal (details supplied) in relation to the provision of an athletics track and municipal stadium which is much needed in the east County Meath area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [16033/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the efforts he is taking to ensure airlines refund customers that have followed advice to restrict foreign travel for essential business only and cancelled flights leaving many thousands out of pocket; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16109/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if specific measures to assist the bus and coach sector will be included in the July stimulus package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16118/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce enforcement powers to make the wearing of masks on public transport mandatory; and if so, when the powers will be introduced. — Richard Bruton. [16119/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding a road project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16121/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16140/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance if seasonal tourism businesses will be able to avail of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15202/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the ring-fencing of the sugar tax to tackle obesity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15480/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans in relation to travel management companies and other business travel companies and the extension of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15512/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to amend the help to buy scheme for persons that build their own home in order that the reckonable limits apply to the cost of the home rather than the LTV rate in view of the fact that the current conditions discriminate against rural dwellers that build on their own land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15700/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance if banks have continued to accrue interest on accounts availing of the Covid-19 repayment holiday period without an obligation to do so; the measures he plans to take to motivate and incentivise banks to reimburse such interest to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15880/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary wage subsidy scheme will be expanded to include seasonal restaurants and other businesses open during summer months when tourism is at its peak; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15918/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding seasonal employers that have requested inclusion in the temporary wage subsidy scheme but that have been denied due to the fact their businesses were not operational by the cut-off date of 29 February 2020. — Pa Daly. [15998/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions he has taken or proposes to take in relation to persons that have been refused the drawdown of mortgages due to the fact they are on the Covid-19 payment by the pillar banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14683/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance if the VAT rate on sun cream (details supplied) will be removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14713/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance if a matter in relation to the temporary wage subsidy scheme (details supplied) will be investigated with the Revenue Commissioners; if contact will be

made with the company in order to resolve the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [14727/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14803/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 63 of 30 June 2020, the way in which he can reconcile the fact that dividing an annual salary paid monthly by 52 results in a higher number than if calculated in accordance with the guidance for ANRWP; and if a review will be conducted of payments made through the temporary wage subsidy scheme to ensure that no underpayments occurred. — David Cullinane. [14813/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce better regulation of the insurance industry. — Alan Kelly. [14908/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Finance the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Financial Services, Credit Unions and Insurance; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15043/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the Covid-19 payments beyond August 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [15065/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company that has placed employees on the temporary wage subsidy scheme and submits a questionnaire to the Revenue Commissioners' and has not lost 25% of turnover, will not have to pay anything back to the Revenue Commissioners' on behalf of employees and those employees will continue to receive a tax bill at year end for being on the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [15085/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications that were received for banking licences here in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15106/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of new banking licences that were issued here in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15107/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the roll out of the Ireland for Finance strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15108/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will expand the temporary wage subsidy scheme to include seasonal workers that had not returned to work by the deadline in March 2020 and that face little prospect of employment for the remainder of 2020 unless covered by the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15155/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Finance if the top-up payment paid to the staff member under the temporary wage subsidy scheme currently would be declared a tax deductible expense for the business owner in view of the fact that the business owner is currently paying income tax or corporation tax on the top-up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15164/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding his options for the reduction of the 13% VAT rate currently applicable to the hospitality sector; if he cannot lower this rate below 5%; if so, the reason; if he has had contact with the European Commission regarding potential VAT reductions in the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15165/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Finance the amounts generated by the 23% VAT rate in each year since 2012, in tabular form; if he has considered reducing the rate to stimulate business, particularly in the retail sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15166/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount generated by alcohol excise duty in each year since 2012, in tabular form; if he has considered reducing the rate to stimulate business, particularly in the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15167/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to custom duties and VAT on the import of medical devices and protective equipment from countries in order to help in the fight against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [15207/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on correspondence in respect of the VAT rate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15227/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider temporarily reducing VAT on retail (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15233/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter in relation to the temporary wage subsidy scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15249/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacancies by job title in the Office of the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman as of 3 July 2020; and the estimated full-year cost of filling these vacancies in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [15263/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a company (details supplied) is permitted to make staff redundant whilst availing of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; if this can be suspended until all options are assessed, that is, to give business a chance to recover after Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15295/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering the introduction of a tax credit to allow persons to buy digital technologies to assist them to work remotely. — Paul McAuliffe. [15369/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Finance if a series of matters will be examined in relation to credit unions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15391/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the temporary wage subsidy scheme cannot be amended to allow those seasonal businesses that were not yet fully operational on 29 February 2020, but which would have been fully operational since March or April 2020, to avail of the scheme in order that they can return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [15408/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which those self-employed persons now on Covid-19 payments will be taxed in 2020 and into 2021; and the way in which their tax credits will be applied for this tax year and the next; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15417/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Finance the methods by which VRT on imported cars are calculated; the mechanism there is for appeal in circumstances in which an error has clearly been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15474/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Finance if immediate action will be taken to eliminate the backlog in the vehicle registration process in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15525/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to personal injuries claims being taken on the basis of persons claiming to have contracted Covid-19 in specific premises; if there is a clear plan to ensure business are not unfairly held liable in these circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [15699/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Finance if yoga studios will be included in the reduced VAT rate group of 9%, matching the reduced rate enjoyed by other sporting facilities and activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15855/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Revenue Commissioners are issuing letters to many SMEs which claimed the Covid-19 restart grants informing them that their business accounts will be audited; the reason for such actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [15881/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the accrual and charging of interest accrued during the moratorium period for mortgage payment breaks issued in the context of Covid-19 was not required under EBA guidelines in advance of his meeting with an organisation (details supplied) and five retail banks on 11 May 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15900/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the situation regarding the rumoured tax bill at the end of the year for those on the temporary wage subsidy scheme. — Cathal Crowe. [15967/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Finance if guidance will be issued to banks regarding mortgage applications from persons whose income has been protected by their employer via the temporary wage subsidy scheme but are being refused regardless. — Cathal Crowe. [15969/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary wage subsidy scheme will be reviewed to ensure payments being made to employees are subject to the usual PAYE system rather than allowing potentially significant tax liabilities to develop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16103/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16134/20]

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

*319. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total and individual Departmental cost in 2019 for public private partnerships for schools and education facilities, hospitals, health related facilities, roads and other transport infrastructure and housing projects. — Brian Stanley. [14726/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position of retired members of An Garda Síochána in respect of pension entitlements following the FEMPI cuts from 1 March 2012; his plans to restore parity in pension entitlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [15172/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will provide immediate additional funding to assistance and equipment to Leitrim County Council to enable works to be completed on the recent landsite location in Drumkeeran, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [14686/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the likely timescale for the completion of the tender process for a project (details supplied); when the project is expected to go to construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14791/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14808/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the changes he plans to make in relation to public procurement procedures. — Alan Kelly. [14905/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the undermining of a building by a river at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14976/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to improve freedom of information legislation. — Alan Kelly. [14998/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for the OPW; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15041/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Public Procurement and eGovernment; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15042/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to reconsider the position of his Department in relation to releasing to the public, information on the pension payments of individual former Taoisigh and Ministers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15070/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will provide an embankment at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15090/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will review the plans for the remainder of the 2020 season in respect of Skellig Mhichíl, County Kerry in view of the acceleration of the Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business and the enormous economic boost to south County Kerry that reopening the site to visitors would bring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15186/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if construction on the new forensic science laboratory has started; the time frame for completion of the project; and the estimated cost of the project. — Catherine Murphy. [15266/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter regarding a car park (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15320/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent by the OPW on the refurbishment of Santry Garda station in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [15364/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the contractor which will be appointed for the construction of a new INTREO centre in the old library building in Tuam, County Galway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15406/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding a bridge (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15719/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans of the OPW in the near future to reopen the Ashton and Islandbridge gates in the Phoenix Park to traffic in view of the fact that the closure is causing serious disruption to residents traveling by necessity in a north to south direction from many neighbourhoods in the Dublin 15 area. — Paul Donnelly. [15826/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will liaise with Leitrim County Council to put a fund in place to help stabilise the situation in Drumkeerin in the wake of the recent landslide; if additional funding will be allocated to the council to reinstate the roads affected by the landslide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15902/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on a matter regarding lands adjacent to a building (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16107/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16138/20]

Chun an Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

*341. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter regarding a seal cull (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14780/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the Minister which has responsibility for the National Parks and Wildlife Service. — Alan Kelly. [14917/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps she will be taking to remedy the persistent failure to designate special areas of conservation under the habitats directive more than five years after the deadline expired in view of the fact the European Commission has now referred Ireland to the Court of Justice of the European Union for breaches of the directive (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15204/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason EU site-specific conservation objectives have not been established for 87 sites of community importance; and the reason necessary conservation measures have not been established at any of the 423 sites of community importance. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15205/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the annual budget for rhododendron ponticum clearance in Killarney National Park in each of the years 2000 and 2019, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15219/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of rhododendron ponticum in the previously cleared oak woodlands of Killarney National Park; when the last assessment of the woodlands took place; and if it was carried out by independent scientific experts. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15220/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if there has been an independent scientific review of the rhododendron ponticum clearance methods currently being used by Killarney National Park; and if those methods have been compared for effectiveness with previous methods employed by a company (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [15221/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the EU formal complaint regarding the Annex I habitat in Killarney National Park and the presence of rhododendron ponticum; the steps taken to rectify the issues raised in the formal complaint; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15222/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the draft national architecture strategy; and if she will consult with the incoming Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage at the earliest opportunity on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15223/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter regarding peg holders (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15237/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if consideration will be given to financial assistance for aquariums (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15287/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of tests carried out in Monveanlagh Bog in March 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15420/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding available for 2020 for each heritage function that will be transferred from her Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15467/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will consider conducting an investigation into a possible famine site (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15979/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the further steps she plans to take to assist arts businesses which are very seriously affected by Covid-19 to survive financially through the crisis taking into account their importance economically, socially and culturally to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15664/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps she plans to take to reduce the cost of transporting goods to the islands in view of the disproportionate cost associated with freight on purchases by islanders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14787/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by her and each Minister of State in her Department upon taking up each individual role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14799/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the supports which will be available to the arts industry following the difficulties posted by Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14841/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter regarding the future of coursing (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14953/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when service blocks along the River Shannon around Lough Derg will be fully opened by Waterways Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [14997/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for the Gaeltacht and Sport; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15039/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the offices and agencies under the remit of her Department. — Imelda Munster. [15259/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when a copy of the Ministerial briefing of her Department will be published. — Imelda Munster. [15260/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the Scéim Pobal Gaeilge funding for County Mayo and rest of the country in view of the fact that there is concern regarding the proposed reorganising of the scheme. — Alan Dillon. [15336/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of requests submitted under freedom of information legislation to her Department in each of the years 2009 to 2019; the average initial estimated cost of FOI requests in each of the years; the quantity and value of estimated costs that were in excess of the overall maximum fee in each year; the quantity of requests in each year pursued by the applicant after having been provided with an initial estimated cost; and the average fee paid by applicants that received information from her Department under FOI legislation in each year in tabular form (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [15465/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of an application by a group (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [15647/20]

*367. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén fáth gur campaí samhraidh amuigh faoin spéir amháin atá ceadaithe ag an Roinn i mbliana, go mór mór ag togáil san áireamh na háiseanna breátha pobail atá ar fáil ar fud na Gaeltachta agus an drochaimsir atá coitianta in Éirinn; an raibh sé seo bunaithe ar chomhairle sláinte phroifisiúnta; má bhí, an bhfuil sí sásta an chomhairle seo a fhoilsiú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15659/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will introduce a new grant scheme to support the renovation of old and derelict farmhouses or other buildings in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15701/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the events industry can expect guidelines on best practice for events in view of physical distancing; and if so, when they can expect to receive such guidelines. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [15726/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the actions she plans to take following the meeting with art workers and freelance technicians represented by an organisation (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [15862/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if specific funding will be provided for the arts sector due to the severe difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15863/20]

*372. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil i gceist aici méadu a dhéanamh ar mhaoiniú Fhoras na Gaeilge le gur féidir leis an bhForas a chuid a dhéanamh maidir le forbairt na teanga mar theanga phobail faoin Stráitéis Fiche Bliain don Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15864/20]

*373. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an dtógfar mná tí a bhí le scoláirí a choinneáil faoi scéim na bhFoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge den chéad uair i mbliana san áireamh sa scéim cúitimh atá ar fáil do na Mná Tí de bharr Covid 19; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15865/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the recent destruction in the Mealah Valley, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15894/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of prosecutions relating to wildlife crimes under the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012 and the European Communities Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations 2011 from January 2014 to May 2020, inclusive in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [15895/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her priorities to further support artists and performers here; if funding for the arts sector will be reformed to ensure artists, actors and performers have adequate access to Arts Council funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15919/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the National Famine Commemoration will take place on the third Sunday in May 2021 in Bunrana, County Donegal. — Paul Murphy. [16032/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16143/20]

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil: To the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the three-month rates waiver scheme for businesses forced to shut due to the Covid-19 crisis announced on 2 May 2020 will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14926/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will review restrictions on planning permissions for dwellings on the national secondary road network in instances in which the proposed dwelling would be located in an area of reduced speed limit such as 80km per hour (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15171/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the necessary works can be completed in the property of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15290/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if local social welfare offices and staff are exempt from the payment of rates; the local authorities that operate under this premise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [15299/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of lead connections as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency that require replacing by county and available smaller geographical unit in tabular form. — Matt Carthy. [15709/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the action and steps he will take regarding commercial premises in town centres in circumstances in which the owners are

refusing to lease or sell the premises, yet continue to avail of rate reductions, negatively impacting surrounding businesses. — Pa Daly. [15999/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the income eligibility limits for social housing in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan will be reviewed as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14643/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the financial challenges of Cork City and County councils; and if he is considering direct financial support in view of the loss of key income streams. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14658/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of a planned retrofit scheme to be rolled out by his Department to assist homeowners in improving the energy efficiency of older homes. — Robert Troy. [14674/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if grant funding will be provided to enable the live streaming of local authority meetings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14714/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will publish the report into alleged planning irregularities in County Donegal; and the action he plans to take on foot of the findings of the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14786/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14806/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a decision has been made on a developer-provided infrastructure application for an estate (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14818/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to positively change planning legislation in the months ahead. — Alan Kelly. [14912/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to ensure An Bord Pleanála meets its timelines for making planning decisions. — Alan Kelly. [14913/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for electoral reform. — Alan Kelly. [14914/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of calls under the Project Ireland urban regeneration and development fund; and the timelines for the announcement of future funding under the fund. — Alan Kelly. [14916/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of void council units for each municipal district within the Clare County Council area approved for refurbishment funding; the number of units completed for the end of April, May June and to date in July 2020; and the number of properties allocated by Clare County Council in quarter 2 for 2020 by month in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [14967/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if issues in relation to planning will be addressed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15000/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the provision of an adequate supply of affordable and local authority housing in line with current and growing needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15004/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a site has been identified for a new fire service facility in Dunleer, County Louth; when work will commence; the planned completion date for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15022/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will provide a report on the status of houses affected by pyrite; if further funding or supports will be provided for house owners that wish to carry out ongoing monitoring of their property or remedial works; if a scheme can be agreed with mortgage providers to accommodate the sale of such properties in circumstances in which the levels of pyrite has been consistently low over a number of years and in which major defects have not materialised; if he and the Minister for Finance will consult with the Central Bank on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15030/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15050/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Heritage and Electoral Reform; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15051/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the implementation of the Moorhead Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15116/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to bring forward new foreshore legislation to update the law in relation to the issuing of seaweed harvesting licences along the coast in view of the potential of this industry, if carried out in a sustainable manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15128/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to change the salary cap threshold for first-time buyers of houses that apply for State loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15136/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will set up a new homeless task force; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15138/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he plans to take to make up the funding shortfall in 2021 in relation to the equalisation fund to both Galway County Council and Galway City Council as highlighted in the expert report on the amalgamation of both councils which highlighted the urgent need to deal with this matter before a restructuring

of the councils took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15175/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of the tenant purchase (incremental) scheme 2016 was completed; when he plans to publish the review; when he plans to make changes to the scheme; the reason for the delay in doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15176/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the times the discretionary top-up for HAP payments was used in 2019 in County Wicklow by municipal district; the average percentage amount of this top-up per municipal district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15229/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of single persons and family units, respectively in Bray, County Wicklow that presented as homeless to the local authority in 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15230/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons on the social housing list in Bray, County Wicklow; the number on the list in Bray, County Wicklow for over 12 years; the number of children awaiting housing on the list in Bray, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15231/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of income thresholds to qualify for a place on a local authority housing list will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15321/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the latest EPA report detailing problems with 50 wastewater treatment plants nationwide; the reason completion dates for the upgrade of wastewater treatment plans in breach of the urban wastewater treatment directive have been moved from 2021 to 2024; the way in which this will affect the ongoing European Commission enforcement proceedings against Ireland for breaches of the directive; and the capital budget for wastewater treatment plant upgrades in each of the years 2014 to 2024, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15373/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the provision of funding for the construction of municipal wastewater treatment plants in Craughwell, Corofin and Abbeyknockmoy, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15394/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the €1 million in additional Local Government Fund allocations will be provided to Galway County Council; if the Local Government Fund matrix will be adjusted to increase funding to local authorities whose funding is below the average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15403/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the Moorhead Report; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15409/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a progress report will be provided on the cost rental project at Enniskerry Road, County Wicklow; the estimated rental cost of each onsite unit; the status of the roll out of further cost rental projects nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15531/20]

*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the pay rise recommended for city and county councillors in the Moorhead Report will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15568/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if a Covid-19 risk assessment has been carried out for wastewater treatment plants and for outdoor workers that clean blocked sewers. — Michael McNamara. [15581/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if PPE has been deemed necessary for and provided to workers that clean blocked sewers. — Michael McNamara. [15582/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if special training has been afforded to workers that clean blocked sewers in order to minimise their exposure to Covid-19. — Michael McNamara. [15583/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if Irish Water and the local authorities that have carried out temperature testing for those that work at wastewater treatment plants. — Michael McNamara. [15584/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the different stages of wastewater treatment have been assessed for risk. — Michael McNamara. [15585/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is an airborne risk to staff in wastewater treatment plants. — Michael McNamara. [15586/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the funding allocated from the urban regeneration and development fund for the North Quays project, Waterford; when further funding will be announced; the amount of funding expected to be allocated; if this involves funding to move the train station onto the North Quays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15606/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce new legislation in relation to leave to apply for substitute consent in line with the EIA directive in view of a recent Supreme Court decision in relation to planning; when it is intended to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15655/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the most recent average construction and all-in development costs for one, two, three and four bedroom social houses and one, two and three bedroom social apartments delivered under the SHIP programme in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15735/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of acquiring one, two, three and four bedroom social houses and one, two and three bedroom social apartments under Part V in 2019, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15736/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost per unit of the 1,119 social housing turnkeys that were delivered in 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15737/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of delivering a turnkey unit for social housing by approved housing bodies in 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15738/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of acquiring a unit by local authorities for social housing in 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15739/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of acquiring a unit for social housing use through the buy and renew scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15740/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated cost to the Exchequer due to revenue lost in rates and non-rates by local authorities due to Covid-19. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15741/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the expert group on Traveller accommodation published in July 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15742/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount allocated to each local authority for rental property inspections to date in 2020; and the projected increase in funding for this purpose for 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15743/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the expenditure on HAP in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15744/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the expenditure on SHCEP in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15745/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the expenditure on RAS in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15746/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the total allocation and drawdown of housing adaptation grants in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15747/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average cost of retrofitting a social home in 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15748/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the research being conducted by the ESRI on rental debt during the Covid-19 crisis will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15774/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if staff working in private homeless services and hostels are required to be Garda vetted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15838/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the building regulations will be changed in order to ensure that each new building has a non-fossil fuel heating system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15842/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the actions that have been taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in apartment complexes; if property management companies are required to implement protection measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15887/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to review the tenant incremental purchase scheme to allow those that were tenants of Part V houses prior to the introduction of the regulations to proceed with the purchase of their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15938/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of the HAP payments being paid on a weekly basis by family dynamics and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16026/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the supports available to renters unable to acquire a mortgage to purchase a home; his plans to provide further supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16115/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16136/20]

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

*449. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans for a Border poll in the lifetime of this Government. — Alan Kelly. [15140/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when applications for the foreign births register will be allowed again. — Sean Sherlock. [15160/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his plans to implement the commitments made in the New Decade, New Approach agreement in Northern of Ireland and the commitments made by Ireland in relation to building and funding the A5 road and the expansion of the Magee Campus in Derry. — Peadar Tóibín. [15383/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland has joined or plans to join the Covid-19 technology access pool initiative led by Costa Rica and the World Health Organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15916/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the preparations for a post-Brexit deal between the European Union and the United Kingdom; the measures in place specifically if no deal is reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15794/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the diplomatic missions such as embassies and consulates that were closed and not reopened as part of cost saving measures in the

past ten years; if a cost analysis has been carried out on reopening the missions; and if so, the cost. — Seán Crowe. [14660/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the recent steps taken by Ireland, the EU and the international community to address the ongoing instability in Yemen; his plans to increase Irish Aid funding in view of the looming food insecurity crisis in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14680/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the response by Ireland to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Yemen; the actions he plans to take to offer support to the population of Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14735/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14804/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he will address a matter regarding foreign travel and self-isolation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14821/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for EU Affairs; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15040/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Overseas Development Aid and Diaspora; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15047/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the turnaround times of passport applications since the resumption of services post-Covid-19 restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [15066/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has engaged with the Chinese authorities in relation to events in Hong Kong; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15100/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens that completed an official traineeship in the European Commission in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15102/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens that undertook the EU Concours competition in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15103/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens that passed the EU Concours competition in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15104/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish civil servants that are currently on secondment to EU institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15105/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland will use its membership of the United Nations Security Council to push for resolution in relation to Western Sahara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [15185/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the processing of passports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15189/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the location of each of Irish embassy and consulate across the world; and the staff complement in each embassy and consulate. — Michael Ring. [15193/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the premises of each Irish embassy are either owned or leased or rented by the State. — Michael Ring. [15194/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the new build and purchase programme for embassies undertaken over the past ten years. — Michael Ring. [15195/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the role of embassy staff in the allocation and distribution of overseas foreign aid; and the amount of such aid per embassy in each of the past five years. — Michael Ring. [15199/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the legal analysis on the revised international legally binding instrument to regulate in international human rights law the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises that has been conducted by a group of EU countries including Ireland; when this analysis will be publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15238/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken formally to his Japanese counterpart to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [15264/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the foreign birth registration unit will recommence the processing of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15356/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has expressed to the Chinese Government his concern regarding the situation in Hong Kong, the new national security law and its implications for human rights; and if he has expressed his concern with the Chinese Government at the treatment of the Uighur minority in China and human rights breaches against them. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15358/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the recent steps taken by Ireland, the EU and the international community to address the arbitrary arrests of peaceful demonstrators and issues regarding forcibly disappeared persons by the Assad regime in Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15457/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when it is planned to hold a referendum on Presidential voting rights for those living outside the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15847/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if he has spoken to the Ambassador to Russia since 1 April 2020. — Patrick Costello. [15940/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16144/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*481. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which the aide-de-camp (details supplied) for the Tánaiste can be justified; and the amount this will cost. — Alan Kelly. [14985/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide details of peace keeping missions until 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15101/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on an organisation being affiliated to a union (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [14695/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14800/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which he plans to increase and stabilise the strength of the Defence Forces at all levels across the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15003/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Defence if funding will be secured for the 20mm secondary gun replacement on each Naval Service ship. — Catherine Murphy. [15279/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Defence if funding for the upgrade of explosive ordnance disposal robots will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [15280/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Defence when construction works will commence on a new headquarter block for the Army Ranger Wing at the Defence Forces Training Centre; and the time frame for the completion of this project. — Catherine Murphy. [15281/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Defence if a full review will take place in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15328/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the Army has pulled out of selling a house at a location (details supplied) to the tenant despite having agreed to the sale on three different occasions. — Chris Andrews. [15338/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the Army is refusing to perform vital maintenance works on a property (details supplied) but will not give the tenant permission to perform the works themselves; the reason the Army is falling to keep their properties to acceptable living standard as other landlords are instructed to do; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [15339/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Defence the plans of the Army for the 12 houses situated at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [15340/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Permanent Defence Forces as of 30 June 2020; if he will provide a breakdown of each rank across the three services; the gender breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15609/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces as of 30 June 2020 with regard to each of the three services and each rank; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15610/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits to the Permanent Defence Forces to date in 2020 with regard to each of the three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15611/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits to the Reserve Defence Forces to date in 2020 with regard to each of the three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15612/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Defence if the defence budget, specifically Vote 36, is on profile; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15613/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16142/20]

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

*499. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the options open to third-level students whose private landlords refused to provide rent refunds to students forced to leave accommodation due to Covid-19; his plans to encourage landlords to provide refunds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14708/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all third-level institutions have provided rent refunds to students impacted by Covid-19; the supports available for students unable to obtain refunds from private landlords; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14709/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the supports that will be put in place for national schools (details supplied) with regard to children attending from a local direct provision centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14745/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to review whether the age of vehicles operating school transport services can be safely extended to 25 years subject to six monthly CVRT testing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15005/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to review whether the age limit for drivers within the school transport system can be safely increased to 75 years of age in line with

other drivers on other services subject to medical certification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15006/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person over 70 years of age is permitted to drive a school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15319/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the autistic spectrum disorder units at primary and post-primary level being funded in County Dublin in 2019 and 2020; the number, name and location of those approved for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16089/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the 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; and the relevant mathematical equations. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14644/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that applied for calculated grades; and the number that have applied for same that will not receive a calculated grade for that subject. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14645/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the approach she plans to take to ensure that those in fifth year in the 2019/2020 academic year are not disadvantaged by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and the adjustments that will be made in terms of the exam or courses and various other matters to compensate for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14646/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps that will be taken to ensure ongoing education of students or teachers and teaching staff in the event of a person being immunocompromised and unable to attend school buildings in the normal way or in the instance of students, teachers or teacher staff displaying symptoms. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14647/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if steps are being taken to ensure standardisation and the establishment of best practice models for remote learning in the event of a further outbreak of Covid-19; and the additional investment in technology and online access in such an event. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14648/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the roadmap for a full return to education will be published (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14649/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all additional hygiene costs including refuse costs incurred by schools will be carried by her Department and not incurred by the school or passed on to parents. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14650/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reduction in the number of international students expected to attend third-level institutions here in the 2020/2021 academic year than in the previous academic year. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14651/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated number of students that will defer a course in third-level institutions in the 2020/2021 academic year compared to the previous academic year. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14652/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she is considering expanding SUSI to take into consideration the fact that it has not been increased in recent years and in view of the uncertain employment situations of many workers at this point. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14653/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if further consideration has been given to or the status of a financial package for the third-level institutions; and if so, if it will include increased SUSI, HEAR, DARE and Access funding to ensure expansion of access to third-level education. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14654/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which adequate space will be ensured in the CAO process for the 2021/2022 academic year, in view of the fact that there may be an increase in deferred applications and an increase in international places, to ensure that those studying the leaving certificate in 2020/2021 will have adequate access. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14655/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on whether there will be additional places available in third-level places through the CAO process in 2020; and if so, the number. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14656/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the engagement that has taken place with schools on reopening in September 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [14664/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will review the decision to locate new temporary educate together facilities and buildings on a site adjacent to a school (details supplied) which has been earmarked for a long-awaited extension to the school that had been agreed by her predecessor; if she will ensure the redevelopment of the school on the earmarked site and identify another location for the school which is needed to bolster school places in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [14670/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the additional supports that are available to children that have a dual diagnosis of autism and verbal dyspraxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14672/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process by which a student (details supplied) can secure a predictive grade for the leaving certificate having studied at home without a teacher or tutor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14676/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will request that private schools provide a partial refund on the fees parents have paid as a result of schools closing during the year in the same manner that insurance companies have provided partial refunds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14682/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the project planned for a school (details supplied). — Alan Farrell. [14700/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there are plans to accommodate funding for science PhD students whose studies were delayed due to Covid-19 (details supplied); and if the funding will be extended to ensure they can complete their work. — Alan Farrell. [14701/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which the grant scheme for parents of children included in the July provision to help with transport costs will operate; when the scheme

will be available for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [14712/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provisions are being made for applicants to the CAO for undergraduate medicine that completed the leaving certificate in previous years (details supplied); if there is a reduction in international students taking-up course offers on undergraduate medicine programmes; if the places can be made available to EU applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14715/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a child (details supplied) will be allowed to engage in the summer scheme for children with disabilities. — Sean Sherlock. [14729/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a clear and consistent approach for the resumption of third-level education will be ensured for students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14730/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has responsibility for SUSI. — Sean Sherlock. [14737/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the person or body with responsibility for SUSI. — Sean Sherlock. [14738/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he has responsibility for Science Foundation Ireland and the funding lines of same. — Sean Sherlock. [14739/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the Minister with responsibility for Science Foundation Ireland. — Sean Sherlock. [14740/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she has responsibility for the Irish Research Council. — Sean Sherlock. [14741/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the Minister with responsibility for the Irish Research Council. — Sean Sherlock. [14742/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if refunds will be given for school transport which was paid in advance for the 2019/2020 academic year; if school transport costs will be reduced for the forthcoming academic year in view of the fact that school transport was paid for but not used after 12 March 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [14752/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of refunds for school transport. — Sean Sherlock. [14779/20]

*538. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna cén chaoi a mbíonn scoláire a tógadh sa Ghaeltacht cáilithe do cheann de na háiteanna a bhíonn coinnithe do scoláire Gaeltachta sna cúrsaí céime d'ábhar oidí bunscoile de bharr gur cuireadh deireadh le Scéim Labhairt na Gaeilge sa bhliain 2010; an bhfuil malairt teiste ann dóibh siúd atá ag cónaí sa Ghaeltacht ó shin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14788/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will give consideration to the measures outlined in correspondence in the case of a school (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [14790/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on a matter regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14792/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when schools and parents will be notified of classroom configurations under the guidelines announced for physical distancing on the return to school. — Sean Sherlock. [14794/20]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by her and each Minister of State in her Department upon taking up each individual role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14801/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a summer works scheme application will be granted due to the circumstances of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14814/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional mental health funding will be provided for mental health services for third-level institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14843/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the provision of education is considered an essential service. — Kathleen Funchion. [14845/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to conduct research to ascertain the impact school closures have had on children and their families. — Kathleen Funchion. [14846/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if standardised testing will be mandatory for schools in September 2020 to ascertain the impact of school closures on educational attainment. — Kathleen Funchion. [14847/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if children with additional needs will be subject to further school loss in September 2020 if social distancing is required of children. — Kathleen Funchion. [14848/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures which will be put in place to support children with complex needs and their families if a full return to school does not happen in September 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [14849/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) has been included in the school building programme for 2020/2021; if so, if it will be allowed to proceed to tender stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14851/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the extra funding which will be provided to school bus operators due to the extra costs that will exist in relation to providing school services from September 2020. — Alan Kelly. [14884/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to improve sex education in secondary schools. — Alan Kelly. [14894/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans for capital investment in secondary schools in the next three years. — Alan Kelly. [14895/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if all the recommendations of the Oireachtas Standing Committee of Public Accounts in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020 regarding the funding and administration of third-level institutions have been implemented; and the status of each action as per the various reports in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [14896/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her Department is still considering the temporary accommodation of a school at a site (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14930/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her Department will be making its final decision on the temporary site for a school (details supplied); and when she will be informing the school of same. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14931/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the contact made with a school (details supplied) to facilitate it with the appropriate information to allow it to provide the summer provision scheme to its students in 2020, either through teachers providing the service or parents funding tutors to provide the service within school grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14942/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if provision can be made for those that are eligible to attend a special class but do not wish to take part in the home-based summer provision programme such as in the case of a person (details supplied). — Neale Richmond. [14943/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to ensure the July provision is extended to all children in the categories mentioned in summer provision 2020 entering primary and post-primary education and not exclude those that are due to enter primary education in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14944/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of work on creating a new school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [14950/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the rebuild of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14963/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will consider a revision to the honours degree allowance for primary school teachers in order that teachers that have qualified with pass degrees will also receive this allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14965/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will revise the honours degree allowance for primary school teachers in order that teachers that attained a pass level in their primary degree will also qualify for a salary top up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14966/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will review the response to Parliamentary Question No. 136 of 30 June 2020; if the very low level of funding required will be provided in view of the fact that the initiative will alleviate overcrowding and health and safety issues while the school awaits the construction of a new school and physical education hall; and if a positive response will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [15027/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the rate of pay for qualified SNAs providing summer provision; the rate of pay for qualified teachers doing the same work; the method and timing of payments in both instances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15028/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school place will be provided for a person (details supplied); the contact details for the school liaison officers that may assist with the issues; her plans to assist all those on the waiting lists for school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15031/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a complaint made to her Department by a person (details supplied) has been investigated; if the claim that they were due eight months' pay has been upheld; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15032/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of children on the waiting lists for schools (details supplied) in County Kilkenny; if her Department or local officials are engaged with the families and the schools to resolve the waiting lists; if a place at one of the schools will be provided for a child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15033/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will review an ongoing issue regarding a school (details supplied); and the duration of the lease agreed on the temporary site. — Steven Matthews. [15034/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Special Education and Inclusion; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15044/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Skills and Further Education; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15056/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason there is such a delay with payments for the July provision (details supplied); if there is an option available to be paid earlier; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15087/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will sanction an additional ASD build for a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [15091/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a roadmap will be provided regarding the reopening of all schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15092/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the system her Department is applying for secondary schools regarding social distancing (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15093/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her Department will examine the possibility of using additional space available locally to ensure all children can return to school in September 2020 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15094/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the operation of school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15095/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the construction of a school (details supplied) in Dublin 14; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15112/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status on the construction of a school (details supplied) in Dublin 14; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15113/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status on the construction of a school (details supplied) in Dublin 18; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15114/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of Irish students that participated in the Erasmus programme in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the countries that the students studied in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15117/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that participated in the Erasmus programme in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020 here; the countries that the students came from; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15118/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will consider providing mediation services from her Department to help resolve a dispute (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15134/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the three dyslexic schools in Dublin will not be closing. — Paul McAuliffe. [15135/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will consider a waiver for student accommodation for those beginning third-level in September 2020 in view of the fact that some colleges may be delayed in resuming on campus in order to assist parents and students with accommodation costs for September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15145/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will urgently review and reform tendering criteria for new school building projects in view of the fact the current criteria effectively locks out many localised but capable building contractors as turnover requirements for previous years are set unrealistically high; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15156/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when funding committed to third-level institutions for counselling services in 2020 will be allocated to ensure students have swift access to mental health supports particularly in the aftermath of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15181/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps she will take to improve access to higher education for members of the Traveller community. — Patrick Costello. [15184/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if guidance will be provided for special needs assistants in circumstances in which school staff are required to adhere to the 1 to 2 metres social distancing rule but this is not feasible while providing personal care to students with special needs; if guidance will be provided on the way in which the spread of Covid-19 can be prevented in circumstances in which a special needs assistant provides personal care to more than one student; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15196/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the new school building for a school (details supplied); if the site for the new school has been secured; if not, the stage this is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15198/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when approval will be issued for works sanctioned for a school (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Michael Ring. [15208/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on the fact that an organisation (details supplied) provides chainsaw and arboricultural qualifications to a much higher standard than that which is available here at present yet are not recognised here; her further views on the UK-based qualifications recognised here which fall under the jurisdiction of UK courts and may not align to the European Qualifications Framework after Brexit; and her views on the speedy approval and recognition of the qualifications here in line with the cooperation agreement between Quality and Qualifications Ireland and the Education Bureau of Hong Kong. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15212/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to present an action plan to execute the judgment in a case (details supplied); her further plans to ensure a formal scheme of redress to survivors of day school abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15215/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the employment service of a person (details supplied) will be included as pensionable service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15248/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a new redress scheme for victims of sexual abuse in primary schools will be established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15257/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she has received recent correspondence regarding additional accommodation required for a school (details supplied); and the status of the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15261/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of restoring grants for student teacher’s attendance at mandatory Gaeltacht courses. — Catherine Murphy. [15267/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of extra teachers required to reduce average size class at primary level from 24.3 to 23.4. — Catherine Murphy. [15268/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the construction of a permanent school building for a new secondary school (details supplied); the stage the plans are at; when it is

anticipated that the project will be fully completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15282/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if there is provision for an ASD unit in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15283/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if supports will be provided for ACELS, QQI and MEI accredited English language schools that were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic in March, to reopen in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15297/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school place will be provided for a child (details supplied); and if there are sufficient places in schools in Kilkenny city to meet the demand. — John McGuinness. [15303/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if school transport will be provided for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [15306/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of protected disclosures from whistle-blowers submitted to her Department in relation to institutes of technology; if each of the protected disclosures have been deemed as such by her Department; the number settled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15309/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school bus place will be provided for a child (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [15310/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school placement will be provided for a child (details supplied); and the reason her Department holds the view that existing schools can cope with the number of children in Kilkenny city when the evidence indicates that there is a long waiting list for each school. — John McGuinness. [15311/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school place will be provided in schools for a child (details supplied); the action her Department is taking to resolve the waiting lists in Kilkenny city for those wishing to attend secondary schools in the city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15312/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school place will be provided for a child (details supplied); and the number of students in Kilkenny city and county. — John McGuinness. [15313/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if post leaving certificate students prohibited from undertaking practical exams due to Covid-19 restrictions are to be graded under a predicted grade system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15322/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when schools will be given official advice, not draft advice, on the reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15329/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if sanitisation equipment for cleaning schools will be supplied by her Department; if schools will have to source it themselves in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15330/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if grant funding will be released to pay for additional school cleaning in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15331/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the plan to socially distance 3rd to 6th class pupils will be in official advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15332/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if extra classrooms, equipment and staff will be supplied to schools to accommodate social distancing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15333/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if isolation centres for sick children will be supplied by her Department; if so, the person or body that will be required to supervise them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15334/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if substitute teachers will be supplied for teachers out sick with symptoms; if the entire bubble at which the teacher is involved with will have to remain at home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15335/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when guidelines regarding social distancing and so on will be published for bus companies that transport children from their homes to their schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15337/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of ASD units within schools in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15355/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if statistics on the ethnic background of children accessing youthreach programmes is available and if so, if it will be provided by ethnicity. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15359/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps being taken to ensure a person (details supplied) will get a place in a school that suits their needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15375/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a child (details supplied) who fits the criteria of qualification for the July provision is being denied the provision due to the fact they are transferring from preschool to primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [15378/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timing for the sitting of the leaving certificate 2020; if it will be completed in time for college intake in September and October 2020; if not, if these students will be categorised as deferred entrants for the 2021 college intake; and if so, if they will have more than one choice available to them on the CAO system. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15379/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the discussions on public health measures specifically the wearing of masks that have taken place with school transport providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15395/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funding put in place to compensate school transport providers for extra costs expected to be incurred on buses to meet public health requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15396/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the person or body with responsibility for policing the wearing of face masks on school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15397/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if children on school transport will be required to wear face masks; the other public health measures to be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15398/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when it will be possible for private school buses to operate at full capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15399/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if approval has been received from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to enter into formal discussions within the WRC on the equality pay issues relating to school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15404/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the preparations being made to ensure the leaving certificate examinations will take place in 2021; her plans to introduce an additional element of continuous assessment from the start of the 2020/2021 academic year; if more question choice will be introduced on exam papers; when students can expect clarity on the 2021 leaving certificate and its format; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [15432/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) recently lost an EAL post; the reason for this, if it can be appealed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15435/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a school (details supplied) can be designated as a DEIS school; the process involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15436/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of a project (details supplied); the deadline for the scheme; the criteria for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15456/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if officials and contractors employed by her Department will contact a school (details supplied) in advance of entering the building and carrying out works on the building; if they will start to comply with the school policy on Covid-19 including the wearing of face masks, one-way systems, sanitiser and timed arrivals; if the school will be returned to the condition it was in before works started 20 months ago; if carpets will be replaced after works, vents and wiring have damaged them; if her officials and the contractors will commit to meeting with the school management to resolve each of these matters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15461/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a taxi service will be made available for children availing of the July provision in 2020; if so, the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15476/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the progress of a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15499/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) is having its teacher allocation reduced by two; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15571/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when an application for the award of incremental credit to teachers at second level will be approved for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15580/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional capacity and an extension of a post-primary school transport route will be sanctioned in respect of a service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15592/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of increasing the ancillary grant of €163 per pupil to €171.50 per pupil. — Kathleen Funchion. [15615/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if guidance will be provided to third-level students and their families regarding when guidelines relating to the reopening of third-level institutions will be forthcoming to allow students to properly plan accommodation and travel needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [15626/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the statistics and format used when determining the need for a secondary school in a particular area; and the breakdown of these figures for Gorey, Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford Town, respectively. — Verona Murphy. [15627/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15628/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the possibility of creating a Covid-19 officer in schools to manage and oversee best practice has been investigated and considered; if so, if this role would be covered by existing staff; and if it would require external staff recruitment. — Steven Matthews. [15630/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the timeline for issuing official guidelines to school principals with regard to social distancing measures for each class age in primary schools. — Steven Matthews. [15633/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of institutes of technology or technological universities currently running a deficit in tabular form; the plans in place by each institute to address the deficit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15643/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on the amount which will be required in additional funding for schools to cover issues related to Covid-19 hygiene by category

of expenditure, item and sector; and the basis of the €25 million quoted in media accounts from Departmental sources. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15648/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if funding will be provided for additional full-time cleaning staff in schools that currently have none; and the typical cost to schools for a full-time cleaner. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15649/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of increasing the budget for school substitutes by 5%, 10%, 20% and 25%, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15650/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of increasing the budget for release days for teaching principals by 5%, 10% and 20%; and if she will consider investing in additional leadership positions within schools to facilitate principals in prioritising ensuring that schools are Covid-19 safe. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15651/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she has considered that the cost of delivering school transport to eligible children will increase considerably due to Covid-19 restrictions; the increased cost expected to ensure a place for the same number of children as 2019. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15652/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if additional funding for Covid-19 related school costs will cover all costs including refuse and partitions. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15653/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the annual budget for information technology equipment for both primary and secondary schools; the number of devices purchased from this per annum by category; and the estimated cost of increasing same by 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15654/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of moving a school (details supplied) to another location; and the setting up costs associated with same. — John Lahart. [15670/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to the return of schools in September 2020 and in relation to school transport; if all students will have full access to school transport; the way in which school transport will operate in terms of social distancing; if the deadline for payment of school transport will be postponed beyond 30 July 2020 until full details on the return to school are confirmed, in view of the fact it is unclear for many if they will return to school full-time or if they will have access to school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15672/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the guidelines for schools on their use of reduced hours for individual pupils will be completed; and if she plans to put in place a reporting and effective monitoring mechanism within the guidelines to ensure appropriate and limited use of reduced hours in schools and the necessary oversight at Departmental level. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15725/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the process for providing leaving certificate results and the application of points for the entry process to third-level education for

external home-schooled students will be finalised and communicated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15729/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost per annum to reduce the pupil teacher ratio in primary and post-primary schools by one point and five points, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15731/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on whether class sizes will have to be reduced to facilitate the distancing required for a return to school; the estimated number of additional teaching staff required to facilitate distancing; and the estimated increased cost for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15732/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the consultation that was held with the management and school board of a school (details supplied) prior to the announcement of its relocation to Citywest, County Dublin. — Seán Crowe. [15777/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the high number of children with special needs attending a school (details supplied) was taken into consideration before the decision was taken to relocate the school to Citywest, County Dublin. — Seán Crowe. [15778/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps being taken for schools to have enough teachers to reopen safely; if students with additional needs will not lose vital supports due to a lack of teaching resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15841/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if he will report on the proposed free book pilot scheme due to commence in September 2020 as announced in Budget 2020 and referenced in the Programme for Government; and the 50 schools that will be availing of this free book scheme in September 2020 in tabular form. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [15848/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of hiring ten additional home school community liaison teachers. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15850/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the estimated cost of ensuring there is one home school community liaison teacher for each school that currently has none; and the estimated cost of one for every three and five schools, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15851/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on whether there will be a need for home school community liaison teachers due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15852/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her Department will take over the responsibility and centralise the process for Garda vetting applications from special needs assistants in order for the creation of substitute panels and opportunities for SNAs to be quickly deployed to new schools if necessary. — Gary Gannon. [15854/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her Department will increase the minimum qualification to become a SNA to a level six qualification to aid the sector's call for greater professionalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15857/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her Department will provide increased financial support upfront to schools to allow for the necessary increase in cleaning staff prior to schools reopening; if so, when this will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15858/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that find themselves ineligible for a predicted grade for the leaving certificate 2020 due to studying independently without a teacher or tutor; and the suggested recourse for these students. — Gary Gannon. [15861/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the person or body that will be responsible for the implementation and adherence management of public health guidelines in schools when they reopen; if principals and deputy principals will have an increased workload for this work; and if not, if the necessary resources will be provided for an additional staff member to take on the responsibility for same. — Sorca Clarke. [15882/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools are preparing for the continuation of partial remote learning in September 2020; the supports being put in place for children returning to school which have little or no access to a reliable broadband service; if these children will have to undertake schoolwork at home using schoolbooks as opposed to remote learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15886/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on increasing the school transport remote area grant to reflect the cost for children that live on an island attending school on the mainland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15898/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 30 June 2020, if the school extension (details supplied) will be built in time for the 2020/2021 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15908/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the criteria used by the appeals board to adjudicate on the allocation of teaching posts has been modified in view of Covid-19 and taking into account the increased requirements for social distancing when schools return; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15910/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a statement will be issued to each school clarifying the situation with regard to placing additional costs on parents in response to Covid-19 health and safety protocols when children go back to school in September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15913/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the factors considered when the Appeals Board made its decision with regard to the need for an additional teacher at a school (details supplied); the reason the appeal made by the school was denied; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that as a result of the rejection of the appeal, class sizes in the school will be 27% above the national average of 26; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15920/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a copy of the appeal submitted by a school (details supplied) will be made available as a matter of public record; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15921/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the considerations given by the Appeals Board regarding the appeal by a school (details supplied) of the current Covid-19 climate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15922/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of students that progressed onto third-level education in 2019, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15957/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a school (details supplied) in County Sligo will receive a decision in relation to funding for emergency works at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [15968/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if universities and institutes of technology have notified him, either separately or through their representative organisations, regarding their current financial position in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if a request for additional funding has been made by them. — Sean Sherlock. [15970/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of primary and post-primary schools that have access to adequate hot water; the estimated cost to ensure that every school has hot water; and if all schools will have access to hot water in view of the current pandemic. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16000/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the board of management of a school (details supplied) will be entitled to rent additional space in order to accommodate the students in the school in a safe manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16112/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16133/20]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

*685. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding a Covid-19 crisis payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14707/20]

*686. 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 June 2020; the number of jobs involved by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14817/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a claim for disability status by a person (details supplied) has been granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14925/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to review the existing time frame of the pandemic unemployment payment in relation to self-employed persons that work in the events industry; and if her attention has been drawn to the fact that if public health

advice force events to either cancel or postpone later into the year many of these persons will be forced into permanent unemployment and the closure of their businesses. — Steven Matthews. [15098/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a means testing procedure has been considered regarding future amendments to the pandemic unemployment payment (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [15099/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to seasonal workers that were not entitled to the Covid-19 payment in view of the fact they had not returned to work in March 2020; if the scheme will be reviewed to take such persons into consideration (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15243/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the review of the Gender Recognition Act 2015; the circumstances in which it will be permissible for a child to change gender without parental consent; the minimum age that a child must reach before they can change gender; if the self-declaration process of gender change is to be introduced for children under 16 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15423/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the Covid-19 rent supplement scheme will be extended beyond August 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [15493/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will accept self-assessed income for 2019 from self-employed persons as would be accepted by the Revenue Commissioners for tax purposes as reference-year evidence of income for the purposes of determining the level of continued payment of the pandemic unemployment payment rather than only using 2018 as self-employed reference-year income to determine the level of continued payment (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [15577/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated amount of additional revenue that would be generated if the 2.6% PRSI of classes B, C or D increased to 3% or a minimum of €315. — Kathleen Funchion. [15614/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the reduction of the pandemic unemployment payment to taxi drivers in view of the serious continuing impact on passenger numbers as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [15780/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the small business grant will be open for applications. — Paul McAuliffe. [15823/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding the development of a youth employment strategy in view of the fact that this sector will be greatly affected by Covid-19 and that the unemployment rate in 2019 for those under 35 years of age has still not recovered fully. — Gary Gannon. [15860/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the feasibility of a basic income for artists and performers will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15919/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the increase in the pension age to 67 years of age has been deferred; the steps required to implement the policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16100/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the age and county profile of those that have had their pandemic unemployment payment rate changed to €203 from €350. — Sean Sherlock. [14662/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an entitlement to a basic social welfare payment exists in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14720/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if rent allowance has been increased in line with their current rent in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14725/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when arrears and back payments will be issued to pandemic unemployment payment claimants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14753/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if this question will be accepted as notice of the appeal against the decision to seek recovery of an alleged overpayment in the case of a person (details supplied) on the basis that the applicant did not fully understand the significance of their response to the questions regarding eligibility of payment; if an oral hearing can be arranged at an early date in respect of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14754/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her views on matters raised in correspondence by an association (details supplied) in respect of the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14755/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to bring forward legislation to deal with situations in which companies or others engage in asset stripping of a firm in order to avoid their responsibility to their workforce, as in a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14769/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will meet with workers of a company (details supplied); the steps she will take to ensure that stock or assets are not removed from the company's stores before the outcome of negotiations with workers representatives on redundancy terms and possible future scenarios; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14770/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for the JobPath scheme; when current contracts with providers Turas Nua and Seetec will expire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14772/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by her and each Minister of State in her Department upon taking up each individual role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14802/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding Covid-19 payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14824/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of Labour Court recommendations made that relate to Departments; the number of these that have been implemented; and the number outstanding. — David Cullinane. [14836/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of pension arrears owed to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14852/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the provisions in place to ensure that those that have lost out due to the change in pension rate bands in 2012 will be given funds owed to them. — Seán Crowe. [14923/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has instructed her officials to contact those persons directly in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment to inform them of the need to re-register their eligibility for the payment. — Sean Sherlock. [14941/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a respite payment will be made to a person (details supplied); if the amount will be paid in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14949/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the applications will be available for the enterprise support grant for businesses impacted by Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14969/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if rent support can be made available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14972/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the extent to which an entitlement to a contributory State pension exists or can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14974/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) in relation to a decision on a carer's allowance application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14988/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the amount in illness benefit overpayments recouped in each of the years 2010 to 2019, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14989/20]

*721. 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. [14991/20]

*722. 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. [14993/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position regarding the planned State pension (contributory) age increase to 67 years of age in January 2021 and 68 years of age in January 2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15010/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons over 66 years of age apply for the Covid-19 payment would their case be judged on their individual circumstances; the process of dealing with applications from persons over 66 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15012/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications received for the pandemic unemployment payment from persons over 66 years of age; the number of Covid-19 payments made to persons over 66 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15013/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15020/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an anomaly in Covid-19 payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15071/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding seasonal workers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15075/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if workers that are receiving 30% of their wage and are on the temporary wage subsidy scheme are entitled to apply for the short-time working payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [15142/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if Covid-19 payments will be considered as eligible payments to proceed to back to education allowance. — Sean Sherlock. [15146/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which the pandemic unemployment payment of a person would be affected if the recipient was able to source casual work, that is, for a few days per month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15158/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the provisions under the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014 to provide for registration of deaths of Irish citizens that die abroad will be commenced; the reason for the six year delay on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15177/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to provide pensions for community employment supervisors as recommended by the Workplace Relations Commission some years ago; the reason for the delay in resolving this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15183/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans in respect of supports for seasonal workers that had not returned to work by the deadline in March 2020 and that face little prospect of employment for the remainder of 2020; if she is making provision for implications for 2021 due to the fact these workers are not currently in a position to pay stamps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15187/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the criteria and level of pay out for family carers might be revised in view of the hours such persons work and the billions of euro per year these persons save the State. — Cathal Crowe. [15210/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when oral hearings as part of social welfare appeals will resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15235/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if provision will be made for those in receipt of jobseeker's benefit to retain some of their PRSI stamps in view of the fact that their ability to seek work was restrained due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15236/20]

*738. 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. [15247/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the measures her Department has taken to provide supports to seasonal workers such as those employed in summer camps that have lost income due to Covid-19 but are not covered by the pandemic unemployment payment. — Martin Browne. [15250/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when social welfare payments will revert back to weekly payments as opposed to fortnightly payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [15262/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a deduction is being made from the disability allowance payment of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15286/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if it is possible to facilitate families without internet access to apply for back to school grants on hardcopy applications. — Brian Stanley. [15292/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if persons (details supplied) are entitled to fuel allowance or other benefits. — John McGuinness. [15314/20]

*744. 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. [15345/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15346/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15347/20]

*747. 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. [15349/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the time frame for enacting commitments in the Programme for Government on deferring the increase in the pension age in 2021 and the introduction of a transition payment for persons having to retire at 65 years of age; when legislation will be published to give effect to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15381/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if concerns will be addressed in relation to equity of access to the back to school allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15405/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment each week since the scheme was introduced by age of the recipients; the number of students in receipt of the payment; her plans for the continued payment of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15410/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons over 65 years of age in receipt of Covid-19 payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15411/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of applications received for Covid-19 payments from persons over 65 years of age; the number of successful applicants; if payments made in error to some persons have been identified; her plans to recoup same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15412/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the consequences for those in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment but accept short-term work for a day, several days or longer to maintain links with their pre-Covid-19 employment relationships and contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15413/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the consequences for those that accept work while on jobseeker's for the self-employed, jobseeker's for those that were in full employment but were let go at the onset of the Covid-19 crisis and the short-term work scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15414/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the process involved and timeline for reapplying for the pandemic unemployment payment after a person comes off same to accept short-term employment for a day to several days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15415/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a system will be created by which those on the pandemic unemployment payment can accept sporadic work, declare it, offset that amount against the payment, yet retain the payment until such time as the live events

sector and other sectors in prolonged Covid-19 shutdown return to normal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15416/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons due arrears of the pandemic unemployment payment; when these arrears payments will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15426/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason the delivery of the school meals programme for a school (details supplied) cannot be delivered during the summer months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15434/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans for the pandemic unemployment payment and self-employed persons that will not be able to return to full employment due to space restrictions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15513/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection his plans and guidelines in place to help employers get their staff back to work; if there is an option to bring staff back on a two or three day week while they remain on the pandemic unemployment payment; if there are guidelines for businesses to assist them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15519/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the details of each payment made by her Department to recipients of social welfare payments; the budget line of each payment operated by her Department; and the number of persons by county that receive each payment line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [15521/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the eligibility for a free hearing test in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15524/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was not paid the six week payment following the death of their spouse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15527/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the consequences for those that accept work while receiving the pandemic unemployment payment or another unemployment payment (details supplied); and her views on the matter especially in relation to artists working in the arts and culture sector or involved in the live events production industry. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15528/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the process involved and the timeline for reapplying for a pandemic unemployment payment in cases in which a person comes off the payment to avail of short-term employment for a day or several days in an arts production or similar. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15529/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration has been given to the creation of a system which would allow persons in receipt of a pandemic unemployment payment to avail of sporadic work, declare same and offset that amount against the payment without having to lose their entitlement to the payment (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [15530/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will introduce automatic access to free travel for persons with epilepsy that are prohibited from driving due to their epilepsy diagnosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15561/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will facilitate a paper application form for the back to school allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15573/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of carer's allowance reviews that have taken place in the past six months; the number of such decisions that were overturned on review; the number which were not overturned on review but subsequently overturned on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15575/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the process for carrying out a review of a decision in an application for carer's allowance; the grade of the person responsible for making the decision on a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [15576/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a pandemic unemployment payment will be reinstated to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15579/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the consequences for self-employed persons that work in the event industry that accept work while receiving a pandemic or other unemployment payment such as payments (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15618/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the process involved and timeline for reapplying for the pandemic unemployment payment after a person came off it to accept short-term employment of a day or several days. — Robert Troy. [15619/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department can create a system by which self-employed persons involved in the events industry on the pandemic unemployment payment can accept sporadic work, declare it, offset that amount against the payment yet retain their payment until such time as live events return to normal or they leave the live events industry permanently to find alternative employment in another sector. — Robert Troy. [15620/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to change the age at which persons are entitled to the old age pension; her plans to change the requirement for persons of 65 years of age and above that do not qualify for the old age pension to sign on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15695/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the measures to be implemented to offset the expected increase in child poverty levels in 2020 following on the loss of employment due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15775/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason for the reduction of the pandemic unemployment payment to taxi drivers in view of the serious continuing impact on passenger numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [15781/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the position of those in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment in accessing Springboard courses; the reason some that have applied in recent days have been told that their employment status is unknown including those whose sectors are still closed down due to Covid-19 restrictions but are still employed by their respective companies or businesses; the reason these persons are being told to refer to their local case worker when they have not been assigned such a case worker; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [15782/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the supports available to a self-employed taxi driver impacted by Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15828/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason contribution conditions for the invalidity pension include a condition (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [15896/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to fully or partly reimburse students that usually work summer jobs to fund university education but can no longer do so due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15936/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget for the Citizens Information Board increased by 6%. — Patrick Costello. [15952/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when section 21A of the Civil Registration (Amendment) Act 2014 will be enacted. — Patrick Costello. [15954/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of a contributory pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [15980/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if new legislation will be required to ensure that State pensions are paid to those aged 66 years of age and over after 1 January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15989/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will address the issue of members of an association (details supplied) having their pandemic unemployment payment reduced; the further supports available for this sector of society that continue to be without work as live music venues remain closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15992/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to rolling out changes to each social services forms for children, such as child benefit, disability allowance, and so on, which currently ask for name of father and name of mother to reflect the diverse society of Ireland and the move away from the view as the traditional family unit. — Cathal Crowe. [16014/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when backdated payments will be made to those in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment that missed

some payments at the beginning of the scheme due to mistakes in their application. — Paul McAuliffe. [16017/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a deferral of a State pension payment to a person (details supplied) in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment will be permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16025/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of those aged 65 years of age in receipt of jobseeker's allowance and jobseeker's benefit at the end of each of the years 2012 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16038/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to secure the future of Citizen Information Centres in an area (details supplied); if there are plans to reduce centres in the country generally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16039/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the inclusion of persons over 66 years of age that were at work when the Covid-19 pandemic struck within the pandemic unemployment payment in recognition of their sudden loss of earnings. — Richard Bruton. [16120/20]

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

*793. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the broadband points planned for a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14934/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applicants for the position of chairman of the Western Development Commission; when a decision will be made in respect of the appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15121/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a personal pendant alarm can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15289/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when surveys for areas (details supplied) will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15517/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason each of the Rural Regeneration Development Fund second call for category 2 applications by a local authority (details supplied) were rejected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15533/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be provided for the local improvement scheme in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15846/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a decision will be made on an application by a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14724/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by her and each Minister of State in her Department upon taking up each individual role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14809/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to address the drop of funding and consequent service delivery by critical charities due to Covid-19. — Alan Kelly. [14911/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15049/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application for funding under the rural regeneration and development fund for a group (details supplied); if the current application will be considered for funding in a forthcoming tranche of the scheme; the reason for the failure of the application in the most recent round of announcements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15141/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when further funding will be released to local authorities to complete local improvement scheme roads; the amount made available to each local authority in respect of each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15147/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the schemes available to community groups, agencies or local authorities from her Department to assist in the development of walking and cycling infrastructure; the maximum amounts available under such schemes including matching contribution amounts required; the timelines and anticipated closing dates for applications for such schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15168/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports in place for voluntary organisations which have been unable to raise funds during the Covid-19 pandemic and are now in danger of having to close down. — Cathal Crowe. [15959/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16139/20]

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

*808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current stance on the fishing industry regarding the UK claim to territorial fishing waters and the possibility of Irish fishermen losing up to half of their existing fishing territories under the present Brexit negotiations, in view of the fact that it has far reaching implications for fishermen in County Wexford and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15698/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a dedicated hardship fund will be made available to the farmers affected by the flooding and landslides in Druckerian, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [14687/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a felling licence application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14691/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of runners, greyhounds injured and greyhounds that died or were put to sleep from 1 January 2020 to date by month in tabular form; and the cause of each injury and death by each greyhound track. — Joan Collins. [14734/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a fence will be erected at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14781/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body that decided ring barking is a good forestry practice (details supplied); the planned number of acres of forest for ring barking in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14785/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14795/20]

*815. 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. [14937/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if cattle that are exported live will be considered under the formulation of the new BEAM scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14940/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14948/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grants available for old farm buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [14952/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Research and Development, Farm Safety and New Market Development; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15045/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Land Use and Biodiversity; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15057/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has spoken with his counterpart in the Northern Ireland Executive since his appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [15064/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to re-establish an investigations division in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [15086/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an appeal for a BEEP scheme 2019 will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15120/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications on hand for forestry felling licences that have not been decided to date; the years in which these licences were applied for originally in tabular form; if an economic impact assessment has been carried out on the effect the delay in issuing licences is having on the timber industry; the steps he plans to take to deal with the backlog of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15126/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications on hand for aquaculture licences; the years that these applications were originally applied for in tabular form; the impact this delay in issuing licences is having on the development of the aquaculture industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15127/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the schemes available to community groups, agencies or local authorities from his Department to assist in the development of coastal infrastructure such as piers, pontoons and slipways; the maximum amount available under such schemes including matching contribution amounts required; the timelines and anticipated closing dates for applications for such schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15163/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to reviewing a charging regime at a facility (detailed supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [15246/20]

*828. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be an allocation in 2020 to the national reserve; if so, when the allocation will be made; the monetary value of the allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15296/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans in place for a compensation scheme for those that have land affected by the ash dieback disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15298/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the results of ANC appeals were released; if all failed applicants were given substantial reasons for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15370/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated to Malinbeg Pier, Malinbeg, Glencolmcille, County Donegal to carry out maintenance and upgrade the pier to a safe standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [15388/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the introduction of an independent pricing regulator for the beef industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15407/20]

*833. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he plans to take to ensure all Connemara ponies for sale are tested first for HWSD irrespective of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15657/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department did not seek to introduce legislation to place those in industry currently responsible for the dispensing of medication from operating as a responsible person under the EU Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation 2019/6. — Matt Carthy. [15711/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle culled in each of the years 2015 to 2019 due to tuberculosis for which compensation was payable under the eradication programme by county in tabular form. — Matt Carthy. [15712/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the time frame for introducing legislation to appoint a national food ombudsman. — Matt Carthy. [15713/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the time frame to bring forward legislation with regard to the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme. — Matt Carthy. [15714/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the position of Ireland in negotiating the future of the CAP takes into consideration the need for local variance within individual states in CAP guidelines to help ensure biodiversity. — Matt Carthy. [15715/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if upcoming tranches of TAMS will include provision for financial supports towards the restoration of derelict farmhouses and other buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15716/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of poultry flocks impacted by an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza in 2020 by county, that will benefit from the once-off financial support scheme announced by him in tabular form; the amount that will be provided in total and on average to each farmer; the basis on which the funds will be distributed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15717/20]

*841. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is in discussions or the process of securing additional property for sale or lease in Dublin city at present; the details of such proposals or discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15718/20]

*842. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason dairy farms are excluded from the TAMS grant in relation to solar panels in view of the fact pig and poultry farms are covered. — Holly Cairns. [15889/20]

*843. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has met with representatives of organisations (details supplied); and if not, when he will do so. — Holly Cairns. [15890/20]

*844. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to visit the Drumkeerin area in County Leitrim to witness the damage the recent landslide has caused to farmland; if the

affected farmers will be given a waiver to their basic payment scheme application for three to five years in order to reinstate the farmland in view of the fact it was an act of God; if a fund will be put in place to support the farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15901/20]

*845. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated amount it would cost in 2021 if nine additional full-time ecologists were recruited for his Department. — Patrick Costello. [15966/20]

*846. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the approximate number of lambs imported in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020; his views on whether this undermines the sustainability of the Irish market in lamb; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15971/20]

*847. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the Mercosur trade deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15972/20]

*848. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application for a BEAM scheme payment will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15991/20]

*849. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter regarding a farm (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16106/20]

*850. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be issued on a felling licence application submitted in May 2018 by a person (details supplied) in County Galway; the reason for the delay in making a decision in relation to this application despite assertions made by his predecessor that procedures were being put in place early in 2020 to process such applications; when these procedures will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [16110/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16132/20]

Chun an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige: To the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

*852. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the grants available to childcare centres that hold community and charitable status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15023/20]

*853. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the status of the national roll out of the baby box scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15110/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will meet with a group (details supplied) regarding funding. — Cathal Crowe. [15350/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if statistics on the ethnicity of students expelled and suspended from all schools is available; and her views on her Department recording

such statistics to ensure that potential biases can be adequately monitored. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [15359/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the reason foster carers employed by the HSE cease to be entitled to a contributory pension for their years of fostering; the reason that many are not advised of same; if the HSE will consult with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection to create a pathway for such an entitlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15497/20]

*857. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the Department with responsibility for youth affairs. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15724/20]

*858. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of providers that opened on 29 June 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [14692/20]

*859. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if those providers that did not open on 29 June 2020 will continue to receive the temporary wage childcare subsidy scheme to keep staff enrolled. — Sean Sherlock. [14693/20]

*860. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if responsibility for direct provision has been transferred to his Department. — Sean Sherlock. [14694/20]

*861. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will address a matter regarding childcare facilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14783/20]

*862. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by him and each Minister of State in his Department upon taking up each individual role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14797/20]

*863. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a crèche (details supplied) is receiving subsidies; if it is eligible for same in view of the fact at the beginning of July 2020 it announced an increase in its prices to parents which is not in line with subsidies announced during the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14844/20]

*864. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the funding provided to a facility (details supplied) to allow it to reopen on 29 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15018/20]

*865. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the action being taken to assist playschools offering ECCE placements to reopen and remain open; if ECCE placements for children whose schools have had to close will be provided in other centres; and if assistance will be provided to parents and schools in order that all those needing and ECCE placement will be accommodated. — John McGuinness. [15029/20]

*866. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Disability; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15046/20]

*867. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a decision will be reviewed not to reopen an application for funding for a childcare community facility (details supplied). — Malcolm Noonan. [15097/20]

*868. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if a report on the pilot baby box scheme will be commissioned; if so, when will it be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15109/20]

*869. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15323/20]

*870. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will accommodate a child (details supplied) on the ECCE scheme for another year. — Sean Sherlock. [15344/20]

*871. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when he will bring forward the guardian ad litem Bill. — Sean Sherlock. [15520/20]

*872. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs his views on the removal of children at birth from their breastfeeding mothers by Tusla (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [15608/20]

*873. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if the revised organisational chart for his Department will be provided. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15720/20]

*874. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of early years professionals by grade that earned below the living wage in 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [15784/20]

*875. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated cost of raising the rate of pay of early years professionals to at least the living wage €12.30 per hour. — Kathleen Funchion. [15785/20]

*876. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the estimated cost of raising the rate of pay of all early years professionals to at least the €15 per hour. — Kathleen Funchion. [15786/20]

*877. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the total income for the early years' sector from State spending and parental spending. — Kathleen Funchion. [15787/20]

*878. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the average amount of income a childcare provider receives from the State. — Kathleen Funchion. [15788/20]

*879. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the staff turnover rate in full day care services per year. — Kathleen Funchion. [15789/20]

*880. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the staff turnover rate in the early years sector per year. — Kathleen Funchion. [15790/20]

*881. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of early years services that have a staff turnover rate greater than 80% per year. — Kathleen Funchion. [15791/20]

*882. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the income of early years providers received from the State and parents in July and August 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [15792/20]

*883. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the protocols for notifying a parent that they are under investigation as a risk to their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15833/20]

*884. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of parents per annum referred by Tusla for psychiatric assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15834/20]

*885. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if Tusla will be required to publish data on child abuse cases including the total number of cases investigated, the number of cases in which abuse was found and the number of unfounded cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15835/20]

*886. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if guidance will be provided for parents attempting to re-register for the national childcare scheme online but are unable to do so in view of the fact it requires a MyGovID account and public services card which they have been unable to obtain in view of the closure of Intreo offices due to Covid-19; if the missed subsidy will be refunded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15836/20]

*887. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs further to Parliamentary Question Number 575 of 7 July 2020, the amount allocated to the discretionary National Lottery funding scheme each year it was in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [15899/20]

*888. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if crèches are allowed to charge parents for holding a place for their child if the facility is drawing down Covid-19 funding supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15917/20]

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

*889. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if maternity leave for new mothers whose maternity leave is due to cease during Covid-19 will be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14746/20]

*890. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if maternity leave will be extended for mothers that had babies during the Covid-19 crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14756/20]

*891. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to provide for future funding of an extension to paid maternity leave for women affected by the Covid-19 emergency crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14771/20]

*892. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in relation to the provision of extended maternity leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15125/20]

*893. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the former Tánaiste ceded their State car and Garda driver; the reason this was not done automatically when they ceased to be Tánaiste; the cost per annum of such services for the Taoiseach, Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality; and the figures for each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. — Alan Kelly. [15157/20]

*894. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to extend maternity benefit temporarily due to the effect of Covid-19 on the supply of crèche facilities for very young children and the social isolation faced by mothers that gave birth to a child during the Covid-19 pandemic; the cost that would be associated with an extension of the payment by three months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15182/20]

*895. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the extension to maternity leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15239/20]

*896. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the request to have maternity benefit extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15853/20]

*897. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if moneys paid through the HAP scheme and homeless HAP scheme is considered as means or income for the purpose of calculating eligibility for civil legal advice and legal aid; the suggested recourse for a person that has been denied civil legal advice or a representative due to the fact they have accessed housing supports through HAP or the homeless HAP scheme and that are left in a precarious situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15859/20]

*898. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the limited time to seek employment will be extended in relation to residents in direct provision centres, taking into account the impact Covid-19 has had on finding employment due to restrictions put in place; if those that could not find employment within a certain time frame will not be negatively impacted in relation to their asylum applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15911/20]

*899. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of dismantling direct provision; and if there is to be increased funding to her Department to this end. — Mairéad Farrell. [16035/20]

*900. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the motion and petition on extending maternity leave and benefit. — Sean Sherlock. [14667/20]

*901. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); if the return of original documents submitted as part of their application will be expedited in view of the fact they are urgently required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14718/20]

*902. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to extend maternity leave in view of Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14728/20]

*903. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14733/20]

*904. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to extend maternity leave provisions for women affected by the Covid-19 crisis while on leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14773/20]

*905. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position on extraditing persons to states such as Lithuania which are documented by international human rights organisations as having severe human rights violations of their prison population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14774/20]

*906. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will commission an independent inquiry as supported by the 32nd Dáil into the circumstances surrounding the death of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14775/20]

*907. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the steps she will take to abolish the direct provision system; and her plans to replace same. — Bríd Smith. [14776/20]

*908. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide a copy of the Departmental briefings received by her and each Minister of State in her Department upon taking up each individual role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14807/20]

*909. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the request to set aside a deportation order in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14825/20]

*910. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of category B, C, D and E complaints made by prisoners in 2019 and to date in 2020; the details of the outcomes upheld, not upheld, not proven, terminated, incomplete or withdrawn; the length of time it took to complete and communicate the outcomes of complaints to prisoners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14826/20]

*911. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the number of public health passenger locator forms issued and processed by her officials during their tenure of the collection of same on a temporary administrative basis on behalf of the health authorities will be provided; the number of follow-up checks conducted on persons that submitted forms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14856/20]

*912. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if her Department was notified of a hunger strike or protest in Cork prison in July 2013 by the Prison Service; if an official complaint was made known to the Governor at the time; the action taken by the Governor as a result of these complaints; if there was an investigation into these claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14857/20]

*913. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to extend maternity leave due to the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown on mothers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14924/20]

*914. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an error made by her Department in the issuing of a refugee declaration can be rectified urgently in order that the nationality of a person (details supplied) can be correctly listed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14960/20]

*915. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14987/20]

*916. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the strength of An Garda Síochána including the Garda Reserve; the degree to which the numbers have fluctuated in the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15002/20]

*917. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for a Presidential Pardon (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15014/20]

*918. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to previous Parliamentary Questions in the case of a person (details supplied), if the information requested can be supplied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15016/20]

*919. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position in relation to efforts to pardon a person (details supplied); if she will prioritise the continuation of the process initiated by her predecessor in order that they will be pardoned and closure given to their relatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15036/20]

*920. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Law Reform; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15048/20]

*921. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding eligibility of residency status, stamp 4 and eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15079/20]

*922. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the breakdown of garda vehicle resources in the DMR; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15111/20]

*923. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of establishments investigated for breaches of guidelines on return to work since 29 June 2020 by Garda division and business activity in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [15131/20]

*924. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she has received briefings as to the use of nitrous oxide canisters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [15133/20]

*925. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will consider introducing a statutory instrument to extend carer's leave and allowance until the end of 2020 for certain cohorts of persons (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [15144/20]

*926. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if plans are underway for the closure of a direct provision centre (details supplied) on the basis that the town is completely unsuitable as the location for such a facility in view of the lack of appropriate services locally and the fact that Ireland is entering a new phase in the response to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15173/20]

*927. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the seizure of cars by An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15188/20]

*928. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the two coronial districts of Tipperary north and Tipperary south; the number of cases dealt with by each coronial district

nationally in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15253/20]

*929. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of marked and unmarked Garda cars and motorcycles attached to each roads policing unit as of 1 July 2019 and 1 July 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [15273/20]

*930. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of cells in each Garda station in Dublin as of 3 July 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [15275/20]

*931. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of cash seized by An Garda Síochána under proceeds of crime legislation returned to the Exchequer in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [15276/20]

*932. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of funding provided for the building programme of An Garda Síochána under the Capital Plan 2016-2021; and the amount spend in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [15278/20]

*933. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her views on the campaign by an organisation (details supplied) to deliver change on drink deliveries; her further views on whether there is an urgent need to regulate drink delivery services, ensure effective age verification methods and legislate for both hours of sale and delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15302/20]

*934. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of protected disclosures being processed by her Department from employees of the Prison Service; the number of disclosures that have been resolved in the course of the process; the number remaining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15308/20]

*935. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the moneys that are seized through the proceeds of crime can be ring-fenced and distributed to regions for dispersal to frontline community services that deal directly with the impacts of crimes; her plans on the matter; her views on such proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15341/20]

*936. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the appropriate procedure to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15351/20]

*937. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if arrangements will be made to review residency entitlements in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15357/20]

*938. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of drivers stopped and reported for driving without insurance, tax, an up to date NCT and speeding on roads in County Kerry in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of instances in which fines were issued in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [15393/20]

*939. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of persons in direct provision centres both permanent and temporary in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15418/20]

*940. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of phone calls received by a freephone helpline (details supplied) from residents in direct provision centres in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15419/20]

*941. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to introduce a scheme to help regularise undocumented workers within the State; the proposed timeline for introducing such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15428/20]

*942. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the timeline for the publication of the self-harm in Irish prisons 2018 report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15535/20]

*943. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of recorded self-harm incidents in prisons by gender from 12 March 2020 to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15536/20]

*944. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of successful family video visits per prison that have taken place for prisoners and their families since the measure was introduced as an alternative to prison visits during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15537/20]

*945. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number and percentage of persons in prison on a weekly basis during the Covid-19 pandemic cocooning, quarantining and self-isolating; if a description of each associated regime will be provided; the number of hours out-of-cell of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15538/20]

*946. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the daily average number of hours the mainstream prison population were held in their cells in April, May and June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15539/20]

*947. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will expand the criteria of the means test for civil legal aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15567/20]

*948. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will establish a gambling regulator with the powers to regulate advertising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15572/20]

*949. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if and when naturalisation will be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15590/20]

*950. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the impact the EU Court of Justice ruling C-335/17 has had on Irish legislation; her plans to update legislation to bring it into line with the ruling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15638/20]

*951. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when she plans to transpose Council Framework Decision 2008/829/JHA and Council Decision 2008/909/JHA to Irish law as required, particularly as Council Framework Decision 2008/829/JHA was under EU law required to be transposed by 1 December 2012; the reason for the delay in complying with EU law in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15658/20]

*952. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the processing of family visit and spouse visas for those visiting loved ones here has returned to full functionality, that is, if they are being applied for and issued through the normal channels; if not, the estimated time frame for returning to full functionality; if the time permitted for visits will be adjusted to account for 14-days self-isolation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15723/20]

*953. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when a decision will be made on the residency status of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [15728/20]

*954. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the significant drop in the number of community Gardaí in the DMR district, in absolute numbers and as a percentage of the total force in the district; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15840/20]

*955. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget for the Inspector of Prisons increased by 50%. — Patrick Costello. [15937/20]

*956. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of 1200cc, 1400cc and 1500cc motorcycles in the Garda fleet. — Patrick Costello. [15939/20]

*957. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to provide legal advice and or assistance to persons seeking international protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15942/20]

*958. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the provision of a new national forensic science laboratory; the estimated cost of delivery; when the new laboratory will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15981/20]

*959. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the provision of new Garda divisional headquarters in Kevin Street and Galway; the estimated cost of their delivery; when they will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15982/20]

*960. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the provision of the replacement of the Harcourt Square complex; the estimated cost of delivery; when the new complex will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15983/20]

*961. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the Garda ICT programme; the estimated cost of its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15984/20]

*962. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the redevelopment of Limerick Prison; the estimated cost of delivery; when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15985/20]

*963. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the redevelopment of the Mountjoy Prison campus; the estimated cost of delivery; when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15986/20]

*964. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the redevelopment of the Family Law and Children’s Court complex on Hammond Lane, Dublin 7; the estimated cost of delivery;

when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15987/20]

*965. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the ceiling for capital investment in her Department for 2021, 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15988/20]

*966. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the reason for the delay for a review by the INIS of the EU treaty rights of a person (details supplied) who has applied for citizenship. — Paul Murphy. [16027/20]

*967. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the incidence of dog thefts reported to An Garda Síochána in 2019 and the first six months of 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16099/20]

*968. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if an appointments system will be instituted in Anglesea Street, Cork for the renewal of visas rather than a queueing system in view of social distancing concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16114/20]

*969. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16137/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*970. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the challenges faced by LGBTQ parents due to the lack of legal recognition for both parents; his plans to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [14677/20]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will introduce to open up full day care services for children and adults with disabilities. — Sean Sherlock. [14690/20]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health if he has responsibility for the Health Research Board. — Sean Sherlock. [14743/20]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health the Minister with responsibility for the Health Research Board. — Sean Sherlock. [14744/20]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health if holidaymakers from abroad are to spend 14 days in self-isolation on arrival; if there are legal repercussions arising from a breach of this 14-day period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14842/20]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure better funding of section 38 and 39 organisations. — Alan Kelly. [14910/20]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health if he will relax the 100-person restriction for indoor venues in the case of exhibitions in which very large venues are used in view of the importance of the exhibitions and trade fair sector to the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14938/20]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether current timelines for assessment of needs and implementation of services are adequate. — Sean Sherlock. [15063/20]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review regulations in relation to wedding venues to explore if increased guest numbers can be accommodated safely in larger venues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15285/20]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health if a plan will be developed to address the situation in which young disabled persons are being housed in residential care homes against their will by resourcing them to relocate to suitable accommodation with the necessary personal support services enabling them to live with dignity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [15363/20]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health if disability funding being administered by the HSE will be reassigned to the new to Department of Children and Disability for distribution in view of the reassignment of the disability portfolio from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15671/20]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health when a service (details supplied) will recommence day services and respite care; his views on the fact that no dates have been provided to users to date in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15673/20]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health when guidelines will be finalised and issued for the reopening of day services for adults with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15674/20]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health when guidelines will be finalised and issued for respite services for adults with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15675/20]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 guidelines regarding wedding guests will be reconsidered; if the number of guests permitted will be changed from 90 to 160 in cases in which square metre space is ample and available and social distancing can be adhered to (details supplied). — Johnny Mythen. [15680/20]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HIQA inspectors that have received training in infection control per region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15705/20]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health if it is mandatory for HIQA inspections of nursing homes to include infection inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15706/20]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health the number of protected disclosures made by HIQA employees in each year since 2015 and to date 2020; the number of those staff that made protected disclosures that are working on a full-time basis with HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15707/20]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health the average time for which HIQA inspection teams remain on site during nursing home inspections; if there is a maximum time limit ascribed to inspection teams in these instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15708/20]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health when adult day care services will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15773/20]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned national guidelines governing the re-opening of services for persons with disabilities in either day and respite settings during the Covid-19 pandemic; when they will be published and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16090/20]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health when it is envisaged a facility (details supplied) will be allowed resume services for its customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16091/20]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health when a service (details supplied) will be allowed to resume services for its customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16092/20]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health when normal services for adolescent mental health and other similar services will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16093/20]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health when normal services for development checks for infants and children will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16094/20]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an urgent appointment for surgery at Temple Street Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [16116/20]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health the home help waiting lists in the various community health organisations by CHO area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14657/20]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health the status of works at the national children's hospital; the timeline for completion of works; the estimated total cost of the project; the impact Covid-19 has had on the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14659/20]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the capital infrastructure projects that have had works carried out in response to Covid-19 in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14661/20]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate and address the unacceptable miscommunication that has taken place between HIQA and his Department in regard to the availability of a bereavement service for persons that have lost loved ones in a nursing home such as a person (details supplied); his plans to ensure that his officials respond directly to the person in relation to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [14663/20]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the additional supports that are available to children that have a dual diagnosis of autism and verbal dyspraxia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14671/20]

- *1001. To ask the Minister for Health when a resumption of services is planned at a HSE adult disability day service centre (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14675/20]
- *1002. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment in CUH for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14679/20]
- *1003. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter raised in correspondence by a group (details supplied) in relation to adult day services will be examined. — Joan Collins. [14681/20]
- *1004. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide Covid-19 testing to persons returning from international travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [14684/20]
- *1005. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines for travel within the common travel area; if quarantining is to be enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [14685/20]
- *1006. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a difference in policy in allowing partners for women giving birth in CUMH as compared to the Rotunda and Holles Street hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [14688/20]
- *1007. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will be instructed to allow in birthing partners of women giving birth in CUMH with associated mask protection and temperature checks. — Sean Sherlock. [14689/20]
- *1008. 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. [14702/20]
- *1009. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a CUH appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14703/20]
- *1010. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes closed from January 2020 to date pursuant to section 64 of the Health Act 2007, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14706/20]
- *1011. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the inequality that is being created by denying patients diagnosed with stage III melanoma in the public system here to access refunds for adjuvant immunotherapy, nivolumab and pembrolizumab, and targeted therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14711/20]
- *1012. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a legal duty to refer children to the National Council for Special Education or a special education needs officer in circumstances in which there may be an educational need at present or in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14721/20]
- *1013. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a requirement and or an obligation, or a legal duty to properly set out in service statements, full details of all services available to meet the needs of a child in relation to timelines in which to deliver assessments of needs reports and other issues; if there is an obligation on the HSE to have an appropriate complaints mechanism to deal

with issues parents might have arising out of these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14722/20]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a requirement or legal duty to refer a child to the National Council for Special Education and or the special needs officer for future educational needs and services and the timeline for services for therapy and health needs; if the HSE has a requirement to provide details of services that are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14723/20]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health if an appropriate appointment and treatment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14731/20]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses' positions that are vacant in the Children's Ireland Hospital Group as of 26 June 2020, in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [14757/20]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO 7 waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care at the end of June 2020; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9 and more than 9 months, respectively. — Joan Collins. [14758/20]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health when it is proposed to licence a drug (details supplied) here and make it available under the general medical scheme; the reason for the delay in the consideration of this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14789/20]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding general practitioners charging for regular blood tests (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14816/20]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for a refund of phlebotomy charges incorrectly incurred by medical card patients in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and the number of these applications that were approved and refused, respectively. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [14822/20]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); if an appointment will be scheduled as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14823/20]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health the official figures for autism in an area (details supplied); and the breakdown by age of the figures. — Chris Andrews. [14837/20]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with autism living in Dublin 2, 4, 6, 6W and 8. — Chris Andrews. [14838/20]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the expected start date for development of a new elective hospital in Cork city; the possible locations of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14840/20]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that many dentists are refusing to see medical card holders and are only providing treatment to private patients which is leaving the most financially vulnerable constituents without vital dental care.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [14850/20]

- *1026. To ask the Minister for Health if the 50-person restriction for indoor gatherings refers to the whole building in the case of a gym regardless of its size; if the size of the area in the building can be taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14854/20]
- *1027. To ask the Minister for Health the authority responsible for the collection of public health passenger locator forms in view of the agreement with the Department of Justice and Equality on a temporary administrative basis to undertake same on behalf of the health authorities, an arrangement which ceased at the end of June 2020; the number of staff assigned to it; the way in which the handover was conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [14855/20]
- *1028. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street has received a new scanning machine for mesh implants; and if staff have received training on the way to use it. — Louise O'Reilly. [14858/20]
- *1029. To ask the Minister for Health if he will guarantee that no patient will have to wait more than six months for health treatments here; and if so, the date he expects to be able to deliver this. — Alan Kelly. [14860/20]
- *1030. To ask the Minister for Health the amount he plans to spend on the NTPF in 2020. — Alan Kelly. [14861/20]
- *1031. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra hospital public beds he expects to deliver in each of the years 2020 to 2024. — Alan Kelly. [14862/20]
- *1032. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra hospital consultants that will be hired in 2020. — Alan Kelly. [14863/20]
- *1033. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra nurses that will be hired in 2020. — Alan Kelly. [14864/20]
- *1034. To ask the Minister for Health the service providers here for adults with intellectual disabilities; the date each service provider will reopen; and the percentage of services that each provider will open in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [14865/20]
- *1035. To ask the Minister for Health the service providers here for children with intellectual disabilities; the date each service provider will reopen; and the percentage of services that each provider will open in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [14866/20]
- *1036. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which a four-hour target will be applied to all emergency department waits. — Alan Kelly. [14867/20]
- *1037. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of overall health spending being devoted to the provision of primary care services under the current Departmental spending estimates. — Alan Kelly. [14868/20]
- *1038. To ask the Minister for Health when he will announce the construction locations and timelines for new elective hospitals that he plans to build. — Alan Kelly. [14869/20]

- *1039. To ask the Minister for Health if he accepts the findings of the De Buitléir report into private activity in public hospitals; and the timeline for its implementation. — Alan Kelly. [14870/20]
- *1040. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra hours of home help he expects to fund in 2020; and the number of hours he is planning to deliver in 2021. — Alan Kelly. [14871/20]
- *1041. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an emergency medicine consultant present on a 24-hour basis in each emergency department across all acute hospitals; and if not, when there will be. — Alan Kelly. [14872/20]
- *1042. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which he plans to end pay inequality for hospital consultants. — Alan Kelly. [14873/20]
- *1043. To ask the Minister for Health the extra funding he plans to provide for general practitioner services in 2020 and 2021. — Alan Kelly. [14874/20]
- *1044. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to put in a place a new general practitioner contract. — Alan Kelly. [14875/20]
- *1045. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he will bring forward the reintroduction of all health screening programmes; and the changes he has made since he took up office in order to speed up the launch of such services that were announced under his predecessor. — Alan Kelly. [14876/20]
- *1046. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the catch-up programme he is introducing in relation to health screening. — Alan Kelly. [14877/20]
- *1047. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE roadmap for reopening health services will be published. — Alan Kelly. [14878/20]
- *1048. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of extra diagnostics he plans to put into acute and non-acute settings in 2020. — Alan Kelly. [14879/20]
- *1049. To ask the Minister for Health if he has established an office for budgetary responsibility in his Department; if not, when he will establish it; and the resources that will be in the office. — Alan Kelly. [14880/20]
- *1050. To ask the Minister for Health the full status of the new national children's hospital; the amount spent on the project to date; the revised timelines for the completion of the project; and if he is dedicating new resources to monitoring the construction and spend on the hospital. — Alan Kelly. [14881/20]
- *1051. To ask the Minister for Health the extra funding resources which will be put into the disability sector in 2020. — Alan Kelly. [14882/20]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Health his immediate plans to properly fund section 38 and 39 organisations that provide vital health and disability services; and if extra funding will be provided to them in 2020. — Alan Kelly. [14883/20]
- *1053. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase antibody testing for Covid-19; and the timelines there are for doing so. — Alan Kelly. [14885/20]

- *1054. To ask the Minister for Health the process he has in place for appointments to NPHE or its sub-groups; and if he has changed that process since he became Minister. — Alan Kelly. [14890/20]
- *1055. To ask the Minister for Health the dates and times of the meetings of the HSE board to date in 2020. — Alan Kelly. [14891/20]
- *1056. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the reason so many healthcare professionals have been infected with Covid-19; and the details of the investigation he will commence to address this. — Alan Kelly. [14892/20]
- *1057. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the remuneration of nurses in the HSE is fair and comparable to nurses on both a European and global level. — Alan Kelly. [14893/20]
- *1058. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to employ new methods to ensure nursing homes nationally have enough staff and PPE. — Alan Kelly. [14900/20]
- *1059. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish each of the recommendations and submissions that have guided the actions and decisions by the NPHE during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Alan Kelly. [14901/20]
- *1060. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether an e-health card or number should be introduced; and if so, the timeline he would envisage for such work. — Alan Kelly. [14907/20]
- *1061. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen St. Michael's unit, Clonmel, County Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [14920/20]
- *1062. To ask the Minister for Health when St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir will reopen as a unit for respite and palliative care. — Alan Kelly. [14921/20]
- *1063. To ask the Minister for Health when the general practitioner visit card will be extended to children under eight years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14927/20]
- *1064. To ask the Minister for Health if the commitment to the building of a second cath lab at University Hospital Waterford will be reaffirmed; if so, the date on which a build contract will be signed off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14928/20]
- *1065. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the 2013 decision to end the motorised transport grant with a view to reinstating same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [14932/20]
- *1066. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the feasibility of upgrading Ennis General Hospital to a grade 3 facility in order that the hospital can again perform elective procedures (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [14933/20]
- *1067. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14935/20]
- *1068. To ask the Minister for Health when a chair will be received for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14939/20]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department sought in its estimate bid in each of the years 2017 to 2020 in terms of additional funding to maintain existing levels of service taking account of demographics; and the amount allocated to ELS and demographics in each year. — David Cullinane. [14946/20]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department is seeking in terms of additional funding to maintain existing levels of service taking account of demographics for 2021. — David Cullinane. [14947/20]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health if the spinraza treatment has been stopped for persons (details supplied); and when the treatment will commence. — Joan Collins. [14951/20]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter regarding day care centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14961/20]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the outcome of the 2019 public consultation in respect of regulations to be made under sections 12 and 13 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14964/20]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be offered alternative employment other than in the ambulance service in view of the fact that their health suffered; if, in the circumstances, it might be possible to meet their requirements in another Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14973/20]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health when the service continuity roadmap will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14975/20]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a contract negotiated by the HSE with a company (details supplied); if he will liaise with the HSE in relation to the matter in view of the fact the company cannot get a response from the HSE procurement division in relation to furthering the delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14977/20]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline to produce and issue a build tender for planned Cath Lab at University Hospital Waterford; the planned contract close date, build and completion dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14978/20]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline to recommence modifications to the existing cath lab at University Hospital Waterford; the reason no Covid-19 test was offered to foreign engineers to allow them access on site at any stage up to the lifting of travel restrictions in view of the fact the refit was classed as essential work; the further reason an infection control protocol initiated by hospital management precluded access to the existing cardiac suite to allow modifications continue in further view of the fact it is at the opposite end of campus and in further view of the fact only two Covid-19 patients were being treated in the separately housed Dunmore wing of the hospital; the definitive date the existing lab modifications will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14979/20]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the seat left vacant on the advisory board of the South West hospital group by the promotion of a person (details supplied) has not been made available to another candidate; if the board is soon to be disbanded, the finish date; if the board is not being disbanded within a period of two months of 14 June 2020, if the other candidate

will be appointed to the board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14980/20]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for patients referred to the pain clinic in Galway; the reason the issue of long waiting lists at the clinic has not been addressed; the steps he plans to take to address the long waiting lists for appointments and treatment in view of the suffering delayed pain treatment is causing persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14983/20]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health if and when St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir will return to its normal service, that is, a geriatric facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [14992/20]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health when the births, deaths and marriages office will reopen at St. Mary's Hospital, Thurles, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14999/20]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for funding to be made available for applicants approved for the nursing home support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14994/20]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision for the awaited development phase of Naas General Hospital, the new national children's hospital and other similar capital projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15001/20]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which comparable replacement public hospital bed provision has been provided following the closure of St. Brigid's Hospital, Crooksling; the current or proposed use of the premises and lands at Crooksling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15009/20]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective procedures and appointments, for example, smear tests, test results and meeting a consultant, that had to be cancelled or deferred in the mid-west region in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [15011/20]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Health the status of treatment for a person (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [15015/20]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Health if persons that are eligible for a general medical card under the new criteria once enacted will receive a refund for prescription costs incurred from July 2020 (details supplied). — Malcolm Noonan. [15019/20]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15021/20]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health the budget for mental health provision in 2020; the priority areas to which the funding will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [15024/20]

- *1091. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding hospital acquired infection of Covid-19 by hospital and patient outcome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [15035/20]
- *1092. To ask the Minister for Health the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health and Older People; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15054/20]
- *1093. To ask the Minister for Health the delegated functions assigned to the Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and National Drugs Strategy; and the date those delegated functions come into effect. — Sean Sherlock. [15055/20]
- *1094. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration given to those that are hearing impaired and the challenges facing them with facemasks that prevent lip reading and other facial tics that assist them in understanding interactions. — Sean Sherlock. [15059/20]
- *1095. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a query raised in correspondence regarding assisted human reproduction from a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15072/20]
- *1096. To ask the Minister for Health the reason 12 children with SMA are still waiting to be treated with spinraza one year after the drug was approved; the reason for the delay; when the matter will finally be addressed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15076/20]
- *1097. To ask the Minister for Health if the process for the passage of urgent legislation to provide a clear legal framework in relation to assisted human reproduction will be expedited; the time frame for the passage of this legislation and its commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15078/20]
- *1098. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [15084/20]
- *1099. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a primary care centre at a location (details supplied); if the site selection process has been completed; the planned timeline for construction to begin; the facilities which will be available there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15088/20]
- *1100. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed by the HSE (details supplied) within the administrative and frontline sectors; and the percentage spend on salaries for both sections with the HSE annual budget. — Alan Dillon. [15122/20]
- *1101. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to legalise cannabis during his term as Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15137/20]
- *1102. To ask the Minister for Health when he will introduce minimum unit pricing for the purchase of alcohol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15139/20]
- *1103. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15154/20]

- *1104. To ask the Minister for Health if funding can be provided to a person (details supplied) in order to purchase devices; if the exceptional medical circumstances in this case will be taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15159/20]
- *1105. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15174/20]
- *1106. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the provision of a treatment (details supplied) at general practitioner clinics is not covered under the GMS scheme or the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15178/20]
- *1107. To ask the Minister for Health the restrictions and quarantine arrangements that will apply to persons coming here from the United States of America for the coming months in view of the high incidence of Covid-19 there at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15180/20]
- *1108. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a procedure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15190/20]
- *1109. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct HSE west to issue a reply in relation to a query that was raised (details supplied). — Michael Ring. [15192/20]
- *1110. To ask the Minister for Health the contracts in place with taxi companies in County Waterford; the duration of the contracts; if the contracts were extended; the tendering processes involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15197/20]
- *1111. To ask the Minister for Health when his attention was drawn to private hospitals charging for Covid-19 tests prior to treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15200/20]
- *1112. To ask the Minister for Health if he has made contact with Cork University Maternity Hospital on the lifting of visiting restrictions for designated birthing partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15201/20]
- *1113. To ask the Minister for Health when a letter will be issued to disability service providers to confirm that the 1% cut earmarked in the 2020 HSE service plan no longer applies further to comments made by his predecessor in Dáil Éireann on 11 June 2020 in relation to funding for disability service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15203/20]
- *1114. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to insurance coverage for Covid-19 tests for patients to access services in private hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [15211/20]
- *1115. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding changes to the over 70s medical card threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15218/20]
- *1116. To ask the Minister for Health if he will order an independent investigation into the circumstances of a death in a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15224/20]

- *1117. To ask the Minister for Health the liability of medical card holders to pay for blood tests carried out at their general practitioners; the efforts made to ensure that medical card holders are not being charged for the routine service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15225/20]
- *1118. To ask the Minister for Health when a review of hATTR amyloidosis treatment funding will commence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15228/20]
- *1119. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance will be offered to persons (details supplied) in relation to the urgent need for an expansion in adult disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [15241/20]
- *1120. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an orthodontics appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15242/20]
- *1121. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15251/20]
- *1122. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15252/20]
- *1123. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the reopening of St. Brigid’s Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir for respite and palliative care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15254/20]
- *1124. To ask the Minister for Health the long-term plan for St. Michael’s Hospital following the investment of €700,000 as part of the Covid-19 response; if the hospital will now be reconsidered for the provision of urgently required mental health crisis beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15255/20]
- *1125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants by specialist posts that are vacant in each hospital that is part of Dublin Midlands Hospital Group as of 1 July 2020; the length of time each post has been vacant; and the position regarding the filling of each post. — Catherine Murphy. [15270/20]
- *1126. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see a consultant cardiologist at Naas General Hospital; and the average waiting time to see the consultant. — Catherine Murphy. [15271/20]
- *1127. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year current and capital costs of extending the period the sleep clinic is available at Naas General Hospital from half a day per month to two full days per month. — Catherine Murphy. [15272/20]
- *1128. To ask the Minister for Health if provisions will be put in place for those in need of respite care that are unable to access it due to public health advice. — Cathal Crowe. [15288/20]
- *1129. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15291/20]

- *1130. To ask the Minister for Health the specific timeline for the reopening of adult and child disability services, respectively; the extra supports that will be put in place to support those living with disabilities and their families that are experiencing extreme regression as a result of the closure of such services for months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15293/20]
- *1131. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deliver access to 24/7 cardiac care at UHW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [15294/20]
- *1132. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a community in County Kerry would apply for a new primary care centre in its area; the points of contact within his Department and the HSE to initiate the process; the models of delivery and criteria for recent primary care centre developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15301/20]
- *1133. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to the production of television programmes (details supplied); the subhead in the accounts from which the sums were allocated; if there was a tendering process; if so, the details and costs involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15304/20]
- *1134. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of hospitals which act as mesh centres at which women that have been injured due to the use of mesh can see a specialist. — Louise O'Reilly. [15316/20]
- *1135. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of hospitals which have the necessary scanning facilities to detect mesh implants in women that have been injured due to the use of mesh. — Louise O'Reilly. [15317/20]
- *1136. To ask the Minister for Health if approval will be given to the immunotherapy drug osimertinib; if a timeline can be provided for its availability for lung cancer patients; and if not, the reason. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [15318/20]
- *1137. To ask the Minister for Health if he will conduct a full audit of all data transferred with or without consent to a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15326/20]
- *1138. To ask the Minister for Health if brain tumour data from Beaumont Hospital has been transferred to a company (details supplied) before the extended opt-out deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15327/20]
- *1139. To ask the Minister for Health the provision being made to waive the accident and emergency charge for public patients during the Covid-19 pandemic in circumstances in which a patient has had no other option to attend accident and emergency for care due to restricted access to other care options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15348/20]
- *1140. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the effectiveness of the HSE Framework for the Resumption of Adult Disability Day Services; if he will obtain feedback from user groups such as a group (details supplied) in order to hold the HSE accountable for the satisfactory outcome of its plan; and the way in which the State can better support the thousands of carers and their loved ones that are now facing stress and frustration while the adult disability day services are not fully resumed. — Mairéad Farrell. [15352/20]

- *1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of isolation beds operational and available at South Tipperary General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15353/20]
- *1142. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget for South Tipperary General Hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15354/20]
- *1143. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation for private patients that despite paying for health insurance are being charged for Covid-19 testing on top of their healthcare. — Cathal Crowe. [15360/20]
- *1144. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for access to the early intervention teams covering Dublin 9 and 11; and if plans will be put in place to increase the capacity of the teams to meet the growing demand for the service. — Paul McAuliffe. [15365/20]
- *1145. To ask the Minister for Health when construction work will recommence on the national children's hospital, if works have stalled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [15376/20]
- *1146. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding to develop a new endoscopy wing at Cavan General Hospital by the RCSI hospital group has not been allocated to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15380/20]
- *1147. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to replace the travel schemes ceased in 2013 due to incompatibility with the Equal Status Acts 2000-2018; if an alternative scheme is available; the status of the interdepartmental group requested to develop detailed proposals including eligibility criteria and administrative arrangements; the number of times the group met; when the last meeting took place; the outcome of the group; the findings of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15384/20]
- *1148. To ask the Minister for Health the allocations of substantial funding that is in excess €1 million allocated to hospitals (details supplied) in the RCSI hospital group over the past 20 years in tabular form; the year in which funds were allocated; the works for which funds were allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15387/20]
- *1149. To ask the Minister for Health the ambulance coverage by county and main towns within each county in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [15390/20]
- *1150. To ask the Minister for Health if an investigation will be undertaken into the death of an elderly person in a nursing home (details supplied); if so, if the adequacy of the response of the State agencies will be included in the investigation; and if private nursing homes will be included in the health service. — Peadar Tóibín. [15392/20]
- *1151. To ask the Minister for Health when legislation necessary to implement changes to the medical card weekly income limit for persons over 70 years of age announced in Budget 2020 will be brought forward in view of the fact the current situation means that couples with a combined weekly income of between €900 and €1,050 are losing out on their entitlement to a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [15421/20]

- *1152. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance will be offered to a person (details supplied) in relation to the urgent need for an expansion in adult disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15422/20]
- *1153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of termination of pregnancies that were carried out in each hospital providing the service from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15425/20]
- *1154. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the number of children with spinal muscular atrophy eligible for treatment with the approved drug spinraza; the number of those receiving the treatment; the reason for the delay in treatment for some of these children such as a child (details supplied); the way in which and when these issues will be addressed in order that all children can receive this vital treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15427/20]
- *1155. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15430/20]
- *1156. To ask the Minister for Health when full day-time services for persons with disabilities of all ages will be restored. — Sean Sherlock. [15431/20]
- *1157. To ask the Minister for Health if requests to investigate allegations of ill treatment in a nursing home (details supplied) have been received; if the matter is being investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [15433/20]
- *1158. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient and outpatient wait times in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020 by speciality, hospital group and by 0 to 6 months, 6 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 months to 2 years, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 and 4 years or more, respectively in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15437/20]
- *1159. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the roadmap to restore non-Covid-19 healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15438/20]
- *1160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff hired by the HSE to assist in combating Covid-19 by job field and hospital group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15439/20]
- *1161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients screened as part of BreastCheck from 1 January to 1 June in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15440/20]
- *1162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients screened as part of bowel screening from 1 January to 1 June in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15441/20]
- *1163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients screened as part of CervicalCheck from 1 January to 1 June in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15442/20]

- *1164. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients screened as part of diabetic retina screening from 1 January to 1 June in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15443/20]
- *1165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional beds made available in acute hospitals to help combat Covid-19 by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15444/20]
- *1166. To ask the Minister for Health the powers of HIQA regarding private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15445/20]
- *1167. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — David Cullinane. [15446/20]
- *1168. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant beds in the public health system by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15447/20]
- *1169. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for dentistry and orthodontic services disaggregated by region in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15448/20]
- *1170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new beds made available to date in 2020 and planned for the remainder of the year disaggregated by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15449/20]
- *1171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new beds made available in 2018 and 2019 disaggregated by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15450/20]
- *1172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultant psychiatrists working in the mental health unit in Waterford in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15451/20]
- *1173. To ask the Minister for Health his views on to the latest Mental Health Commission report; the actions that will be taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15452/20]
- *1174. To ask the Minister for Health the timetable for the construction and delivery of the second cath lab at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15453/20]
- *1175. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding providing for 24/7 emergency cardiac care at the primary PCI centre in Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15454/20]
- *1176. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 556 of 30 June 2020, when the national guidelines will be published (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15460/20]

- *1177. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day centres in Galway city and county closed since mid-March 2020 as result of Covid-19; the location of and service provided by each centre; the number of users deprived of services as a result of those closures; the analysis undertaken by HSE community healthcare west in relation to these closures and the impact on the users; if he will provide a copy of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15464/20]
- *1178. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the restoration of funding for an organisation (details supplied); if the funding will be restored ahead of the proposed Clonburris development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [15466/20]
- *1179. To ask the Minister for Health the revised income limits due to come into force in July 2020 for medical cards; and if the HSE is now processing applications under these new guidelines. — Richard Bruton. [15468/20]
- *1180. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the possibility of restoring free dental benefits to the over 70s, namely a free clean and polish. — Paul McAuliffe. [15475/20]
- *1181. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the abolition of car parking charges at public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15478/20]
- *1182. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the construction of the national children's hospital; the estimated cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15479/20]
- *1183. To ask the Minister for Health his views on pay equalisation for hospital consultants; the actions will he take to secure this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15481/20]
- *1184. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the expansion of neonatal screening; the action he will take in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15482/20]
- *1185. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend free general practitioner care for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15483/20]
- *1186. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend free dental care for children; the timeline to deliver this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15484/20]
- *1187. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to hire additional dentists, orthodontists and dental nurses in the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15485/20]
- *1188. To ask the Minister for Health the wait times for orthodontic treatment by region and wait times of 0 to 1, 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 and greater than 4 years, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15486/20]
- *1189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners employed in each primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15487/20]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fully implement the Scally Report recommendations specifically actions and time frames to deliver it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15488/20]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Health his views on an independent inquiry into the use of sodium valproate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15489/20]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Health his plan to increase home support hours; the number of increased hours he plans to deliver over the lifetime of the Government; if he has a target for each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15490/20]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Health when day care centres for the elderly will be able to open again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15491/20]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the progress of the proposed transport support scheme that is due to replace the mobility allowance and the motorised transport grant that both ceased to exist in February 2013; when the scheme will be finalised; if he plans to work with the Department of Climate Action, Communication Networks and Transport to finalise this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15494/20]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pathologists that are active here in view of the fact that there has been a shortage in some regions with post-mortem procedures taking up to five days in some counties; if there was planning for an increased demand of pathologists due to Covid-19; if there is provision for increased counselling and bereavement services for families due to secondary traumatisation arising from deaths due to Covid-19 and the delay in carrying out post-mortems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15498/20]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding and status of a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15500/20]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and timelines prepared to ensure that day services for adults with disabilities can resume on a full-time basis, in view of the caring burden which closures and reduced hours have placed on parents and families that must now return to work as the economy reopens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [15505/20]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Health if overdue surgery will be expedited for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [15522/20]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Health if building work is progressing on the new national children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15532/20]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15540/20]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15541/20]

- *1202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15542/20]
- *1203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15543/20]
- *1204. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — James Browne. [15544/20]
- *1205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — James Browne. [15545/20]
- *1206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability being provided at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available by CHO area in tabular form. — James Browne. [15546/20]
- *1207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability at the end of June 2020 by local health office area in tabular form. — James Browne. [15547/20]
- *1208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available that were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005. — James Browne. [15548/20]
- *1209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list in each local health area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number in each category waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — James Browne. [15549/20]
- *1210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list in each local health area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number in each category waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — James Browne. [15550/20]
- *1211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list in each local health area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number in each category waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — James Browne. [15551/20]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language further treatment waiting list in each local health area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number in each category waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — James Browne. [15552/20]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list in each local health area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number in each category waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form. — James Browne. [15553/20]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15554/20]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment in primary care at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15555/20]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — James Browne. [15556/20]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2020. — James Browne. [15557/20]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area as of 1 July 2020 or the latest date available; the way in which this compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively, in tabular form. — James Browne. [15558/20]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 1 July 2020 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme; and the length of time waiting. — James Browne. [15559/20]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided for a cancer treatment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15560/20]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fully implement the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health recommendations on sodium valproate and foetal anticonvulsant syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15562/20]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fund adjuvant immunotherapy such as nivolumab and pembrolizumab of stage III melanoma in the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15565/20]

- *1223. To ask the Minister for Health when spinraza will be made available for children with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [15570/20]
- *1224. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the lack of equality of treatment in respect of home help being funded by the HSE to persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [15578/20]
- *1225. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in a funding dispute between the Food Safety Authority Ireland and his Department in view of the fact that the FSAI has indicated its funding from his Department is not sufficient to fund both the FSAI and the local authority veterinary service (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [15588/20]
- *1226. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a person (details supplied); if the case will be dealt with in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15589/20]
- *1227. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for residential care by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15591/20]
- *1228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient and day procedure beds in place at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15594/20]
- *1229. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient hospital cancellations for February, March, April and June 2020 by hospital and hospital group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15595/20]
- *1230. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient hospital cancellations at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15596/20]
- *1231. To ask the Minister for Health the emergency department attendances in acute hospitals in each of the years the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 by hospital and hospital group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15597/20]
- *1232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients outsourced to private hospitals in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 by hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15598/20]
- *1233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients outsourced to private hospitals from University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15599/20]
- *1234. To ask the Minister for Health the capital spend at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and the projects and timelines for completion in relation to uncompleted projects. — David Cullinane. [15600/20]
- *1235. To ask the Minister for Health the agency staff spend by acute hospitals in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 by month, hospital and hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15601/20]

- *1236. To ask the Minister for Health the theatre capacity in place at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the theatres which are operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15602/20]
- *1237. To ask the Minister for Health the closing budget and revenue expenditure for University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2007 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15603/20]
- *1238. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent radiographer posts at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15604/20]
- *1239. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the outpatient waiting list at University Hospital Waterford by speciality; the wait time periods of 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 15, 15 to 18 and greater than 18 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15605/20]
- *1240. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting 15 additional dialectical behaviour therapy teams. — Kathleen Funchion. [15616/20]
- *1241. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital-style bed will be secured for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [15617/20]
- *1242. To ask the Minister for Health when a centre (details supplied) for adults with special education needs will reopen following closure due to the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [15621/20]
- *1243. To ask the Minister for Health when funding already pledged for essential maintenance works at New Houghton Hospital, New Ross, County Wexford will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [15623/20]
- *1244. To ask the Minister for Health when a response acknowledging receipt of a job application for a child psychologist for County Wexford will be furnished to the applicant; the reason there has been a three-month delay in acknowledging this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [15624/20]
- *1245. To ask the Minister for Health when full disability services will resume in County Wexford for both adult and child disability services; the additional supports being put in place for those regressing as a result of closure of the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [15625/20]
- *1246. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to help ensure that passengers entering Ireland from abroad do not contribute to the spread of Covid-19; his views on whether the measures are effective; if the measures are kept under constant review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15632/20]
- *1247. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce legislation to make the wearing of face coverings on public transport obligatory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15634/20]

- *1248. To ask the Minister for Health when adult disability day services will reopen for those that urgently require these services in order that they do not regress further; if there will be a reduction in day services; when parents will be notified (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15639/20]
- *1249. To ask the Minister for Health the works underway at the national children's hospital; if none, when they will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15640/20]
- *1250. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to situations in which persons in hospitals that are being referred to general practitioners for blood tests are being charged accordingly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15641/20]
- *1251. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to situations in which persons in hospitals with medical cards that are being referred to general practitioners for blood tests are being charged accordingly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15642/20]
- *1252. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be assessed for surgery under the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15660/20]
- *1253. To ask the Minister for Health if a device (details supplied) will be CE approved and available here under the long term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15677/20]
- *1254. To ask the Minister for Health the status of works and costs involved for a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [15678/20]
- *1255. To ask the Minister for Health if new Covid-19 guidelines will be sought regarding old folks' homes and residential care centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15679/20]
- *1256. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a national scheme for the proper disposal and or recycling of unused medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15694/20]
- *1257. To ask the Minister for Health if those women that donate breast milk for use by the health services are now required to undertake a blood test; if the cost of such blood tests are or will covered by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15702/20]
- *1258. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commission an examination into the potential for restoring accident and emergency services at Monaghan Hospital in view of the pressures evident at Cavan and Drogheda particularly with Covid-19 restrictions remaining in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15703/20]
- *1259. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to appointing a representative from the Mental Health Commission onto the National Public Health Emergency Team expert group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15704/20]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Paul McAuliffe. [15730/20]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce a medicine dump scheme through local pharmacies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15733/20]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Health the status of reopening of private parks which contain playgrounds and other children and family play areas; the person or body that has the ultimate responsibility to ensure social distancing is adhered to in such incidences once reopened (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [15734/20]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that private hospitals are charging as much as €275 for Covid-19 testing before patients can access treatment; if this will be the case for patients referred under the NTPF; his views on whether this is appropriate in view of the fact that while these hospitals were in public hands patients were not previously charged for tests; his plans to cover the costs for testing for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [15779/20]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for surgery will be provided for a person (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [15825/20]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Health if Beaumont Hospital has an internal waiting list to access a HSE diabetes pump application form; if patients have to wait for extended periods before the hospital submits the applications to the HSE; the reason for the internal application form waiting lists and submission delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15839/20]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Health if additional financial resources will be provided for home support in 2020 in view of the delays in providing these essential supports for many eligible patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15849/20]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Health if downloads for the newly-launched Covid-19 tracker application on phone models below iPhone 6S or Android 7 count towards total downloads. — Gary Gannon. [15856/20]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for CAMHS in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15867/20]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a CAMHS appointment in County Wexford at the end of quarter one of 2019 and quarter one of 2020, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15868/20]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels in CAMHS in County Wexford by profession in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15869/20]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Health if there are vacancies in staffing in CAMHS in County Wexford; the length of time these vacancies have been for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15870/20]

- *1272. To ask the Minister for Health if the CAMHS in County Wexford is operating at a seven days a week model; if not, when a seven day a week service is planned to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15871/20]
- *1273. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a jigsaw youth mental health service for County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [15872/20]
- *1274. To ask the Minister for Health the number of retired consultants that were re-employed in the health service in the past year; the amount paid in respect of their salaries in the past year; the percentage of those employed under different contracts in tabular form; if each type of contract permits a split between public and private work; if so, the percentage allowed in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15873/20]
- *1275. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the recommendation by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission that his Department should undertake a participative consultation process with it regarding the Ethical Framework for Decision Making in a Pandemic document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15874/20]
- *1276. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the reopening of HSE speech and language therapy sessions. — Sorca Clarke. [15884/20]
- *1277. To ask the Minister for Health the reason agency nurses being interviewed for permanent posts within the HSE are being offered zero hour contracts and in cases in which they refuse, are faced with going through the interview process again for a 39 hour contract post. — Sorca Clarke. [15885/20]
- *1278. To ask the Minister for Health his views on reports that some private hospitals plan to charge patients up to €250 for a Covid-19 test before they can undergo a procedure in the hospital; if clarity will be obtained from private hospitals in relation to the matter in view of the substantial funds received by such hospitals from the State during the Covid-19 emergency period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15888/20]
- *1279. To ask the Minister for Health when an initial progress report on each recommendation in the Obesity Policy and Action Plan 2016-2025 will be issued by the Obesity Policy Implementation Oversight Group. — Holly Cairns. [15891/20]
- *1280. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that will be able to attend weddings in September 2020 under the revised Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business guidelines. — Holly Cairns. [15893/20]
- *1281. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives including transnational initiatives Ireland is involved in for the development of a vaccine or treatment for Covid-19; if the initiatives are based on a principle of free or affordable global access; if Ireland is participating in the people's vaccine initiative from UNAIDS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15915/20]
- *1282. To ask the Minister for Health if a participative consultation process will be undertaken with those most likely to be impacted by the guidance of his Department on prioritisation in access to critical care in the context of Covid-19, which explicitly engages human rights and equality expertise as recommended by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15923/20]

- *1283. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made regarding day services for persons with disabilities further to the publication of a HSE document entitled the Framework for the Resumption of Adult Disability Day Services; the way in which and when day services for persons with disabilities will open under the framework; the transport solutions that will be provided for persons accessing services under the framework; if school leavers with a disability will be provided for under the framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15924/20]
- *1284. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which the Traveller Health Advisory Committee met between 2010 and 2020 inclusive in tabular form; the date on which it will next meet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15925/20]
- *1285. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make adjuvant immunotherapy nivolumab pembrolizumab available to public patients with stage III melanoma; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15926/20]
- *1286. To ask the Minister for Health when a service (details supplied) in Dublin 13 will reopen to service users. — Denise Mitchell. [15927/20]
- *1287. To ask the Minister for Health the status of St. Michael's ward in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin 9. — Denise Mitchell. [15928/20]
- *1288. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed new national plan for rare diseases will be completed; if a consultation process will be ran to allow input into this plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15930/20]
- *1289. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time paediatric occupational therapists and speech and language therapists in CHO7 in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of vacant posts in CHO7 as of 1 July 2020. — Patrick Costello. [15932/20]
- *1290. To ask the Minister for Health the number of scoliosis surgeries carried out at Crumlin Children's Hospital in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [15934/20]
- *1291. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it would cost in 2021 to provide 35,000 extra intensive home care packages. — Patrick Costello. [15935/20]
- *1292. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange for the HSE to put in place a national medicines recycling programme known as DUMP in accordance with the proposal made by a union (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15941/20]
- *1293. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the health impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on persons living with dementia and their family carers; his further views on the lack of consideration and strategy in relation to addressing the unique needs of this group during the pandemic; if the omission of the group will be addressed by specifically including it in current and future discussions and debate in relation to Covid-19 and other public health strategies and policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15944/20]
- *1294. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recently published report (details supplied); his further views on the conclusion in the report that policy and practice needs to focus on the way in which persons living with dementia and their informal and formal carers can be optimally

supported; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15945/20]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Health if the concerns of health professionals and organisations working with persons with dementia and their families that dementia has not been included specifically in data collection related to Covid-19 mortality or in the public messaging being issued will be addressed; the way in which he will address the lack of emphasis placed on the complex needs of those impacted by dementia in the community and in residential settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15946/20]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether persons with dementia and their family carers have been rendered invisible during the Covid-19 crisis; the way in which he will ensure that dementia is given high priority in terms of public health policy, research into its impact and future planning with regard to Covid-19; if the issuing of guidelines for the reopening of services and supports for persons and their families will be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15947/20]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that same sex couples that received IUI and or IVF abroad will have full recognition of their parentage on birth certificates registered here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15948/20]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of a new primary healthcare centre in Arklow, County Wicklow; the expected time frame for the construction to completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15955/20]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to use of pelvic mesh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [15956/20]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15960/20]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the findings of a review (details supplied) in regard to vaginal mesh; his plans to implement similar responses to the issue here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [15963/20]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a recent UK report (details supplied) relating to women that have suffered injury as a result of pelvic mesh; his views on its recommendations for improving the ability of the healthcare system to respond in circumstances in which concerns have been raised regarding the safety of particular clinical interventions; if he will consider transposing recommendations from the report into the healthcare system here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15965/20]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE can take over a nursing home (details supplied). — Mick Barry. [15990/20]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Health if he is in receipt of a funding request from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will ensure the resumption of services for that entity in each HSE area as quickly as possible. — Sean Sherlock. [16001/20]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the social distancing guidelines for an organisation (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [16002/20]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 674 of 7 July 2020, if he will provide the specific total amount made available by his Department and the HSE in 2010; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16013/20]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 health and safety guidelines will be issued to an organisation (details supplied) in relation to private therapists such as occupational therapists and speech and language therapists that have been unable to treat patients since the public health crisis began; if these guidelines might incur costs to this sector; if grants will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16016/20]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Health if increased funding has been provided to drug and alcohol treatment centres in view of the fact that their bed capacity has been significantly reduced in line with public health guidance as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [16018/20]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Health if increased funding has been provided to non-HSE drug and alcohol treatment centres in view of the fact that their bed capacity has been significantly reduced in line with public health guidance as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [16019/20]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Health if additional bed capacity in drug and alcohol treatment centres will be provided as a result of an increase in alcohol and drug addiction issues due to the lockdown resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [16020/20]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Health if a strategic plan will be put in place to assist persons that have developed drug or alcohol addictions or those that have had their drug or alcohol addictions increased due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [16021/20]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Health the home services provided by HSE staff and home services provided by agencies for 2019 in terms of hours. — Brian Stanley. [16023/20]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Health the home services provided in hours by HSE staff and home services provided by agencies to date in 2020. — Brian Stanley. [16024/20]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing campaign by families of persons with the hereditary blood disease ATTR amyloidosis; and the status of the licensing of the drug patiserin. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16029/20]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to plans to restore or increase respite hours in the Cork area for families of children with special needs which had been reduced or paused during Covid-19, with particular reference to but not exclusively to the respite services at Garretstown. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16030/20]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Health when an application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16031/20]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Health when an updated national rare diseases plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16034/20]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Health the reason work has stopped on the national children's hospital; if there are legal proceedings underway in relation to the project; the estimated cost to the

State of such legal proceedings; the number of days lost due to legal proceedings; and the cost to the State per day of delays to the project. — Mairéad Farrell. [16108/20]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Health when day services for persons with disabilities will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16111/20]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16122/20]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Health the details of facilities that were block-booked or taken over in County Mayo for use during the Covid-19 pandemic; the location, capacity and costs involved of each; the facilities which were used; the number of persons that were placed in the facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16123/20]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tribunals, public investigations and commissions of investigations in process; the length of time each has been underway; when each will conclude; the cost to date of each; and the estimated cost of each at completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [16135/20]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY, 2020**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15950/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to establish a unit in his Department to coordinate social dialogue. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15951/20]

Chun an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil: To the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

3. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if reductions in broadband rollout time will be evenly distributed nationwide in view of commitments to seek to reduce the rollout time of the National Broadband Plan. — James Lawless. [16076/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be provided to each home in north County Dublin under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16045/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he expects to be in a position to achieve emission reduction targets in line with the Programme for Government whilst at the same time protecting economic progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16051/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he will work with the European Commission to advance a stronger national energy and climate plan for 2030; when the plan will be submitted; the way in which he plans to make the plan a stronger document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16063/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the mission statement of his Department with particular reference to the main components of his brief; the timescale within which he expects to be in a position to achieve his targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16050/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of progress of the National Broadband Plan; the amount spent to date; the number of homes and businesses that have been and are yet to be connected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16068/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the new climate action Bill due to be published within 100 days of the current Government will incorporate all the targets and ambitions as set out in the European Green Deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16061/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to upgrade the broadband infrastructure in eastern areas of County Cork which has poor connectivity which is hampering development within the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [16054/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the position regarding the roll out of the national broadband plan with specific reference to County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [15976/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to maintain the reduction in Ireland's emissions seen during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16046/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on improving the level of community ownership of windfarms here; his further views on whether the State should intervene to help support local communities establishing and running their own windfarms which can power their own local energy needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16067/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when he expects to move legislation to ban oil and gas exploration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15995/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to expedite the roll out of the national broadband plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16043/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when details of the roll out under the National Broadband Plan will be published in order that householders will have an indication based on Eircode as to when it is likely the roll out of broadband will reach them;

if it is a condition of the contract that this information be given by a specific date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15666/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the carbon emissions reductions he expects will be achieved annually in this term of Government. — Paul Murphy. [16042/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress made to date in developing a policy statement on the transition away from the importation of fracked gas and the development of LNG terminals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16064/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of applications made to the Just Transition Fund to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [16073/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the way in which he plans to incorporate biodiversity and nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation within his climate action portfolio; the efforts he will take to bridge the policy gap between climate action and biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16065/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will introduce legislation in line with the provisions in the Microgeneration Support Scheme Bill 2017, which would empower persons and local communities to produce renewable energy that they can then use and sell the excess of back to the national grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16069/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he will implement to ensure a necessary upgrade in the telecommunications infrastructure in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16059/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he will implement to ensure that all areas of counties Cavan and Monaghan will have access to high-speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16060/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures that will be introduced over the next year pertaining to a carbon tax. — Mick Barry. [16053/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of all licences issued since 2016 for oil and gas exploration; the number and status of licences under consideration by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15997/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the new towns that will be included in the proposed extension of the smoky coal ban as per the commitment in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16047/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans with regard to the LNG terminal in Shannon, County Clare and the importation of fracked gas in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16085/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when legislation will be moved to deal with the building of LNG terminals here; if this will cover each LNG proposal or just the importation of fracked gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15996/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the clean air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16044/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will expedite the implementation of the recommendations included in the Just Transition Commissioner's first report published in early 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16070/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his views on the projection of emissions for the period 2019 to 2040 published on 8 July 2020 by the Environmental Protection Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [16052/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if his attention has been drawn to the number of households in the amber area of national broadband coverage marginally outside the reach of commercial operators, Eir rural roll out and the existing National Broadband Plan roll out (details supplied); the steps being taken to expedite the roll out of the National Broadband Plan; and if those homes within 500 metres of the existing roll out will be treated as a priority for connection. — Kieran O'Donnell. [16056/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the progress made in the past three years in reducing emissions here; the next steps he plans to take to achieve an accelerated reduction of emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15667/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the process by which he plans to select members of the climate action council which is due to be newly established within 100 days according to the adopted Programme for Government; if the new council will devise the carbon budgets for 2021-2025 and 2026-2030 before the end of 2020; the extent to which the council will incorporate scientific expertise; the level of independence of same; if it will include a gender balance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [16062/20]