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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to establish a unit in his Department to coordinate social dialogue. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15951/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the discussions he has had with other heads of government since he assumed his position. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16788/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach the matters he plans to raise at the EU Council meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16790/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EU Council. — Alan Kelly. [16883/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach the timeline for the implementation of the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16789/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16816/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16817/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Coordination Cabinet Committee; and the officials and advisers that attend. — Alan Kelly. [16884/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [16885/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

10. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of special advisers employed across all Departments disaggregated by Department; the annual salary of each special adviser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16861/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the learning that has occurred from Covid-19 planning; and the measures that can be implemented into the future regarding public policy planning from recent experience gained. — Matt Shanahan. [17332/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there have been reforms to the procurement process with regard to the issue of guaranteed maximum price contracts to ensure that massive cost overruns will not be borne on the taxpayer going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16633/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the agreed capital ceilings for each Department in tabular form; if there have been changes in respect of committed and pre-committed expenditure as a result of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16634/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

14. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood relief works on the Templemore to Borrisoleigh road, County Tipperary. — Jackie Cahill. [16806/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if additional funding will be provided in 2020 to local authorities for flood relief schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16814/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the research undertaken on foot of the Spending Review 2018, Analysis of OPW Spending on State Rents, in particular in relation to the balance between capital and current expenditure; the effectiveness of the current model in meeting accommodation requests; if value for money is being obtained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16768/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the public procurement threshold will be increased from €25,000 in view of the impact it is having on SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16823/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the guidelines he has issued to Departments in the context of complying with expenditure guidelines and meeting the various targets this year and in subsequent years for the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16860/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he remains satisfied that public expenditure targets can be met by end of the year inclusive of revisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16859/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has reviewed the plans for the remainder of the 2020 season in respect of Skellig Mhichil, County Kerry, in view of the acceleration of the Covid-19 roadmap and the economic boost reopening the site to visitors would bring to south County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16944/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to engage with public sector trade unions on a successor to the public sector agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16819/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consider implementing a policy to allow an organisation (details supplied) to have a seat on the LEEF; the steps he can take to remedy the lack of access for SMEs to Department of Finance officials in view of recent statements by representatives of SMEs at the Oireachtas Special Committee on Covid-19 Response in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [15821/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role of the OPW in relation to the historic buildings, monuments and artefacts within the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone; and the plans of the OPW during and post-construction in relation to same. — Cormac Devlin. [16982/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will examine the potential of existing and future flood prevention embankments and similar infrastructure to double as walking and cycling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16945/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood protection works at Ballyvourney and the flood relief scheme for Ballymakeera, County Cork. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16812/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood protection works at Springfield, Clonlara, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [16809/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total value of additional expenditure across each Department with reference to the Revised Estimates published on 18 December 2019; the additional expenditure anticipated with reference to those estimates for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16862/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to adhere to the 2% pay restoration for public sector workers in October 2020 as agreed under the Public Service Stability Agreement 2018-2020; and his policy approach to public sector pay thereafter. — Paul Murphy. [16866/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on a Labour Court recommendation that the State should put in place an occupational pension arrangement for community employment scheme supervisors; his plans to give effect to the recommendation; his further plans to engage with the sector and unions on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [16802/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress of a flood relief scheme for Crossmolina, County Mayo; and his plans to review and expedite this timeline in view of the ongoing flood threat to the residents of the town. — Alan Dillon. [16635/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding a scheme (details supplied) in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16496/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the payment of a living wage and recognition of the industrial relations infrastructure of the State will be included as part of social policy objectives pertaining to public procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16822/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of special advisers to be engaged by the Taoiseach, the Tanaiste and the Minister for Climate Action, Communications Networks and Transport; the estimated annual level of funding to be allocated to each Department in terms of the engagement of such advisers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16818/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the expenditure and maintenance by the OPW of the Monkstown Castle (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [16983/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of procurement leakage; his plans to develop and implement a procurement sourcing strategy across Government that would reduce the high level of procurement leakage to the EU average; his further plans to increase the proportion of tenders divided into lots to support SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16820/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he has taken to conduct an audit of public procurement to identify the extent to which it can demonstrate the integration of environmental sustainability into each category of procurement; his plans to set requirements immediately in areas such as vehicle and equipment procurement, heating, lighting and power options and controls, building materials and waste management; and his further plans to introduce accurate monitoring across each State body. — Richard Bruton. [16498/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the development of a flood relief scheme on the border of counties Carlow and Kilkenny. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16804/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if green procurement will be incorporated into the public procurement code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [16824/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline for the resumption of the Glashaboy flood relief scheme, Glanmire, County Cork; the details of the latest delay; the estimated timeline for the resumption and completion of works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17026/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to structure the service improvement and reform plans across each Department. — Richard Bruton. [16499/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to ensure public procurement supply chains do not include instances of labour exploitation such as breaches of employment regulation orders, cases of child labour and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16821/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*42. To ask the Taoiseach if Bermuda will be included on the green list of countries for approved and simplified travel arrangements in view of the significant containment of the disease on the island, the number of Irish citizens working in professional services there and their confinement for the past number of months. — James Lawless. [16575/20]

*43. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to limit travel here from countries with a high rate of Covid-19 transmission. — Paul McAuliffe. [16597/20]

*44. To ask the Taoiseach his views on a temporary domestic ban on passengers from the United States of America to ensure adherence to Covid-19 prevention measures. — James O'Connor. [16645/20]

*45. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to place further restrictions on tourists travelling here from regions with a high incidence of Covid-19. — Emer Higgins. [17191/20]

*46. To ask the Taoiseach the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since assuming office; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16570/20]

*47. To ask the Taoiseach the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16848/20]

*48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will undertake to have his diaries published on his Department website on a monthly basis. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16916/20]

*49. To ask the Taoiseach the divisional structure of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16917/20]

*50. To ask the Taoiseach if stricter quarantine measures or further restrictions on flights from areas with high infection rates of Covid-19 are being considered (details supplied). — Christopher O'Sullivan. [17051/20]

*51. To ask the Taoiseach the discretionary allowances provided to the Attorney General for staffing; the cost of such allowances; the number of staff that were employed by the previous Attorney General using such allowances; and if staff have been hired using such allowances by the incoming Attorney General. — Pa Daly. [17261/20]

*52. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff to be appointed to the policy and programme implementation unit of his Department; if the staff will be redeployed from within the civil service; and if new hires, the number. — Paul Donnelly. [17265/20]

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

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of whole-time equivalent inspectors employed by the Health and Safety Authority; his plans to recruit additional staff to the posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17076/20]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the average length of time from referral to a hearing at the WRC; his plans to recruit additional staff to deal with the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17077/20]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the engagement he has had to date with workers representatives regarding the Covid-19 recovery and the July stimulus package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17078/20]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if his attention has been drawn to situations in which a business pays rates to multiple local authorities under a single trading name; and if the qualification for the restart grant is based on the overall turnover nationally for the business (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [17241/20]

*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the Minister with responsibility for the digital single market. — Brendan Smith. [17359/20]

*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he has considered recommendations by an organisation (details supplied) to make Covid-19 notifiable to the Health and Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16544/20]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16556/20]

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if legislation or measures to prevent tactical insolvency will be implemented in order to ensure that workers are better protected. — Paul McAuliffe. [16591/20]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the reason businesses that do not operate from commercially rateable premises such as tradesmen, service providers and so on, are not eligible for the restart grant for small and microbusinesses affected by Covid-19; the grounds this decision is based on; the financial supports which will be provided to these business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [16657/20]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each

body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16835/20]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if urgent consideration will be given to the requests of a federation (details supplied) for specific supports for a sector in view of its importance for employment in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16987/20]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when the Covid-19 online retail scheme which offers grants to small businesses to help enhance their online sales capabilities will reopen. — Sorca Clarke. [17063/20]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to ban below-cost selling for fresh foods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17092/20]

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation when a start-up grant will be available for a company (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [17133/20]

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Questions on 14 July 2020, the reason for his refusal to agree to bring forward new legislation to protect the pay and conditions of workers affected by the recently struck down sectoral employment order; and his advice to new entrant workers and workers moving between employers whose pay and conditions are now under threat. — Louise O'Reilly. [17144/20]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he will provide details of the appeal of the High Court judgement which recently struck down sectoral employment orders; and when the case will be concluded. — Louise O'Reilly. [17145/20]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if he will provide details of the date and time for a meeting between him, his officials and workers (details supplied) following his agreement to meet with them during Parliamentary Questions on 14 July 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [17146/20]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his views on whether the interest rates under the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme are too high; his further views on the definition of fair interest rates for businesses under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17147/20]

*71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his views on whether injections of liquidity through grants are an integral part of the recovery from Covid-19 for microbusinesses, SMEs and family businesses; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many such businesses are afraid to take on new debt through loans. — Louise O'Reilly. [17148/20]

*72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 29 of 14 July 2020, the way in which migrant workers that do not hold valid permits can access the WRC in view of a recent court case which found the definition of civil proceedings in one particular case excluded the findings of the WRC and Labour Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17234/20]

*73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of staff to be appointed to the policy and programme implementation unit of his Department; if the staff will be redeployed from within the civil service; and if new hires, the number. — Paul Donnelly. [17266/20]

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the special advisers he has appointed to his Department and his office established within the Department of An Taoiseach; and the public sector salary grade applied to each. — Paul Donnelly. [17268/20]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the aides-de-camp appointed to the Office of the Tánaiste from 2007 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [17270/20]

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the number of applications received to date by county for the restart grant in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17322/20]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the amount of funding issued to individual businesses for the restart grant by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17325/20]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the funds received by a company (details supplied) from the enterprise agencies under his remit in 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17421/20]

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

*79. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the eligibility terms and conditions applicable for businesses that apply from 7 April to 30 September 2020 in relation to the local enterprise office trading online voucher scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [17064/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will provide figures as to the current eel population here; the number that are killed annually by county in tabular form; if he will review the current outright ban on eel fishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17170/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of eel fishing here; if he will provide details of the eel management plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17171/20]

*82. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16558/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget for the electric vehicle home charger grant scheme is increased by 20%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16612/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the introduction of a deposit and return scheme to encourage persons to return plastic and glass bottles to shops or commercial companies in order to reduce waste, increase reuse of plastics and glass and promote the circular economy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16628/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he is committed to an annual public service obligation for the post office network; if he will include same in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16675/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of planned changes which he is preparing with regard to the SEAI scheme for those in receipt of a fuel allowance payment. — Robert Troy. [16719/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a refundable deposit scheme for purchases of plastic bottles to encourage recycling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16737/20]

*88. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 931 of 20 May 2020, if the total of €40,427,264 including VAT referred to includes internal staff costs or just external costs. — Brian Stanley. [16744/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the better energy warmer homes scheme is still open; and if so, the amount of its budget allocation that remains. — Brian Stanley. [16745/20]

*90. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the better energy homes programme is still open; and if so, the amount of its budget allocation that remains. — Brian Stanley. [16746/20]

*91. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if the community areas housing efficiency strand is still open; and if so, the amount of its budget allocation that remains. — Brian Stanley. [16747/20]

*92. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the details of the national retrofit plan; if he will examine rerunning the pilot scheme that was cancelled in 2019; the details of future undertakings of the pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [16828/20]

*93. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16837/20]

*94. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment his plans to introduce a deposit and return scheme for beverage containers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16939/20]

*95. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the measures he will take to reduce the current waiting time for applications under the warmer homes scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the current backlogs of up to 18 months from time of application

to being appointed to a contractor by the SEAI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16995/20]

*96. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the extent to which he has explored and discussed with relevant Ministers the impact a moratorium on utility disconnections will have on those financially vulnerable as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17042/20]

*97. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will respond to the OECD review of the Environmental Protection Agency; his views on whether the current legislative framework for licensing pollution is fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17043/20]

*98. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of applications that have been made to the Just Transition fund in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [17066/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the status of the energy security review as announced in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17188/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will instruct a company (details supplied) to connect fibre optic cable at a site to assist with the expected blended learning policy. — Sean Sherlock. [17253/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of staff to be appointed to the policy and programme implementation unit of his Department; if the staff will be redeployed from within the civil service; and if new hires, the number. — Paul Donnelly. [17267/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the special advisers he has appointed to his Department and his office established within the Department of An Taoiseach; and the public sector salary grade applied to each. — Paul Donnelly. [17269/20]

*103. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if additional funding will be provided to the better energy communities scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17429/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt: To the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the terms and conditions of the funds released to an association (details supplied) in advance of the emergency general meeting of the association in September 2020; the meetings, online and or telephone meetings he has had with the association since taking office; the instructions issued to Sport Ireland in respect of releasing funding to the association since taking office; the engagement he has had with his officials on this specific issue; and the dates on when he met with staff of the organisation in June and July 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [16403/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is considering compensation and or refunds for those persons that have booked flights and holidays that have now chosen not to

travel in view of the continued public health advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16480/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when he plans to publish a general scheme of a bill to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to legislate for e-scooters and e-bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16528/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of and timeline for delivery of proposed segregated cycle routes (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16529/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will be announcing specific measures to help the tourism and hospitality sectors. — Louise O'Reilly. [16581/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which he will address a recent request by the National Transport Authority for a clear policy commitment to bring forward legislative changes to allow it to carry out camera-based enforcement of bus lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [16658/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future - A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009 - 2020 is an active transport policy; if so, the progress in implementing this policy to date; his plans for future implementation and revision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16660/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount allocated to privately owned golf clubs through the sports capital programme for 2020. — Chris Andrews. [16663/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce or enhance supports and assistance for small coach operators post-Covid-19 with particular reference to the severe financial pressure currently being placed on these businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16691/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the position of the family and the effort being made in the interest of public health; if he can advise regarding the refusal of the airline to refund the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16724/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has engaged with an airline (details supplied) regarding flight refunds; and if he will intervene with respect to outstanding refunds which contravene customers rights. — Róisín Shortall. [16910/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the N11, M11 Junction 14 improvement scheme; if funding has been committed for the completion of the project; the time frame for progressing the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16938/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase the capacity of the Dublin to Rosslare rail line; his further plans to add additional carriages to the route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16940/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to increase the number of DART trains to Greystones per hour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16941/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the N81 Tallaght to Hollywood Cross road improvement scheme; his plans to progress the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16942/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the train stations in south County Kildare including Portarlinton; if they have a shelter; if they have an enclosed waiting room; if they have a lift or disability access; if they have toilet facilities; the number of working parking spaces available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16946/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has considered a proposal from an organisation (details supplied) in particular the proposals for financial liquidity, talent and skillset retention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17156/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to address the six-month waiting list for driver theory tests in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [17173/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a format allowing priority appointments for holders of expiring driver licences can be devised in the short term to allow for frontline licence holders to renew their licence without facing a lengthy waiting time for appointments resulting in no valid licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [17174/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver tests will resume; the number of test centres that will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17430/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties that persons with the free travel pass have in obtaining travel on Irish Rail due to social distancing rules and the fact that paying passengers are given priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17434/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is considering compensation and or refunds for those persons that have booked flights and holidays that have now chosen not to travel in view of the continued public health advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16474/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he is considering another round of sports capital funding; if there will be changes to qualifying criteria of the new scheme; the expected date of such an announcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16475/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications received for the €15 million Covid-19 resilience fund as announced on 19 June 2020; the amount of each application; the expected completion date for the drawdown of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16477/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of applications received for the €5 million Covid-19 restart and renewal fund as announced on 19 June 2020; the amount of each application; the expected completion date for the drawdown of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16478/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the three main sports organisations have drawn down the €40 million Covid-19 fund as announced on 19 June 2020; if so, the amount each organisation received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16479/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will respond to an email from a person (details supplied) and provide guidelines in relation to their return to work. — Joan Collins. [16484/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the emergency refund credit note will be extended for July, August and September 2020, in view of advice to avoid all non-essential travel and in further view of the fact that the Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group for the National Public Health Emergency Team has supported the advice not to travel and has urged the public to avoid all non-essential travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16487/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if financial supports will be issued to licensed travel agents and tour operators whose customers have cancelled flights and holiday bookings for the months of July and August 2020; if he will take into account that these customers have cancelled bookings on the advice to avoid all non-essential travel; if he will also take into account that the Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group for the National Public Health Emergency Team has supported the advice not to travel and has publicly encouraged the public to avoid all non-essential travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16501/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16504/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will meet with representatives of driver instructors that are expected to be present at RSA centres to enable the use of their vehicles but that are afforded no facility to enter the buildings during the time of the test and in circumstances in which no waiting area is provided; and if he will request that the RSA take on board the concerns of this group and discuss the ongoing issues in relation to test centres with their representatives. — Bríd Smith. [16512/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that airlines are refusing to issue refunds to customers that have cancelled flights for July and August 2020; if the airlines will be instructed to issue refunds or credit notes to these customers that have cancelled flights on the basis of the advice to avoid all non-essential travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16514/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the NDLS will accept general practitioner medical reports for drivers over 70 years of age dated earlier than usual owing to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16525/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if a turning bay will be constructed at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16534/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the consideration given to the submission by the Road Safety Authority aimed at addressing anomalies in the provisional licence system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16543/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of learner drivers holding their first, second, third and so on learner permits; the number in each category that have completed all 12 essential driver training lessons; the number in each category that previously sat and failed a driver test; and the number in each category awaiting a driver test in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16545/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of learner drivers found to be driving unaccompanied in 2019 and in the first six months of 2020; the number that had penalty points applied to their licence and the number whose licences were suspended. — Róisín Shortall. [16546/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16571/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver tests will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [16572/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if guidance will be provided to persons that have booked overseas travel in cases in which the country they are travelling to is not on the green list and the airlines and or tour operators are refusing to offer compensation or credit for deferrals or cancellations. — Paul McAuliffe. [16596/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if additional resources will be allocated to the NDLS to accommodate the clearance of backlogged licence renewals following the Covid-19-related shutdown; if reassurances will be given to these drivers that their licence will remain valid while they await their appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16626/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to issue Covid-19 safety regulations for the taxi industry; if the newly introduced legislation will be extended to include taxi drivers and passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16627/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will amend the composition of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board to ensure that its membership is both impartial and has sufficient maritime competency to carry out its duties in view of the European Court of Justice ruling against Ireland regarding failures to ensure the independence of the board; if he will establish a public enquiry into its previous investigations in view of the concerns of whistle-blowers, victims' families and the ECJ ruling; if he will accept and support the reintroduction of the

Merchant Shipping (Marine Casualty Investigation Board) (Amendment) Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16648/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of the resumption of driver tests; if persons whose provisional licence lapsed during the pandemic will be prioritised for a test; the legal situation for drivers whose provisional licence has lapsed but are still awaiting a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16687/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to reopen the Waterford to Rosslare to Europort rail link as set out in the Programme for Government; the time frame he has set for this rail corridor to be restored; the steps he proposes to take to ensure the project is completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16688/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to introduce or enhance supports and assistance for small coach operators post-Covid-19 with reference to the severe financial pressure currently being placed on these businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16692/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when legislation will be introduced to regulate the use of e-scooters. — Chris Andrews. [16696/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver licence tests will recommence; and if priority will be given to those that have specific mobility requirements or caring responsibilities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16713/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will clarify with a company (details supplied) the reason there are consistent delays on the Luas red line in view of the fact that on 14 July 2020 there were announcements that there were delays on the line again. — Joan Collins. [16714/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when driver tests will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16723/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons whose driver licence expires face a long delay in obtaining a replacement and are unable to drive until they receive the replacement; his plans to extend the automatic extension of driver licences to persons whose licence expires after 30 June 2020 until the backlog is cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16769/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the supports, subsidies and emergency funding measures given to Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann; the date on which the supports were given; the further supports planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [16863/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if the regulation that all taxis must have their suitability test done within 30 days of their NCT test will be reviewed in view of the fact that due to the Covid-19 pandemic many tests were rescheduled to later in the year which will result in a taxi driver (details supplied) having to pay to have another NCT test done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [16890/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeline of works for the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Road, Limerick; when he expects it to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16894/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to produce safe travel guidance for public transport users in view of the introduction of regulations for the mandatory wearing of face coverings on public transport which came into effect on 13 July 2020 under the Health Act 1947 (Section 31A – Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (Face Coverings on Public Transport) Regulations 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16902/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the vehicle of a person (details supplied) was scheduled for a reinspection at Northpoint Business Park Centre, Naul Road, Ballymun, Swords, County Dublin following a test which identified minor defects must undergo a full NCT test. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16920/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason the Northpoint Business Park NCT Centre, Naul Road, Ballymun, Swords, County Dublin did not include in a text sent to persons whose vehicle was due to undergo a test that payment by cash and by cheque would not be accepted. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16921/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures he is taking to protect and preserve vulnerable but viable businesses such as tour guides, chauffeur and limousines businesses, coach operators many of which have mortgage-type loans on vehicles to ensure they thrive when tourism returns. — John Lahart. [16923/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he has taken to protect vulnerable professionals of many years standing in the tour guide business that have helped to sell Ireland so successfully to visitors that return again and again; and the supports in place to protect them to ensure they can recommence as vibrant businesses when the turn in the pandemic comes. — John Lahart. [16925/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the aids in place to assist persons prepare and pass the driver theory test; if there are supports similar to the reasonable accommodation scheme for State exams; if he has considered introducing such a scheme in view of the particular challenges some persons face but which have no bearing on their driving skills and competences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16927/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of driver licences that expired during the Covid-19 restrictions; and the number of additional staff it will require to ensure these drivers are provided with updated licences within a reasonable time period in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [17073/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the dispute in Shannon Airport between cabin crew and their unions with an airline (details supplied) concerning the nature of the engagement of the company with them in relation to working conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17108/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if proposals for the establishment of a railway station and or park and ride facility in proximity to a stadium (details supplied) are being advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17128/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the way in which the requirement to wear face masks on public transportation will be enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17159/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the status of arrangements to extend the driver licences of persons whose licences are expiring due to the large backlog for renewals and unavailability of appointments in addition to the fact that online renewals require a person to have a public services card for which there is also a backlog. — Richard Bruton. [17177/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if concerns on driver theory test delays raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17230/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he plans to legislate for the regulation of e-scooters in 2020. — Paul McAuliffe. [17231/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his plans to financially assist private bus companies that are out of work due to Covid-19 and need to insure and maintain buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17271/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason for opening a consultation process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17274/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason for opening a consultation process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17274/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address an oversight with regard to the NDLS licensing arrangements in so far that licences which expired between March and June 2020 have a four month grace period however licences expired in July 2020 or thereafter have no grace period but applicants cannot obtain appointments for renewal for up to a month due to the backlog; if he has considered extending the grace period to applicants in July 2020 and thereafter until such time as the backlog is cleared and NDLS services are operating as normal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17305/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if consideration will be given to allow additional renewal time for driver licences expiring in July to September 2020 in view of the Covid-19 backlog; the online renewal options available to those without public services cards; if consideration will be given to providing the option of online renewals to those without a public services card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17315/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the reason a person (details supplied) that suffers from dyslexia cannot be provided with a reader in order that they can complete the driver theory test; if it is possible for them to source a reader in order that they can complete the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [17334/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if specific commitments will be given to ringfence funding for cycling quietways in urban centres. — Eoghan Murphy. [17336/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will extend the renewal deadline for category 2 driver licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17360/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the steps he is taking to address the impact of Covid-19 on the bus and coach sector; if he will consider the introduction of a subsidy to support the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17370/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the time frame for the commencement of construction on the new N24 which bypasses the current N24 from County Limerick to County Waterford as mentioned in the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17372/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the number of United States of America military personnel that have grounded here via commercial flights before making an onward flight in the past three years to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17374/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of help to buy grant applications received; the number of applications that reached claim stage; and the number of claims approved under the help to buy scheme in Q1 and Q2 of 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16554/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the situation regarding a possible tax bill for those on the temporary wage subsidy scheme or pandemic unemployment payment support payments. — Cathal Crowe. [16682/20]

*184. 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 that 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. [17027/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason employers are not entitled to the temporary wage subsidy for workers that commenced work in early March 2020 and are eligible for the pandemic unemployment payment; his plans to correct the anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17057/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to maintain the temporary wage subsidy scheme to those involved in the entertainment industry until such time that mass gatherings are permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17140/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licences that have been issued under the Intoxicating Liquor (Breweries and Distilleries) Act 2018; the number that are distilleries, breweries or cider makers in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17153/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the temporary wage subsidy scheme for sectors, employers and self-employed persons that continue to be affected by Covid-19-related measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17308/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the campaign by yoga studio owners about their existing VAT rate; and his views on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17330/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the ability of a person (details supplied) to avail of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16521/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16563/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimate for the level of private sector investment in 2021 compared to projections made in the pre-Covid-19 period; and the scope for filling the shortfall by accelerated public activity in direct investment or by the development of sectoral strategies. — Richard Bruton. [16577/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has calculated the potential extra yields if the levy charged on NOx mg per kilometre under the Vehicle Registration Tax Environmental Health (NOx) Surcharge was doubled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16580/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the temporary wage subsidy scheme to include employees that were not employed by a company in January and February 2020. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16685/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will change the rules of the temporary wage subsidy scheme in order that employees that are now on more hours than they were in January or February 2020 will receive the temporary wage subsidy scheme for all hours worked rather than only for the hours they were working before the lockdown. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16686/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to address the issue of rising insurance premiums especially in the context of the risk they pose to the viability of many SMEs. — Joe O'Brien. [16761/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the data his Department is tracking in respect of landlord and bank dealings with enterprises impacted by Covid-19; and the policy initiatives that are under consideration to ensure that the appraisal of such bodies does not hamper the successful reopening of enterprises which can be made viable in the medium term. — Richard Bruton. [16798/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16847/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of employees on the temporary wage subsidy scheme receiving a top-up amount between €1 to €100 at intervals of €10, in tabular form; and if he plans to introduce compulsory top-up payments similar to comparative EU wage subsidy schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16868/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the compliance programme introduced last month to ensure correct operation of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; the number of firms

audited to date as a percentage of those currently availing of the scheme; the number of breaches found to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16869/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his latest meeting with individual banks; the details of his discussions with the banks regarding the charging of interest to customers on Covid-19 mortgage payment breaks; if he directed the banks to cease charging interest on mortgage payment breaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16870/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to follow other EU countries in prohibiting firms availing of the temporary wage subsidy scheme from dismissals on economic grounds; if he will seek the full repayment of the compensation per each employee in the case of dismissal on economic grounds; if he will oblige employers to reach an agreement with trade unions or other worker representatives in the case of large-scale dismissals, that is, 20 plus employees, on economic grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16871/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will oblige firms availing of the temporary wage subsidy scheme to include a compulsory retraining or reskilling plan for their employees as with comparative scheme in other EU countries; if he will consider introducing an in-work training subsidy to support such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16872/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the judgement of the General Court of the European Union regarding the appeal by Ireland and a company (details supplied) against the €13 billion tax ruling by the European Commission; the legal expenses on the case to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16873/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on reported plans of the European Commission to reduce multinational tax avoidance using Article 116 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union; his further views on such measures to clamp down on multinational tax avoidance in his new role as President of the Eurogroup; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16874/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 58 of 30 June 2020, the reason for the difference in the figures provided in the response (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [16906/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will widen the eligibility of the bike to work scheme; if he will provide an increased proportionate allowance for e-bikes and cargo bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16956/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if urgent consideration will be given to the requests of a federation (details supplied) for specific supports for a sector in view of its importance for employment in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16984/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance if the statutory agencies of the State will assist persons that purchased apartments and have been denied access to their properties (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16994/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering a campaign by alcohol producers to reduce the VAT rate for on-trade alcohol products in view of the serious health risks associated

with increased alcohol consumption, alcohol-related harm and the debilitating impact of alcohol in society here. — Róisín Shortall. [17082/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the temporary wage subsidy scheme to include employees that were not employed by a company in January and February 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17164/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of local property tax collected in County Wicklow in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — John Brady. [17361/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of properties in County Wicklow that are exempt from paying the local property tax in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — John Brady. [17363/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of households in County Wicklow that have deferred paying the local property tax in the county in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — John Brady. [17364/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of properties in County Wicklow that pay local property tax in each of the valuation bands in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — John Brady. [17365/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the local property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17366/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance if the issues raised by a group (details supplied) in relation to the need to implement additional measures to counteract cross-Border smuggling and illicit trade in products such as tobacco, alcohol and fuel products will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17426/20]

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

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of the Ombudsman establishing an independent complaints process for the Prison Service. — Pa Daly. [16764/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a single website with accompanying social media channels that highlights all open public consultations from Departments and semi-State bodies. — Holly Cairns. [17115/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether the procurement process is fit for purpose for the battle against Covid-19, Brexit and other international economic challenges. — Matt Shanahan. [17333/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16568/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress on the Morrell River drainage scheme at Straffan, Sallins, Naas, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16620/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the consultation project completed in 2019 by the OPW was not referred to when it was decided to reopen the gates of the Phoenix Park; the reason there is another consultation project taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [16695/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the capital budget allocation to the OPW in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [16729/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the action taken in the past seven days to reduce the current water levels on the River Shannon at Clonown South, Athlone, County Westmeath; if none, the action which will be taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16751/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16833/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the refurbishments planned to Garda stations in south County Kildare including Portarlinton; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16949/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief scheme for Enniscorthy, County Wexford. — James Browne. [16807/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will publish a recent study on the effects of the closure of the peripheral gates of the Phoenix Park on traffic volumes in the surrounding areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [17183/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the decision to open the gates of the Phoenix Park to through traffic is a permanent one; and if the decision is under review. — Paul McAuliffe. [17273/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he has identified specific targets for his Department in line with expenditure and reform objectives; the timescale to achieve such objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17436/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which his planned policy is in line with the strategy of the Fiscal Advisory Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17437/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he plans to utilise the concept of reform as a means of controlling expenditure within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17438/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects to monitor current and capital expenditure levels with a view to ensuring compliance with good economic strategy and adherence to expenditure guidelines while encouraging economic performance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17439/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects to facilitate economic progress throughout the next five years by means of the utilisation of best practice and Government policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17440/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he is satisfied that he can encourage economic performance and job creation through the medium of the utilisation of compliance with European guidelines in respect of expenditure and reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17441/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the policies he expects to pursue over the next five years to compliment Government objectives with regard to expenditure and reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17442/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which FEMPI restoration policy has been completed in line with previous agreements and expectations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17443/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which recruitment throughout the public sector continues in line with expectations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17444/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which accommodation has been or can be reached in respect of returning public servants that have expressed a wish to remain in employment for some time after their anticipated retirement age while adhering to Government policy in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17445/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which the potential outcomes in respect of Brexit continue to include the role of his Department as a means of ensuring the best possible performance in any situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17446/20]

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

*242. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the pearl mussel which is found in the Munster Blackwater. — Sean Sherlock. [16666/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps she plans to take to assist artists that are affected by Covid-19 and struggling to survive financially through the crisis taking into account their importance economically, socially and culturally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17137/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the way in which a town can gain designation as a heritage town or gain heritage status; the process by which a town can apply

to be a part of the historic towns initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17149/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the funding streams available for projects such as 15 Henrietta Street to develop their existing premises to their original state. — Richard Bruton. [16489/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by her since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by her; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16559/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the reason persons living on houseboats are being evicted from the Grand Canal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16759/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by her Department and each body and local authority under her remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16846/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the steps being taken to protect the theatrical arts in view of the damage caused by the Covid-19 recession. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16853/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of the sampling regime undertaken by the NPWS to identify prevalence of rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus; the research being undertaken into the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17047/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of hare coursing licences issued by county over the past ten years; the number of hares captured under those licences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17048/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the areas and counties in which the rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus 2 has been detected over the past year; the date on which the virus was detected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17049/20]

*253. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil i gceist cúnaimh a thabhairt do champaí samhradh a raibh costais tarraingte orthu féin agus earlais a fháil acu roimh a fograíodh nach mbeadh aon champaí Samhraidh ann i mbliana ag tús Mí Iúil, mar a rinne le na coláistí Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí raiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17052/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her engagement with Waterways Ireland on the issue of regulating the use of canal barges for residential accommodation; if legislation, regulations or bye-laws are required to permit the use of barges on canals controlled by Waterways Ireland for residential occupation; her plans to bring forward such legislation or regulations; and the funding required to provide services to facilitate residential occupation of barges on canals controlled by Waterways Ireland. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17367/20]

*255. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta ar lorg sí athbhreithniú ar an gcinneadh sláinte nach n-osclofar campaí samhraidh Muintearas srl i mbliana ach amháin iad siúd a bheidh amuigh faoin aer, ionas go ligfear dóibh siúd ag a raibh hallaí nó ionaid phobail srl a bhí mór go leor a bheith istigh ar feadh cuid de na campaí samhraidh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17407/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports given the film industry to help them overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17408/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports provided to musicians and the music industry to help overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17409/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports provided to visual artists and the Arts Council to help overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17410/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports provided to actors and those working in drama and producing plays to help overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17411/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports provided to singers and the music industry to help the overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17412/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports provided to organisations (details supplied) and those associated or working with the traditional Irish music sector to help them survive and overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17413/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports provided to local theatres and arts venues to help the overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17414/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports provided to the professional arts music events management sector to help the overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17415/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional supports provided to musicians and the music industry to help the overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17416/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the breakdown of the way in which each budget line of her Department was allocated and spent in each of the past three years; and the 2020 estimate. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17417/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the Department funding and capital that has been repurposed and redistributed within her Departmental vote; the funding she has identified which will be unspent in the various budget lines in 2020 due to works not being able to progress or the arts sector being shut down due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she has

requested the Minister for Finance for leave to redistribute same within her Department to help the arts sector recover from Covid-19. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17418/20]

*267. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cé hiad na cruinnithe a bhí aici leis na eagrais Ghaeilge agus Ghaeltachta ó roghnaíodh í mar Aire sinsearach don Gaeilge agus don Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17452/20]

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

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason a carer caring for their parent in the carer's own home is not eligible for an adaptation grant to adapt the house to suit their parent's needs due to the fact the parent has their own home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16693/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to amend the National Planning Framework; the aspects due to be changed; if clarity regarding the hierarchy of planning policy at present can be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17029/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the new marine planning and development Bill will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17041/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing raw sewage contamination of watercourses in Broadford, County Clare owing to lack of sewerage facilities in the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17091/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount paid to the equalisation fund from County Wicklow in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — John Brady. [17362/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which he expects to pursue policies likely to encourage the provision of a major local authority housing building programme thereby achieving enhanced value for money through increased access to affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17447/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will address a matter regarding a housing list (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16491/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if funding has been secured for the Arklow wastewater treatment plant (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [16507/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the month in 2020 section 53 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 will be commenced; if it will be commenced before November 2020 when local authorities will be proposing their annual budgets for approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16526/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if local authorities can rely upon section 9 of the Local Government Rates and other Matters Act 2019 in the absence of regulations made pursuant to section 9(3) of the Act; if he plans to make regulations pursuant to section 9(3) of the Act; and if so, if the regulations will be made before November 2020 when local authorities will be proposing their annual budgets for approval. — Neale Richmond. [16527/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social housing units delivered in Q1 and Q2 of 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16548/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans approved in principle and drawn down in each local authority area in the first two quarters of 2020, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16549/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes brought into use in the first six months of 2020 via the repair and lease scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16550/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes brought into use in the first six months of 2020 via the buy and renew scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16551/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of homes acquired via the Housing Agency in Q1 and Q2 of 2020; and the average cost of each unit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16552/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the Traveller accommodation allocations for each local authority for 2020; and the drawdown for Q1 and Q2 of 2020 by local authority in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16553/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16566/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if legislation will be extended on the freezing of rent increases and evictions from 20 July 2020 until the end of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16602/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to statements by an organisation in 2001 in relation to exemptions in the Planning Act 2000 concerning the erection of masts and antennae by telecommunications companies (details supplied); his views on whether the prediction has proved correct; his plans to alter the regulations to ensure there is greater accountability to the public on the part of telecommunication companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16609/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a report will be published following the review of income eligibility for social housing supports and in particular the review of the table of maximum net income limits in the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16618/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the Covid-19 support scheme for local authorities will be put in place in view of the fact that local authority funding has been decimated due to Covid-19 with the waiving of rates, the absence of planning fees and other charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16671/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the policy process in relation to approved housing bodies which are in engagement with the Housing Regulator; if during this process funding through the HSA or CALF can be availed of by the approved housing bodies to enable them continue with their housing construction or house purchase programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16689/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when recommendations made in the review of the tenant purchase scheme will be progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16702/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to amend the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme 2016, in particular, the minimum reckonable income requirement which discriminates against many tenants over 66 years of age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [16704/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to extend the freeze on evictions and on rent increases beyond 20 July 2020 in view of the vulnerable position of many still out of employment. — Richard Bruton. [16705/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount of funding allocated each year via grant aid for lead pipe replacement for domestic use since grant funding was introduced; the number of households that have accessed grant aid each year; and the amount of funding drawn down each year in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16715/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he is examining the possibility of leasing privately-owned properties for up to 100 years for the purpose of social housing delivery; and the analysis being used in assessing such a scheme whether produced by his Department, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, the Department of Finance or the National Development Finance Agency. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16717/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the affordable housing projects being funded with the serviced sites fund; the anticipated sale price of the properties in each scheme; the shared equity stake held by the State in the properties in each scheme; if the shared equity stake is in addition to the sale price of the home; and the repayment mechanisms available to the purchaser to repay the shared equity portion in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16718/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the recently announced homelessness taskforce; the membership and terms of reference; the number of meetings that have taken place to date; and the frequency of meetings anticipated in July and August 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16720/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the recently announced housing commission; the membership and terms of reference; the number of meetings that have taken place to date; and the frequency of meetings anticipated in July and August 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16721/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he or his officials have met with groups (details supplied) or other industry lobby groups to discuss the introduction of a State-backed shared equity scheme for private sector homes; if so, when the meetings took place; the persons and bodies that attended the meetings; the specific proposals discussed; and if his Department is considering such schemes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16722/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if planning is required for all types of awnings outside and onto shopfronts, restaurants and businesses; if there are instances in which planning can be exempted on awnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16726/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if an extension will be granted to the existing law on the freezing of rent from 20 July 2020 until at least the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16748/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16832/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when it is expected that house construction work will commence at the glass bottle site, Ringsend, Dublin 4. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16849/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if steps are being taken to restrict the availability of rental properties via a company (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [16850/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the pyrite resolution scheme has been made available to secondary homeowners in addition to primary homeowners; and if so, the reason the scheme does not also apply to the defective concrete blocks scheme being administered by Donegal County Council. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16913/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the efforts being made to assist home owners with the 10% cost of making their homes safe and the relocation and with storage costs during refurbishment and reconstruction under the defective concrete blocks scheme being administered by Donegal and Mayo county councils. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16914/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the financial supports that will be made available to Donegal County Council to assist with making the hundreds of homes in its housing stock affected by mica defective blocks safe in view of the fact that the defective concrete blocks scheme being administered by Donegal County Council does not apply to public housing. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16915/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce leases of indefinite duration for the private rented sector including the removal of section 34(b) of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16996/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of his commitment to review the co-living planning regulations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16997/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to tackle the underspend and time lags for the delivery of residential units under the local infrastructure housing activation fund. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16998/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to amend the housing assistance payment legislation in order that HAP is transformed into a short-term housing support as opposed to under the current legislation in which a recipient's social housing needs being deemed as met. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16999/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which he plans to strengthen the short-term letting regulations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17000/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeline for the lifting of the spending cap on local authorities from €2 million; and his views on whether by implementing a one stage process that too much additional risk will be placed on local authorities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17001/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the changes he is making to the mortgage to rent scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17002/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the changes he plans to make to modernise the planning system as stated in an interview (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [17003/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the terms of reference for the review of the housing density rule as stated in an interview (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17004/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties facing local leisure centres in reopening (details supplied); if the stimulus promised will take deficits of the year to date into account; and if extra funding will be provided to ensure leisure centres remain open post-Covid-19. — Martin Browne. [17005/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the amount generated from the vacant site levy for each county for each year since its implementation; the percentage of registered land that has paid the levy; the percentage kept by each county council for local expenditure in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17038/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which regional development plans must have regard to other national policies including the NTA transport strategy; the extent to which the NTA must have regard to the Regional Development Strategy; the policy hierarchy with regard to national development policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17039/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the criteria used by the regional assemblies to determine core growth towns and villages in each county cited in the development of county development plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17040/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extra supports that will be provided to local authority leisure centres to allow them to reopen and operate fully without being at a financial loss as a result of the extra requirements placed on them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [17059/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the details of the implementation of the commercial rates waiver have been finalised and issued to local authorities; the reason for the delay in finalising the scheme; the funding that has been provided to local authorities to offset the financial losses as a result of the waiver; if the waiver will be extended beyond three months particularly for businesses that remain closed and have suffered huge financial losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [17060/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons over 65 years of age that are on the housing list in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [17068/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons over 65 years of age that are on the housing list in County Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [17069/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons over 65 years of age that are availing of HAP in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [17070/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons over 65 years of age that are availing of HAP in County Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [17071/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social housing bungalows with three bedrooms or more, built or made available to families with a member that has a disability on a local authority basis between 1 January 2016 and 1 June 2020, inclusive in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [17109/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on the local infrastructure housing activation fund; if the fund has met its targets since it was launched; if the fund has failed to meet its targets or objectives, the reason therefor; the changes he will make to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17150/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason Ireland has not committed in full to article 31 of the European Social Charter; the steps he is taking to ensure that full commitment is given to the article; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17151/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the percentage of new social houses built during this term that will meet the universal design standards; if he will instruct local authorities to build more family size social houses that meet the needs of families in which multiple members have disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17154/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average construction and all-in development costs for one, two, three and four bedroom social houses and one, two and three bedroom social housing apartments delivered under the SHIP in the past 12 months as distinct from the Departmental expenditure ceilings for such units which was provided in an earlier reply, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17233/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to a report that was carried out by Wicklow County Council in 2014 on the provision of a full-time fire service for Bray and north County Wicklow; if the funding will be provided for the establishment of a full-time fire service in north County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17302/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the breakdown of the establishment of retained firefighters in each fire authority and each fire station; the manning levels in each authority and station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17303/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider commissioning a medal for bravery to be issued to members of the fire service similar to the Scott Medal which is issued to members of An Garda Síochána for acts of bravery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17304/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of approved housing applicants in County Tipperary; and the number in receipt of HAP and RAS housing support. — Martin Browne. [17343/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of emergency beds the local authority has in County Tipperary. — Martin Browne. [17344/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there are rules which exclude houses acquired under Part V and being bought by council tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17351/20]

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

*337. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the Cabinet committee which addresses matters relating to Israel and Palestine. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16815/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the names of observers appointed to the most recent election observer roster; the outcome of the consultation with the Data Protection Commission regarding this matter having regard to the General Data Protection Regulation; the advice received from the Data Protection Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [16502/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16564/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the estimated full-year cost of increasing the budget for the emigrant support programme by 10%. — Peadar Tóibín. [16730/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures taken to protest the treatment of members of the Falun Gong community in China. — John Brady. [16755/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the persons on the most recent election observer roster. — Paul Murphy. [16766/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the estimated full year cost of purchasing three extra passport printing machines. — David Cullinane. [16794/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16841/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken to recognise the state of Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16854/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of United States military flights that have landed en route to another destination to date in 2020; the number of personnel that have disembarked those flights in the same time period; the number of personnel that have traversed outside of airside of airports here in that time period; if they are required to complete the locator form; if they have been contacted to ensure they are self-isolating; and the numbers of non-compliance. — Catherine Murphy. [16943/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the human rights situation in Iran; if he has raised his concerns with the Iranian authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17155/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be processed and supplied in view of a delay of almost five months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [17316/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason his Department has not responded to a query (details supplied) in view of the fact it has been sent on two occasions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17368/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*350. To ask the Minister for Defence if the further request by a representative group (details supplied) to affiliate to an organization has been considered; the reason for not allowing such an affiliation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16518/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeline proposed for the independent commission on defence as proposed in the Programme for Government; if the terms of the commission have been discussed; if the terms will be published in advance of the commission being set up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [16519/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16560/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Defence the actions he, his officials, the Chief of Staff Branch, Air Corps headquarters and or the State Claims Agency has taken to investigate the reasons for the non-compliance with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Acts 1989 and 2005 at the Air Corps as stated by the Health and Safety Authority investigation which concluded after nearly three years in September 2018; and the steps taken at all levels to ensure the same failings to do not occur again in the Air Corps or the other branches of the Defence Forces. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16654/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Defence the average body mass index of Defence Forces personnel. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16656/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Defence the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16842/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the disposal of lands at Magee Barracks, Kildare town; his plans to develop the site; the details of the promised give back to the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16947/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Defence the details in relation to the decision by his Department to fill in the hollow adjacent to Donnelly's Hollow on the Curragh, County Kildare; the materials used in the infill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16948/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has received correspondence relating to allegations of bullying and sexual harassment in the Defence Forces; his plans for a full inquiry in relation to the complaints; and if he or his officials will meet with survivors of such abuse. — Bríd Smith. [17323/20]

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

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures being taken in view of the cancellation of afterschool programmes that are of the view they cannot take children due to the pod system that will be introduced in primary schools in September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16876/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the income turnover requirements to tender for a project (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reviewed and reduced to allow local companies to tender for the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17373/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the delivery of new school buildings (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16469/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the delivery of a new primary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16470/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the delivery of a new school building and refurbishment of the existing school infrastructure for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16471/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of measures she is taking to ease the stress on primary school places in Swords, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16472/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the refurbishment of existing school buildings at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16473/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason some colleges are charging a repeat exam fee and most other colleges are not (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16493/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when refunds for school transport will issue to students (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16506/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by her since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by her; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16561/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will re-examine the allocation of assistants special needs to a school (details supplied) for the 2020/2021 school year. — Robert Troy. [16578/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will amend the summer provision programme in view of recently announced changes to the programme to expand the scheme to include certain post-primary school children to allow children transitioning to mainstream schools from an early years setting that have a diagnosis as laid out in the guidance document to avail of the programme and receive support from a tutor in the same way as a child transitioning to a special school or class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16583/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools that have the enrolment numbers will be allowed to employ an additional teacher for 2020 which would be of benefit in the provision of smaller class groupings instead of waiting until September 2021, in view of the Covid-19 crisis and in order to assist with social distancing and HSE guidelines in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16587/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the acquisition of a permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [16598/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her attention has been drawn to reports of reduced school times of 2 hours 25 minutes daily in a school (details supplied); if so, if it is in line with the standards of her Department; if the provision of instruction by persons not registered with the Teaching Council meet the requirements for the educational rights of a student; the extent to which in terms of hours such instruction is permitted; if SNAs are supervised by qualified teachers; if such supervision is a requirement; if parents are entitled to access to the curriculum their child is being taught under; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16600/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a student (details supplied) in County Kerry will be made eligible for school transport after the submission of confirmation they could not secure a place in their nearest post-primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16631/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of the application for capital funding for a new school building by a school (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [16642/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will report on the reopening of SOLAS training facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [16646/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when stage 2b approval will be provided for the extension to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16673/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the process by which a student (details supplied) in County Donegal 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. [16676/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason a school (details supplied) in County Donegal was unsuccessful in an appeal for an additional teaching post; if the appeal decision can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16677/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will report on the provision of a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16681/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to allocating an additional teacher to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16683/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her attention has been drawn to reports that a third-level institution (details supplied) is not refunding prepaid rent for campus accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [16706/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the ASD unit for a school (details supplied) will open. — Duncan Smith. [16734/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to provide an additional secondary school for Gorey, County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [16738/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the latest demographic information used including figures of projected population growth of second-level school-age children to analyse the projected need for future second-level schools in Gorey, County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [16739/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the last review of demographic information including projected population growth was carried out in the Gorey school area in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [16740/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of secondary school places provided in Gorey, County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [16741/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will provide additional funding to a school (details supplied) to allow a number of students that were unable to complete their education in 2020 due to Covid-19 to complete their schooling in 2020/2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16770/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive a decision on an appeal for a SUSI grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [16776/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if schools can ignore the guidelines of her Department which state that all elements of school uniform should be purchasable from various stores and only iron or sew on crests should be used; the recourse parents have if this is ignored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16777/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by her Department and each body and local authority under her remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16838/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by her Department and each body and local authority under her remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16843/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps being taken to ensure that each school is open fully at the end of August 2020. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16856/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps being taken to ensure that ASD classrooms are provided in the Dublin 2, 4 and 6 areas. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16857/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on a matter regarding a student (details supplied) who has been denied a dyslexia dispensation for the leaving certificate despite an independent assessment that verified that they were quite dyslexic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16897/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount paid in fees to legal professionals for the purpose of defending a case (details supplied) and other cases of day school sex abuse litigation in each of the years 2011 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16903/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the amount paid in fees to legal professionals for the purposes of defending a case (details supplied) and other cases of day school sex abuse litigation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16904/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the funds available to schools for emergency works such as the removal of trees that present health and safety concerns and that may prevent a school from reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16931/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the position in relation to school uniforms in view of the fact parents are in the process of purchasing uniforms and in further view of reports that schools will have no uniforms for infection control reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16959/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) or an organisation they are linked to has been party to or had influence on the development of sex education programmes in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [17006/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the expected date for the results of the leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [17014/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the way in which communication of 2020 leaving certificate results will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [17015/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of new primary schools due to open in 2020; and the location of these new schools in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [17016/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her attention has been drawn to technology companies financially benefiting from schools purchasing devices in preparation of blended learning in which schools are requesting parents pay for devices upfront including parents in receipt of social welfare; the suggested recourse for these parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [17017/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if the leaving certificate results and CAO offers can be issued on the same day in recognition of the already high levels of stress endured by the 2020 leaving certificate students. — Gary Gannon. [17018/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans for the free schoolbook pilot in September 2020; if the 50 schools have been selected; if so, the details of the selection process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [17019/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if her attention has been drawn to the decision of NUIG to charge students the full €295 fee for repeat exams in August 2020 despite the significant loss of income for many students and academic stress due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [17020/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the details of students that were successful in their applications to the national alternative entry schemes for students with disabilities and students from low socio-economic backgrounds, DARE and HEAR, for the past two years in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [17021/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if social distancing will be a requirement on school transport; if so, when guidelines about these requirements will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17032/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of providing temporary accommodation for primary schools including the renting of sites and allocated buildings for each of the past five years by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17035/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the cost of providing temporary accommodation for post-primary schools including the renting of sites and allocated buildings for each of the past five years by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17036/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school (details supplied); if the school will be ready for pupils in August 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17050/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the progress of a school (details supplied); if the school will be ready for the students for the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [17072/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the boarding schools by county that will see an end to or a significant reduction in the number of boarders they will be allowed to take in when the new school term commences in September 2020 due to the ongoing social distancing protocols; and the details of the supports she plans to provide for boarding schools to assist them to make up the financial shortfall from the reduction in the intake of borders in tabular form. — Pauline Tully. [17080/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an accelerated system for schools to get access to additional classroom space such as prefabs will be provided in order to accommodate social distancing for their return in September 2020. — Holly Cairns. [17112/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if clear guidance will be provided that classroom space designated for ASD or other special needs units will not be appropriated by schools out of necessity to accommodate social distancing, thus negating the pedagogical and social benefits of the separate units. — Holly Cairns. [17113/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will enhance the school transport remote area grant to cover the real costs for children that live on islands but go to school on the mainland. — Holly Cairns. [17114/20]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the measures she will introduce to provide protections for third-level students in which many are expected to pay accommodation deposits and a number of months' rent up front when it is not clear whether they will be attending their colleges for classes in the coming term; if she will ensure that legislative protections are introduced to ensure that those providing student accommodation cannot take advantage of students in view of the current circumstances; if her attention has been drawn to the large demands being placed on students for payments upfront despite the fact that many received no refunds for last term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [17127/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if boarding for students in a school (details supplied) is ending; the possible financial implications for the school; and if the decision will result in the subsequent redundancies of catering and household staff due to the lack of protocols for the operation of boarding schools when the new term commences in September 2020. — Pauline Tully. [17178/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if PPE will be provided for teachers upon their return to classrooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [17180/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her views on setting up a register of capabilities in which companies operating here could record details of the type of industry they are in, the research and development and production facilities they have and the experience, skills and qualifications their technical persons have in order to enable a university or researcher to tap into industry facilities and expertise to build on their initial laboratory-based research; her views on linking joining the register and keeping records up to date with the research and development tax credit regime in order that a company that wants to claim the tax credit in future years has to be on the register and has to certify that their details are up to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17227/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans in relation to leaving certificate students that have missed tuition (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17232/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she has met with universities and institutes of technology regarding whether specific course material will be delivered either face-to-face or remotely. — Sean Sherlock. [17256/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she has engaged with universities and institutes of technology on rental options for those that will have to split time for remote learning and face-to-face learning; and if she will intervene in the student rental market on costs and guarantees. — Sean Sherlock. [17257/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she has engaged with universities and institutes of technology on the way in which library services will be delivered under social distancing. — Sean Sherlock. [17258/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will raise the threshold for postgraduate SUSI grants to allow for the economic uncertainty due to Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [17259/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the steps she will take for those students that have already entered into a lease agreement with a landlord for the 2020/2021 academic year; and the position if they are informed that their course material will be delivered remotely and they are no longer in need of the rental accommodation. — Sean Sherlock. [17260/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when necessary remedial works will commence on a school (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17272/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will continue to fund an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17306/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if an additional school bus will be provided for the 42 children in the Watergrasshill, County Cork catchment area that have to travel to a secondary school in Fermoy, County Cork in view of the fact the secondary school in their catchment area does not have the capacity to accommodate them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17320/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to provide ASD units to secondary schools and feeder schools in Bray, County Wicklow. — John Brady. [17354/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if mature applicants to third-level colleges living at home with their parents due to lack of affordable housing options can be means assessed independently for the SUSI grant and not as dependents on their parents' household income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17405/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a decision has been made on an emergency works application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17419/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a school (details supplied) moving to new premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17432/20]

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

*435. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration has been given to the creation of a simple back to work Covid-19 scheme (details supplied). — Joe O'Brien. [16716/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the steps being taken to ensure that long-term youth unemployment does not become a consequence of the Covid-19 recession. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16852/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure that all those involved in the music industry such as musicians, giggers, roadies, agents, technicians, sound technicians, ticket sellers and so on can survive until ready to commence another tourist season; if she will raise the case of many of these professionals that have seen their Covid-19 payments reduced to a level on which many of them cannot survive; and if she can advocate for them. — John Lahart. [16924/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to maintain Covid-19 payments to artists at the higher rate until such time as the economy has recovered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17138/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to maintain Covid-19 payments at the higher rate to those involved in the entertainment industry until such time that mass gatherings are permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17139/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to reports that an airline (details supplied) is refusing to sign social welfare forms for workers in order that workers on reduced hours or the temporary wage subsidy scheme can apply to her Department for welfare supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17141/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has engaged with an airline (details supplied), workers and their trade unions regarding the possibility of job losses at the airline. — Louise O'Reilly. [17142/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she has engaged with an airline (details supplied), workers and their trade unions regarding the possibility of job losses at the airline. — Louise O'Reilly. [17143/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure that community employment scheme supervisors are entitled to pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17194/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an immediate review will be carried out in respect of the registration of deaths to reduce the time period for registration of deaths in order to provide more accurate information in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17321/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if assurances will be given to persons that work in the events industry in cases in which their business is continuously impacted by cancellations and or reduced capacity; and if there is a provision to allow for the continuation of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Steven Matthews. [17327/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of serving members of the Defence Forces in receipt of the working family payment; the number for the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16476/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the way in which a person can arrange an appointment for a public services card in view of the fact that many are waiting for a public services card to avail of free travel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16486/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the calculation of a payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [16488/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision in relation to their possible entitlement to the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [16494/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will have the anomaly addressed in the pandemic unemployment payment for musicians, that despite having had proven earnings in excess of €350 per week in 2019 are now on the reduced rate of €203. — Brian Stanley. [16513/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration is being given to altering the three month waiting period which applies to school leavers not going on to further education before applying for jobseeker's allowance for young persons that cannot find work or part-time work during Covid-19 restrictions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16517/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the situation in relation to a person that has been granted an Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme in circumstances (details supplied); and the supports available for single parents in such circumstances. — Bríd Smith. [16520/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she was notified of redundancies at a company (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the company is making fifteen of its sixteen employees redundant due to manufacturing being moved to Latvia; the obligations required to be satisfied by the company in advance of redundancy payments to the staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16538/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by her since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by her; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16562/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if jobseeker's benefit will be extended for those unable to find employment due to Covid-19; the provisions available to those whose time on the benefit is drawing to an end that may not have been able to gain employment due to the pandemic and accompanying lockdown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16601/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16621/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to extend entitlement to the free travel pass to persons that suffer from epilepsy and are medically unfit to drive as a consequence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [16623/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if additional resources will be allocated to accommodate the clearance of backlogged public services card appointments following the Covid-19-related shut down; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [16629/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if maternity benefit is counted as income for the pandemic unemployment payment; and if not, if she will rectify that to include same. — Sean Sherlock. [16664/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of Covid-19 rent supplement applications received from 13 March 2020 to the most recent date for which figures are available; the number of claims in payment on the most recent date for which figures are available; the breakdown of these claims by county; the average payment by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16698/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there are discussions between her Department and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on the use of the Covid-19 rent supplement payment and or the SWA emergency payment scheme to address the issue of Covid-19 rent arrears debt for private renters that lost income due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16699/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the correct rate of illness benefit payable in the case of a person (details supplied); if an exceptional needs payment

will issue in the meantime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16708/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the duration of jobseeker's benefit will be extended temporarily in order that persons that lost their jobs before Covid-19 can continue their claims at least until the period while special supports continue. — Richard Bruton. [16710/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was not successful in the review of their State pension (contributory) entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16733/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be granted the higher pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [16735/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of companies that have notified her Department of redundancies since March 2020; the number of redundancies arising from those notifications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16750/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if correspondence will be reviewed regarding the State pension of a person (details supplied); if the matter will be clarified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16753/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by her Department and each body and local authority under her remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16839/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the reason an application for the pandemic unemployment payment was denied in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [16864/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to the revised pandemic unemployment payment support for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [16895/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Paul McAuliffe. [16896/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration has been given to providing financial support to recent graduates that plan on entering the workforce at this time having completed their education and that cannot do so due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16933/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of persons waiting on an oral hearing for social welfare appeals; the steps being taken to reduce same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16957/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to provide a wider range of services to persons in western areas of Connemara from the social welfare office in Clifden, County Galway to ensure that persons in the area do not have to travel unnecessarily to Galway for services thus reducing carbon emissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17054/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the number of staff located in the Clifden, Connemara, County Galway office by grade; the number of unfilled vacancies in the office by grade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17055/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the work that has been carried out on implementing the Duffy Cahill report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17075/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 723 of 14 July 2020, if the planned early retirement allowance or pension for persons aged 65 years of age will be a means tested payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17079/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if there is a difference in the rate of pandemic payments for self-employment persons under 66 years of age and for those over 66 years of age; if so, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17160/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to delays for recipients receiving free credits for their electricity from a supplier (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17161/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to ensure that community employment scheme supervisors are entitled to pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17200/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of the review of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Sean Sherlock. [17345/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when the report on the review of the community services programme will be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [17346/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry for a State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17371/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection when appointments for public services cards will resume subject to public health advice; her plans to move the process online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17431/20]

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

*485. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the 300 high-speed internet hubs announced under the National Broadband Plan on 19 November 2019 will be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16952/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to allocate funding for playgrounds under the CLÁR scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16990/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by her since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by her; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16569/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which rural parishes and church organisations can access funds from the dormant accounts fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16727/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by her Department and each body and local authority under her remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16840/20]

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

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a copy of correspondence delivered to a person (details supplied) in relation to the possible prosecution of another person on grounds of animal cruelty or relating to other matters relevant to such a prosecution mentioned in correspondence between his Department and the person will be provided. — Paul Murphy. [16918/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to implementing a solution to address the backlog of felling licences waiting to be processed; if staff numbers will be increased to manage the processing of same; his views on whether the process is too onerous on both applicants and officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16522/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average turnaround time for the processing of felling licences; if this is in line with target times set out in the Forestry Act 2014; the average turnaround time for the processing of appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16523/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reform the forestry and agricultural appeals regulation; if he will consider setting up a technical group to review possible improvements which could be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16524/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a fishing licence will be granted to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16539/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16555/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in allocations by Bord Iascaigh Mhara under the fisheries local area action group fund; when allocations are expected; if there was a funding cut in 2020 to the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [16595/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm grant application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16603/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has spoken to the Chief Executive Officer of Horse Racing Ireland recently; if so, the issues discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16615/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a grant application will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [16617/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to instances of greyhounds being used in the racing sector that are pups bred from litters outside of the permitted threshold in the past two years to date; the sanctions he can impose on breeders and or the Irish Greyhound Board as a result of these breaches; if his officials have investigated these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16622/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review and reverse the decision of his predecessor not to continue with the almost €9 million of public money invested into the breakwater project adjoined to Greencastle Harbour, County Donegal to ensure that this project, abandoned at an incomplete stage, is now taken to fruition. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16643/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review and reverse the decision of his predecessor not to honour the commitment to construct a sea survival centre at the National Fisheries School at Greencastle, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16644/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will approve TAMS II tranche 17 funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16661/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a species (details supplied) in Irish waters. — Sean Sherlock. [16667/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a beef regulator for farmers to ensure they are paid a fair price by the factories. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16684/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the backlog of forestry applications. — Brendan Griffin. [16795/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to transfer the responsibility for vet inspections of abattoirs, slaughterhouses and meat plants from county councils to his Department. — John McGuinness. [16825/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has received a submission from the beef crisis discussion group; if he has met the group; if not, his plans to meet the group; his strategy to deal with the issues and the plan put forward by the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16826/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if additional funding has been released to the Irish Greyhound Board in respect of works to be carried out at Mullingar greyhound stadium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16829/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Irish Greyhound Board is compliant with fire safety regulations at each track it operates; the number of inspections carried out at tracks in the past three years to date; the outcomes of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16830/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he and or his predecessor engaged with Horse Racing Ireland in relation to an alliance formed with an organisation (details supplied); if so, the nature of the engagements; and if another organisation remains a fully owned subsidiary of Horse Racing Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [16831/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16834/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position in relation to an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [16892/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if copies of all correspondence will be provided between his officials and a person (details supplied) relating to the possible prosecution of another person for animal cruelty. — Paul Murphy. [16919/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns that the number of forestry felling licences being approved has increased the number of appeals being lodged under the ecology heading (details supplied) which is leading to serious delays and backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16960/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of each official engagement and meeting he attended during the period 27 June 2020 to 14 July 2020. — Matt Carthy. [17009/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to expand the criteria to protect more trees on private and public land; if he will issue a national directive to oblige counties to develop a tree management strategy; his further plans to develop a national tree plan

to streamline tree preservation orders across each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17037/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 13 December 2018, when outstanding grants for 2013 will be paid to a person (details supplied); if they were paid, the date of payment and the account to which the money was lodged in view of the fact payment was promised in January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17056/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on prohibiting fur farming; the progress on legislation regarding the prohibition of fur farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [17062/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will support the application by Horse Sport Ireland to become a commercial semi-State body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17093/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the upgrading of Dinish Pier in Castletownbere, County Cork; the reason construction has stalled; and when the upgrade is expected to be completed. — Holly Cairns. [17097/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of licences for felling, afforestation and forest roads issued by month between 1 January 2015 and 1 June 2020, inclusive in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [17098/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the significant backlog of forest licensing approvals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17099/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average age of a felling licence for the calendar years 2015 to 2019, inclusive (details supplied); and the number of applications, in absolute and relative terms, that are decided in periods of time greater than four months. — Holly Cairns. [17100/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of tree planting rates and numbers conducted through afforestation by license under section 22 of the Forestry Act 2014 in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [17101/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a failure to ensure sales note return by fish buyers has resulted in almost one quarter of the boats under ten metres in length that applied for the July tie-up scheme have been deemed ineligible; the number of inshore boats being turned down for the temporary tie-up scheme for June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17102/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will establish a taskforce to review working conditions in the meat processing industry in view of recent media reports and statements presented to the Oireachtas Special Committee on Covid-19 Response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17103/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer could continue to claim BPS and relevant rural development payments under force majeure if a mudslide occurs

and leaves land unfit for agricultural purposes for a period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [17136/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of late applicants to the BEEP-S scheme by county in tabular form; the number within these applications that have been accepted, rejected or are outstanding, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17166/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans with to enact unfair trading practices legislation as per EU Directive 2019/633 of the European Parliament; if he plans to implement additional measures in line with the flexibility provided for in the directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17167/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the next tranche of TAMS will be open for application; if the tranche will facilitate applications for the purchase of machinery for the purpose of cutting vegetation as an alternative to the use of chemical sprays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17168/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which TAMS tranches are advertised by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17169/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will immediately suspend all live exports to Libya in view of the escalating situation there; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17179/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a felling licence will be issued for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [17182/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when FLAG funding will be distributed to a fisherman such as a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17237/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a TAMS application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17326/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a BEAM scheme appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be expedited. — Brendan Griffin. [17337/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if discretion will be employed in the case of a person (details supplied) to allow for the late application to the BEEP-S scheme in view of the extenuating circumstances arising from the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17338/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) has not received single farm payment entitlements since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [17348/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a penalty imposed on a person (details supplied) was due to a clerical error. — Sean Sherlock. [17391/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a commitment made by his Department to provide a compensation payment to farmers (details supplied) will be honoured without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17424/20]

Chun an Aire Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige: To the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

*542. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16557/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing issue of the difficulty in recruiting suitably qualified support staff for early years settings; his plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [16624/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he is satisfied there is sufficient capacity in the early years and school-age childcare system in view of the impact that Covid-19 has had on settings; the details of notifications of closures issued to Tusla for early years settings since January 2020 by service type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [16625/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of adults and children that accessed Tusla funded domestic violence refuge accommodation in 2019; the average length of time families spent in such accommodation; and the number of beds available on a given night in 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16680/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16836/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the supports considered to allow crèches to care for children under one in view of the fact many are refusing to take them as they require extra staffing which leaves parents returning to the workplace without childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16867/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the requirements involved in order to meet habitual residency requirements in the context of adopting a child from abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16936/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs his views on the case of a person (details supplied); the procedure of naturalisation in circumstances in which a child from another country is adopted by Irish parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16937/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs when his Department will issue guidance with regard to symptomatic children in childcare; if he has engaged with general practitioners regarding their role in certifying children to return to childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17030/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the number of childcare facilities that have applied for Covid-19 related funding by county; the number of successful applications for each county; the funding granted to childcare facilities in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17031/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the details of his plans for the establishment of childcare Ireland as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17045/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if there is a policy by which children cannot attend crèches if their temperature is above a certain level; if they must stay away from the crèche for a duration of time as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17228/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs his views on the fact little or no childcare is now available for children under one year of age; and if he will assist parents still unable to get childcare in order to return from parental leave. — Richard Bruton. [17236/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the proposals in place to provide new childcare places in view of some childcare facilities closing and the pressure on childcare places in many parts of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17450/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the procedures being taken to cease the closure of playgroups across Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17428/20]

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

*557. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of learner drivers found to be driving unaccompanied in 2019 and in the first six months of 2020; the number that were subjected to a fine; and the number whose vehicles were impounded in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [16546/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of adults and children remaining in direct provision centres after their leave to remain has been granted for the most recent date available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16679/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the refurbishments planned to courthouses in south County Kildare including Portarlington; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16949/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will double the extension of paid parental leave to one parent families in order that they have the same level of support as two parent families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [17010/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if his attention has been drawn to the fact that parents whose baby was born before the extension of parental leave at the end of 2019 are not eligible for the extension of parental leave announced recently. — Richard Bruton. [17236/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will speed up the process of ratification of the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which Ireland ratified in March 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17299/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her views on the situation of women that experience a serious or life threatening illness while on maternity leave and that are not eligible for postponement of their maternity leave during an illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17329/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the Minister with responsibility for data protection. — Brendan Smith. [17358/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide clarity in relation to the process of stamp 4 renewal for persons living outside of Dublin in particular; if she will address the issue of access to locally-based immigration officers which is difficult and or sporadic as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the pressure this is placing on employees that need renewals urgently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [16492/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of inspectors allocated to Waterford Garda division in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [16511/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the interdepartmental and multiagency review of Ireland's anti-fraud and anti-corruption structures chaired by a person (details supplied) will report to her; if the report will be published; if so, when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16530/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application with the authorisation of the Garda Commissioner for additional CCTV cameras in Clonmel, County Tipperary, in particular the Heywood Road area; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the prolonged delays in resolving issues regarding the use of CCTV is causing unnecessary concern and anxiety for residents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16531/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel has completed the drafting of the criminal procedure Bill; when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [16532/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for a CCTV scheme in Fethard, County Tipperary which is with the Garda Commissioner waiting authorisation; if the issue with housing such CCTV systems in the local Garda station can be resolved; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the prolonged delays in resolving issues in relation to CCTV is causing unnecessary concern and anxiety for residents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16535/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of an application for a CCTV scheme in Littleton, County Tipperary which is with the Garda Commissioner waiting authorisation; if the issue with housing such CCTV systems in the local Garda station can be resolved; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the prolonged delays in resolving issues in relation to CCTV is

causing unnecessary concern and anxiety for residents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16536/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of overseas passengers arriving here; the level of compliance in filling out the passenger locator form; the number of forms that were correctly completed; the number of follow-up calls made to passengers; the number of successful follow-up calls completed in each of the past eight weeks in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16541/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by her since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by her; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16567/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the measures being taken in order that Ireland meets the minimum standards required for the elimination of human trafficking such as victim identification, accommodation services for victims, support and referral, in view of the downgrading of Ireland from tier one to tier two in the 2020 Trafficking in Persons Annual Report by the US State Department to Monitor and Combat Trafficking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16573/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 337, 338 and 339 of 30 June 2020, if a comparative assessment has been carried on the cost of a full refurbishment of Sligo Garda station compared to the cost of a new build on the site already purchased for this purpose which was not addressed in the reply. — Marian Harkin. [16590/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to provide funding for the purchase of additional high-powered unmarked vehicles for the Garda roads policing unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16608/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [16610/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of thefts of domestic dogs and or pets reported to An Garda Síochána in the past three years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [16619/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality her plans to update the Firearms (Firearms Certificate For Non-Residents) Act 2000. — Peadar Tóibín. [16732/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí attached to each divisional drugs unit as of 13 July 2020 by rank in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16756/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the budget allocation to Forensic Science Ireland in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16757/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of gardaí that have received specialist training to interview children as witnesses, victims or suspects in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16758/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the works envisioned as being carried out under the capital expenditure budget for the Courts Service in the revised estimates; and if the division between renovation or extension works and new builds for courthouses will be included. — Pa Daly. [16762/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the estimated cost of providing in cell sanitation or other arrangements to cease the practice of slopping out to each prisoner within Portlaoise prison. — Pa Daly. [16763/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the costing estimates that have been carried out with respect to the implementation of the Optional Protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. — Pa Daly. [16765/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Clyne report will be received (details supplied); when the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [16771/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if licences when due for renewal will be issued free of charge for community facilities that run bingo and social dancing in view of the fact that they have not been used for a number of months and will not be used for an extended period of time due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16799/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by her Department and each body and local authority under her remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16845/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the Parole Act 2019 will be commenced; and if an application for parole has been made by a person (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [16851/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the planned timeline for delivering vulnerability assessments, full right to access employment, the ability to apply for driver licences and bank accounts for persons resident in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16935/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of mountain bikes allocated to each Garda district within DMR as of 13 July 2020, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [17011/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a C visa will be granted on compassionate grounds to a person (details supplied) in view of the fact the short stay visa system remains closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Seán Crowe. [17090/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the online renewal system for non-EU migrants, which currently only applies to Dublin, will be extended to the rest of the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17104/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will clarify the nature of the review concerning the detention of a person (details supplied) that was kept in solitary confinement for more than a week in Mountjoy Prison after immigration officials refused to allow them into the

country; the expected timeline for this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17105/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the Immigration Detention and Border Control in Ireland report which documents immigration related detention practices including the absence of appeals or a complaints process for persons refused leave to land at the border; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17106/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of proposals yet to be processed from the Irish Refugee Protection Programme Humanitarian Admission Programme call which ended in February 2019; if she will provide a breakdown by nationality of the sponsors and the potential beneficiaries that have yet to receive a decision, in tabular form; and the reason for the delay in making a decision on these applications. — Holly Cairns. [17107/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of dogs that were registered as stolen between 2018 and 2020, by county in tabular form; the number of convictions and fines associated with these thefts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [17125/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the fines and prison sentences bestowed upon persons that are found in possession of stolen animals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [17126/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if Ireland will, via its representation on the Council of the EU, give its agreement to the opening of negotiations with Afghanistan in regard to asylum returns to that country on the basis of a general principle as outlined in a note from the General Secretariat of the Council dated 3 July 2020 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17163/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the amount of cash seized by An Garda Síochána under the Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act 2016 that was returned to the persons from whom it was seized by way of appeal in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [17181/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the options available to a Colombian national and a qualified psychologist (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [17187/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality when the restrictions on accepting new visa applications will be lifted in order to allow a person (details supplied) travel here to visit a sick relative. — Chris Andrews. [17300/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of the policing and community safety Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [17324/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the total increase in the number of active gardaí over the past four months. — Eoghan Murphy. [17335/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17422/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*606. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures carried out with respect to Covid-19 for travellers arriving at points of entry here, in particular for passengers that have arrived from the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [16482/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a copy of HSE Circular 3 of 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [16485/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a nursing home (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [16490/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16503/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health the number of midwifery posts in the maternity unit in Portiuncula University Hospital, Galway in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of vacancies in the unit. — David Cullinane. [16508/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability being provided at the end of June 2020 in CHO5. — David Cullinane. [16509/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it would cost in 2021 if the budget for the Food Safety Authority of Ireland increased by 5.5%. — David Cullinane. [16510/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the names of the persons undertaking the review of the maternity unit in Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16515/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a review of the maternity led unit in Cavan General Hospital is necessary; if the way in which the downgrading of services was muted some weeks ago without his knowledge has been investigated; if he has examined this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16516/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the action the HSE is taking to support a person (details supplied) who is on the autism spectrum and whose condition has deteriorated significantly in the past year. — Paul Murphy. [16537/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health when the prescription charge will be reduced by €0.50, as was promised from July 2020 in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16540/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in respect of the case of a person (details supplied); if a thorough and complete independent investigation into the matter will be ensured; the person or body that will carry out the investigation, and the timeline and terms of reference for the investigation. — Róisín Shortall. [16542/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if the new Government in respect of the legislation brought forward by the last Government to the fair deal system in June 2019 will proceed and implement legislation to extend the three year cap for farmers; when he expects this to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16547/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of advisers and special advisers appointed by him since becoming Minister; the starting annual salary of each person appointed by him; if an open interview process was conducted for each appointee; the duration and terms of each contract issued to each adviser and special adviser; and if an advisory role has been split to facilitate job sharing in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [16565/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the checks in place here on visitors from abroad to ensure they are self-isolating; the number of checks made each month since February 2020; and the number of successful checks each month and unsuccessful checks each month, that is, in cases in which those carrying out the checks found the visitor had not fulfilled the guidance. — Peadar Tóibín. [16574/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand dental treatment provision for medical card holders to include two fillings, cleaning and extraction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16584/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for allowing travel from countries with a high level of Covid-19; if consideration is being given to restricting travel from countries with high levels of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16599/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the position of a person (details supplied) on the waiting list for services within the HSE disability and community care services; when they will be allocated the supports they need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [16605/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16607/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost if the number of audiologists working in public health service increased by 15%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16613/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of recruiting of 50 additional assistant psychologists in primary care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [16614/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health when the increased income thresholds for over 70s medical cards in Budget 2020 will be given effect. — Brian Stanley. [16616/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health when a replacement scheme for the motorised transport grant and mobility allowance will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16638/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if he will honour the commitment by his predecessor to provide the necessary funding to Letterkenny University Hospital to enable it to reopen all of the beds in its short stay ward. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16639/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will urgently prioritise the funding of a nurse for a school (details supplied) to support children with profound disabilities at the school. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16640/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will urgently prioritise the reinstatement of a permanent palliative consultant to a hospice (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16641/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Covid-19 tracker application can only be used by residents here with an Irish credit card on store; if he will consider amending this to ensure visitors to Ireland can be required to use the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16647/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to provide care for post-Covid-19 patients that may suffer ongoing fatigue or develop post-viral fatigue syndrome and if unable to get the correct advice and support may go on to develop myalgic encephalomyelitis; if appropriate care is being provided for those at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [16659/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the services that will be on offer when a primary care centre (details supplied) is completed. — Sean Sherlock. [16665/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health when procedures such as gastroscopies will be allowed to proceed. — Cathal Crowe. [16668/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health when the development of the community nursing unit in Tuam, County Galway will proceed to tender; when a contractor is expected to be appointed to carry out the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16669/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the financing of regional cancer care groups on a statutory basis; if his attention has been drawn to the regional discrepancies in the funding of cancer care groups nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [16674/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if paediatric Covid-19 units can be set up alongside the current adult Covid-19 hubs; the reason these units were not formed initially (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [16678/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding funding for homecare packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16694/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the elimination of HPV-related cancers within a generation while acknowledging that there is a national recommendation for HPV vaccination of women treated for CIN2+ lesions to reduce the risk of recurrent disease but no public funding currently exists for this high-risk cohort and in view of the fact that the introduction of such a scheme would achieve the Programme for Government dual aims to support the CervicalCheck screening programme and promote the uptake of the HPV vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16700/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the governance review of the drugs approval and procurement process which was included in the Sláintecare Action Plan 2019; his plans to publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16701/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation date will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16703/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the relocation of a building (details supplied); the plans of the HSE on same; the reason and location for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16707/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for persons returning from abroad and visitors from abroad to go into quarantine for a two-week period to reduce the spread of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [16709/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a new policy to take account of the Covid-19 experience in long stay residential settings; if a consultative process is planned with key stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [16711/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital bed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16712/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list status of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16728/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if the revised model of care for the termination of pregnancy which currently permits the use of telemedicine will be maintained beyond the period of the Covid-19 emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16731/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health when the Derg Centre in Nenagh, County Tipperary will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [16742/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop guidelines (details supplied) which have been identified as best practice in the UK to be rolled out here instead of each hospital clinical governance board self-selecting which guidelines it uses for multiple births; if he has consulted with UK counterparts on these guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [16743/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health if advice will be provided in relation to correspondence regarding face masks and summer camps (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16749/20]

*652. 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. — Niamh Smyth. [16754/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health when a service (details supplied) will be introduced to County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16772/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health when radiology services will be opened in hospitals for non-Covid-19 patients especially those that may have cancer-related health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [16773/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be made available to provide staff to operate the state-of-the-art x-ray equipment in a Saolta health campus (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [16774/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to determine whether a patient is to receive B12 injections for a B12 deficiency; and if the guidance given to general practitioners is in accordance with the Nice guidelines. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16775/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health if the outcome of a fair deal means test application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed to determine if further financial assistance can be provided. — John McGuinness. [16797/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the value of contracts awarded to a company (details supplied) and its subsidiaries by his Department and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16844/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra hospital consultants that will be employed in 2020. — Jim O'Callaghan. [16855/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the construction of the 60-bed interim unit at University Hospital Limerick; when works will commence; the expected cost of the project; the expected completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16877/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the construction of the 24-bed interim unit at University Hospital Limerick; when works will commence; the expected cost of the project; the expected completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16878/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the construction of the 96-bed inpatient facility at University Hospital Limerick; when works will commence; the expected cost of the project; the expected completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16879/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 60-bed interim unit at University Hospital Limerick; when these units will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16880/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 24-bed interim unit at University Hospital Limerick; when these units will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16881/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 96-bed inpatient facility at University Hospital Limerick; when these units will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16882/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for a hip replacement with a consultant at Croom Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16891/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health when a planning application will be lodged for the new emergency department at University Hospital Galway; the reason this urgently needed project is being delayed; the queries National HSE Estates have now in relation to the new emergency department and the proposed maternity and paediatrics department; when a planning application

will be lodged for a new outpatients facility at Merlin Park to cater for lost facilities on the footprint of the planned emergency department; and when a planning application will be lodged to allow the decanting of emergency department facilities to the front of the existing facility in order for the new emergency department to be built. — Alan Dillon. [16893/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16898/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients cared for by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16899/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses employed by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16900/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital consultants employed by hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16901/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the status of patients affected by pelvic mesh medical deficiencies in view of the UK Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety review published in July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [16905/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the use of sodium valproate in pregnancy; his plans to hold an inquiry into the use of the drug; the actions he is taking to support families affected by foetal valproate syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16907/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if the recommendations from the UK inquiry into the use of pelvic mesh have been examined; his plans to implement the recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16908/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate universal administering of the BCG vaccine; and if he has received recommendations from the HSE on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16909/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if his consultation with the HSE has considered the introduction of bursaries to support graduate entry medicine students which could require a contribution of clinical years upon completion of studies similar to the bursaries available from the NHS in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16911/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health if copies of the NPHET document entitled Risk Register for each month since March 2020 will be made available. — Róisín Shortall. [16912/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the appointment of a provisional liquidator to a convalescent centre (details supplied); if the staff whilst not public servants whose salaries have been funded by the HSE will be redeployed; and the way in which he plans to replace the lost convalescent and respite care beds within the health system following the closure of the centre. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16922/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a significant reduction in the number of meetings of a group (details supplied) during the Covid-19 pandemic due to

Covid-19 restrictions; the measures and supports in place for recovering alcoholics at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16926/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is no longer provided access the drug subutex in tablet form on the hardship scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16928/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the amount a company (details supplied) has been paid by the HSE in University Hospital Galway over the past five years by the payment showing wage costs, management fee and the fee paid by the HSE to the company per patient per meal per day in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16929/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to sign the statutory instrument required to reduce GMS prescription charges by 50c to €1.50 for all medical card holders as outlined in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16934/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the refurbishment of Monasterevin day care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16950/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clear guidelines to nursing homes in relation to family visits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16951/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for homecare support; his plans to deal with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16954/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the need for an extra full-time general practitioner service for Monasterevin, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [16958/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if each capital project already committed to is under review due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16961/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health if the delivery of a second cath lab at University Hospital Waterford as previously committed to will proceed and is not a project currently under review in the context of revising the capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16962/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the organisations and representative groups he has met since he became Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16963/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health when he will commence talks with pharmacists on a new contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16964/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update the National Eye Care Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16965/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support the expansion of community ophthalmology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16966/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health if he has met the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board or representatives of the Board since he became Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16967/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve palliative care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16968/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase staffing in healthcare settings over the lifetime of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16969/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish an updated National Rare Disease Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16970/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to enact the human tissue Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16971/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement the National Maternity Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16972/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll out eHealth and improve information and communications technology systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16973/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to implement a patient safety Bill and mandatory open disclosure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16974/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement a statutory homecare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16975/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deliver additional primary care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16977/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend in acute hospitals for each quarter in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, by hospital and hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16978/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the current homecare waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16979/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the current cataract wait time by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16980/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health when TILT tests will recommence at Sligo University Hospital; the number of persons on the waiting list at the hospital; the average waiting time for a person on the list to be called; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16991/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels for CAMHS teams in CHO9; and the way in which this compares with the necessary full complement of staff as outlined by A Vision for Change. — Gary Gannon. [17012/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional theatre staff recruited in 2019 and to date in 2020 for each public and voluntary hospital for the purposes of increasing theatre capacity in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [17013/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if 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 is covered by the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17022/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a revision to the Covid-19 restrictive guidelines as they pertain to agriculture marts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17024/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a review team to hear the testimonies of patients impacted by complications arising from surgeries involving a mesh implant; if his Department has determined whether these procedures should remain on pause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17034/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made in relation to opening day-care centres for older persons which play an important role in their well-being; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17053/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health when recommendations on the expansion of the newborn screening programme will be published; his plans to implement the recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17061/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines regarding the use of face shields for children participating in group activities such as music, dance and performing arts camps in which social distancing may be difficult to adhere to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [17065/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons diagnosed with cancer by HSE region each month since January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [17083/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons receiving chemotherapy each month between January 2019 and June 2020, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [17084/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer patients finishing active treatment each month since January 2019, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [17085/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overseas visitors that have been found to be in breach of the 14-day self-isolation guidelines as set out by SI 181 of 2020. — Seán Crowe. [17086/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overseas visitors that have refused to give all the necessary information upon entry here as set out by SI 181 of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [17087/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend SI 181 of 2020 to make it a legal requirement to observe the 14-day period of self-isolation. — Seán Crowe. [17088/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recommend a temporary ban on non-essential travel from the United States of America on the grounds of safeguarding public health. — Seán Crowe. [17089/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE guidelines to pharmacists discouraging the sale of multiple months' worth of medication to patients to prevent stockpiling will be rescinded; if his attention has been drawn to the lack of ability to buy 3 or 6 months means that patients are liable to more handling charges by pharmacists which creates a financial burden; and his views on whether this unfairly impacts those patients that are not holders of medical cards. — Seán Crowe. [17094/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to restore leave to frontline workers that had to use it to provide childcare, particularly for couples that both worked on the frontline and used their leave to ensure one parent was always available to provide childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [17095/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive the drug spinraza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17096/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect an appointment with a consultant. — Barry Cowen. [17120/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect an admission date to the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [17121/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when they can expect an appointment with a consultant. — Barry Cowen. [17122/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek to reverse the upcoming wage decrease in September 2020 for student nurses on four year internships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [17134/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health 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. [17135/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken for persons that have suffered as a result of pelvic mesh implants; the measures being put in place to ensure such harm is avoided in the future; if his attention has been drawn to the recent publication by the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review in the UK in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17158/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances under which a patient leaving hospital is offered convalescence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17162/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue revised guidelines to allow fathers-to-be attend scan appointments and antenatal check-ups with their expectant wives and partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [17175/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue new guidelines allowing new fathers to remain for a longer period with their newborn child and partner after birth and allow for greater visitation of partners to hospitals after the birth of a child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [17176/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the alternatives to medication, such as support interventions, including duration of service offered to children with ADHD or their parents in each CHO area if different approaches and services exist. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17184/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time in each CHO area from referral to assessment for children with queried ADHD. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17185/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in each CHO area referred for queried ADHD in each year since 2016. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17186/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the number of downloads of the Covid-19 application; the number of persons that tested positive for Covid-19 that have allowed their close contacts to be notified through the application; the number of persons that have been contacted as a result of being a close contact of a confirmed case; the number of these persons that would not otherwise have been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17189/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the number of downloads of the Covid-19 application in which the user's location was identified as Brittas, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart, Dublin 20 and Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17190/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health his views on private nursing homes limiting visits to patients to 30 minutes once a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17229/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can get a referral expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17235/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health if he will liaise with the HSE to ensure flexibility for the procurement of catheters from a company (details supplied) as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17238/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for orthodontic treatment in each hospital; the measures being taken to address the significant delays in accessing orthodontic treatment in Mayo University Hospital and Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17239/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for the pain clinics in each facility providing such a service; the measures being taken to address the significant delays in accessing this service in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [17240/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [17242/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to additional personal protective equipment related charges being applied by dentists to medical card holders when attending appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17246/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable for two persons from different households that would normally dance together in a dance studio to create a bubble between themselves that will allow them to continue to dance as partners without socially distancing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17263/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a person (details supplied) must wait for 19 months before they can be scheduled for a hearing test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17275/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists registered under the dental treatment services scheme by county on a monthly basis from January 2020 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [17301/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [17307/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health if a social media campaign on Covid-19 which is specifically aimed at young persons will be designed and implemented by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17318/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health when spinraza which has been approved since June 2019 for a person (details supplied) in County Clare will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17319/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a meeting request from a society (details supplied) and if he will accede to a meeting. — Róisín Shortall. [17328/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the decisions taken by the senior leadership team of the HSE at its monthly sittings relating to drugs reimbursement in 2019 and to date in 2020; the recommendations issued by the drugs group of the HSE to the team on same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17339/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the Rare Diseases Technology Review Committee; the sittings it has had since its inception; if it will conduct a review of the terms of reference of the committee in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17340/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the HSE reimbursement and pricing decision-making process carried out by a company (details supplied); the findings and recommendations of the review; if the review will be made publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17341/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the free face masks scheme in Luxembourg; and if he will consider introducing a similar scheme to help to protect the general public from the spread of Covid-19. — Joan Collins. [17342/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health if parental alienation syndrome is recognised here; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17350/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing and budgets for public health in north eastern areas of Dublin and other health areas, pre, during and post-Covid-19; his views on whether it is sufficient to respond to a rise in Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17352/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the steps persons with asthma and other breathing difficulties should take in respect of face masks; and the way in which they can avoid penalties for not wearing a mask. — Sean Sherlock. [17353/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the outbreak of Covid-19 at a nursing home (details supplied); and if his attention has been further drawn to the transfer of residents to other care units and the manner in which the transfers were carried out. — John Brady. [17355/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the death of 12 residents of a nursing home (details supplied) due to Covid-19 and that 34 staff tested positive for the virus. — John Brady. [17356/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to calls for a public enquiry into the case of deaths in a nursing home (details supplied); if a public enquiry will be held in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17357/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the supply and importation of medical drugs to persons that are being informed that their medication is being replaced by a generic one or a different brand due to the unavailability of their particular drug which they use on a daily basis (details supplied); and if the matter will be clarified. — Johnny Mythen. [17369/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health when the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020 will be enacted. — Michael Ring. [17387/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that are medical card holders; and the number of persons that lost their medical cards in 2019. — Michael Ring. [17388/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health when negotiations on a new contract for pharmacists will commence; when the last meeting between his Department and pharmacists took place; when the next meeting between his Department and pharmacists will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17389/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be given a hospital appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [17390/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE clinic at the Harbour, Maynooth, County Kildare has been relocated to Kilcock, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17420/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that will be made in 2020 for the respite care of a person (details supplied); if the HSE will pay for private respite in view of the fact that no respite is available in 2020 in Merlin Park Hospital due to the Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17423/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health if guidelines will be put in place regarding the use of vapes in public houses (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [17425/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health if the guidelines issued to nursing homes regarding family visits will be reviewed to ensure, subject to public health, the rights of residents and their families are respected and will include an independent appeal mechanism to deal with situations in which agreement cannot be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17427/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the strategic action plan for the period 2017 to 2020 included in the Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery National Drugs Strategy 2017-2025 with date completed or date expected to be completed included in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [17435/20]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADAOIN, 22 IÚIL, 2020
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY, 2020**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [16886/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [16887/20]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [16888/20]

4. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for public services reform to be driven from his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17249/20]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee which addresses matters relating to justice. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17250/20]

6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment is set to next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17243/20]

7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17251/20]

8. To ask the Taoiseach the time frame for establishment of the shared island unit; and the status of the process to date. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [17264/20]

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

9. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to enhance hedge cutting during winter 2020/2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17116/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when she will publish a comprehensive Covid-19 recovery roadmap for the arts. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17292/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to provide additional supports for the collection of biodiversity data. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [17285/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to provide additional capital funding for necessary upgrading work on the navigable inland waterways network; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17386/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if additional supports will be considered for local communities to hold replacement events in view of the cancellation of a number of festivals and other cultural events in County Clare in recent months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17286/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her views on Údarás na Gaeltachta using the same assessment criteria as the county LEOs in applications for assistance from small businesses and start-ups (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [17248/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will suspend the issue of hare coursing licences across the entire country in view of the recently reported increase in the spread of the rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus 2; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17046/20]

16. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil plean ar bith ag a Roinn chun maoineadh a chur ar fáil do Rannóg Gaeilge Ollscoil Uladh i gcampas Mhic Aoidh i nDoire; an mbeadh sí toilteanach cásadh leis an Rannóg leis seo a phlé; agus an mbeidh sí sásta comhoibriú leis an Roinn Oideachas agus Scileanna ar an ábhar seo. — Mairéad Farrell. [17404/20]

17. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén tacaíocht atá curtha ar fháil aici do na hallaí pobail san Ghaeltacht atá i mbaol dúnadh go h-iomlán toisc an teip ar a ioncam i mbliana toisc an pandemic, agus an ardú árachas atá á bhuaileadh anois. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17294/20]

18. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cén céimeanna atá glactha aici chun cuidiú le Údarás na Gaeltachta teacht tríd an géarrchéim Covid-19 agus an easpa maoinne atá ortha le breis is 10 mbliana. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17296/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if additional capital funding will be provided to Waterways Ireland in 2020 and 2021 for the necessary upkeep and provision of additional facilities on the navigable waterways network; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17385/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the relocation of turfcutters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17117/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the need for supports for the country and Irish music industry and Irish artists following Covid-19 will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16588/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of measures being introduced to support small theatres which have experienced significant disruption due to Covid-19. — Joe Flaherty. [17282/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will consider additional supports for local communities to hold replacement events in view of the cancellation of a number of festivals and other cultural events in counties Carlow and Kilkenny in recent months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17283/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number of trainees in the live action film sector that qualified and were accredited as a result of such training; the categories; the number of trainees that are now employees of film production companies in receipt of public funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17395/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the Film Industry Stakeholder Forum will be convened which was recommended in 2018 by the Joint Committee on Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to address disputes and issues in the industry (details supplied); if it will be ensured that all relevant stakeholders particularly employers in receipt of public funding or tax reliefs and employees that have worked in the sector are invited to attend and that stakeholders that refuse to attend will no longer receive public funding or support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17394/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the details of plans for the introduction of new bursary schemes for young artists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17406/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to ensure that arts and cultural bodies in Dublin are consulted to ensure that they recover and enhance their impact in the aftermath of Covid-19. — Paul McAuliffe. [17281/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the specific culture and heritage projects she plans to prioritise during the lifetime of the 33rd Dáil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17255/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if it will be ensured that in the appointment of education liaison officers, consideration is given to the natural marine heritage where appropriate. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [17284/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the progress that has been made with regard to implementing a strategy to combat systemic harm and poisoning of under-threat birds of prey; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17399/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to ensure that arts and cultural bodies in County Cork are consulted to ensure that they recover and enhance their impact in the aftermath of Covid-19. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [17278/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to ensure ongoing support for local authorities through the Creative Ireland programme. — Cormac Devlin. [17289/20]

33. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá deanta ag a Roinn i bhforbairt na céibheanna in Inis Meáin agus Inis Óírr; cén uair a bhfuil súil tosaí ar an talamh le forbairt an dá chéibh faoi sheach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17310/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to ensure that arts and cultural bodies in Dublin are consulted to ensure that they recover and enhance their impact in the aftermath of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17288/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to support the arts and music sector in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [16779/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if management plans will be developed for each of the national parks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [17331/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the development of the night-time economy taskforce; if the taskforce will advance the appointment of a night-time culture mayor for Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17280/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status the development of the night-time economy taskforce; if the taskforce will advance the appointment of a night-time culture mayor for Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [17279/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the mission statement of her Department; the extent to which she expects to meet specific targets throughout the lifetime of the 33rd Dáil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17254/20]

40. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé i gceist aici tacaíocht a thabhairt don athchomarc atá á lorg ag Comhchumann agus muintir Rath Chairn i gcoinne cead pleanála a bhronn An Bord Pleanála do tithe agus lóistín bheith tógtha san Ghaeltacht acu gan coinníollacha teanga láidir bheith ceangailte leis. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17295/20]

41. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil Campaí Samhraidh Gaeltachta 2020 a n-eagrú de réir an Comhairle reatha um Sláinte Phoiblí (NPHE); má tá, cén fáth nach bhfuil campaí faoi dhíon ceadaithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [17384/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to ensure that arts and cultural bodies in County Cork are consulted to ensure that they recover and enhance their impact in the aftermath of Covid-19. — James O'Connor. [17291/20]

43. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cérd iad na tosaíochtaí a bheidh aici chun an Ghaeilge a láidriú mar theanga an phobail sa nGaeltacht i rith a téarma in oifig; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17309/20]

44. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil plean ar bith ag a Roinn chun maoiniú a chur ar fáil do Rannóg Gaeilge Ollscoil Uladh i gcampas Mhic Aoidh i nDoire; an mbeadh sí toilteanach casadh leis an Rannóg leis seo a phlé; agus an mbeidh sí sásta comhoibriú leis an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna ar an ábhar seo. — Pearse Doherty. [17398/20]

45. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil plean ag a Roinn chun tacaíocht airgeadais a chur ar fáil d'Ionaid Phobail sa Ghaeltacht atá ag cailleadh amach ar airgead a saothraíodh a bhuí le Colaistí Samhraidh Gaeltachta, a bhí in ainm is a bheith ar siúl an samhradh seo, a bheith curtha ar ceal. — Mairéad Farrell. [17403/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the additional funding she has requested in the July stimulus; the way in which she plans to allocate the stimulus to support those working in music, live entertainment and the events sector to sustain performers, crew and event organisers that are unable to recommence work or that will see the work and income available to them dramatically reduced as long as social distancing and public health restrictions remain; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17392/20]

47. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an pholasaí atá beartaithe do na hoileáin agus cén uair a bheidh an polsaí sin foilsithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [17383/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the contingency planning that has taken place within her Department with respect to the arts, music and entertainment industry having to function with an indefinite period of social distancing and limits on audience numbers, particularly in relation to the logistics of concerts, plays and other live performances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16594/20]

49. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cén uair a fhoilseoidh sí Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla athuair; agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici deileáil le na bearnaí ollmhór aithinte san dréacht a d'fhoilsigh an Rialtas deirí. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17293/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to sustain business and jobs in the Gaeltacht and the islands in view of the fact phased plans for reopening the economy have been delayed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17401/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to increase the provision of affordable workspaces for artists and creative practitioners in County Cork. — James O'Connor. [17290/20]

52. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil plean ag a Roinn chun tacaíocht airgeadais a chur ar fáil d'Ionaid Phobail sa Ghaltacht atá ag cailleadh amach ar airgead a saothraíodh a bhuí le Colaistí Samhraidh Gaeltachta, a bhí in ainm is a bheith ar siúl an samhradh seo, a bheith curtha ar ceal. — Pearse Doherty. [17397/20]