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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [16885/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [16886/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [16887/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [16888/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for public services reform to be driven from his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17249/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee which addresses matters relating to justice. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17250/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment is set to next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17243/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [17251/20]
12. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

13. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cén uair a bhéas plean cuimsitheach tharrthála iar-Covid-19 foilsithe aici don Ghaeilge agus Gaeltachta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17297/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if the night-time economy taskforce has been appointed; if not, when it will be appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17502/20]

15. 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]

16. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of Galway 2020; the amount paid to Galway 2020 to date in 2020; the way in which the funding has been spent; the conditions that will be attached to further allocations including the reappointment of an Irish language officer; the status of the performance delivery agreement between her Department and Galway 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17298/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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 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]

25. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht 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]

26. 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 maoiniú atá ortha le breis is 10 mbliana. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17296/20]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá deanta ag a Roinn i bhforbairt na céibheanna in Inis Meáin agus Inis Oírr; 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil plan 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. — Pearse Doherty. [17397/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation his plans to protect the pub sector. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17507/20]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation further to Parliamentary Question No. 306 of 3 December 2019, the way in which a person can secure recourse when a court order following a WRC decision is not honoured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17551/20]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the status of cooperation between Ireland and Canada with respect to CETA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17579/20]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the measures being taken to encourage continued up-take among SMEs of the Enterprise Ireland Brexit SME scorecard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17521/20]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation if his attention has been drawn to delays in some Dublin authorities in processing applications for the restart grant; and if steps can be taken to rectify this. — Richard Bruton. [17535/20]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation the requirements of employers for recording pregnancy related sickness absence in the workplace; if an employer is required to record pregnancy related sickness absence separately from other sick leave in order that it is ignored as absence and not used as a disadvantage for disciplinary action, dismissal, or redundancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17588/20]

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

*66. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if he will introduce a waste waiver scheme for persons with disabilities as promised by the last Government. — Sean Sherlock. [17455/20]

*67. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment when broadband will be available at a property (details supplied); the steps the person can take to accelerate the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17563/20]

*68. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the reason 20 houses in an area (details supplied) cannot avail of high-speed broadband in view of the fact houses on the road have no issue availing of same. — Robert Troy. [17463/20]

*69. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the number of projects completed under the deep retrofit scheme; the expenditure involved; the number of outstanding projects to be completed; the estimated cost of each; and the number that will not go ahead. — Richard Bruton. [17522/20]

*70. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment the funding allocated to the Sound and Vision Fund in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020. — Imelda Munster. [17552/20]

*71. To ask the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment if community radio receives funding from the Exchequer; if so, the details of the allocation for each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [17553/20]

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

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport when the reopening guidelines for non-food pubs will be published; the reason for the delay in their publication to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17510/20]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the delayed reopening of pubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17511/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will issue specific Covid-19 return to work guidelines to driver instructors in view of the nature of their profession which entails being in a confined space with their student; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [17556/20]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if measures will be put in place to prevent incoming travel from countries and regions currently experiencing a high Covid-19 infection rate. — Robert Troy. [17495/20]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding persons entering and exiting Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17513/20]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount paid by the NTA and TII to An Garda Síochána during the past five years in respect of the provision of policing services; and the basis on which this is being charged by An Garda Síochána. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17515/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the date the Limerick to Ballybrophy and Limerick to Waterford rail lines will reopen. — Alan Kelly. [17548/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the measures being put in place to ensure that those that have flights booked but are following guidelines and not travelling, will not lose the complete cost of the flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17554/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will make provision in driver test centres for driving instructors to avail of indoor facilities while their students are undergoing their driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [17555/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if his Department has estimated the economic implications of using 50% of passenger capacity in the fleet of private coach operators in terms of the viability of those companies in view of the level of employment they are likely to provide in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17573/20]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the position regarding a driver licence renewal for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9; if steps can be taken to address the backlog for driver licence renewals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17584/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport his views on the assessment by An Taisce of Smarter Travel - A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17593/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will consider extending the driver licence renewal period for those over 70 years of age in view of Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [17595/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of each foreign military airforce that used an ARES area in Irish airspace in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of times in each year that each airforce made use of an Irish ARES area. — Catherine Connolly. [17598/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the details of each instance in which Irish airspace was reserved for the use of foreign military aircraft through flexible use of airspace in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and the foreign military involved in each instance. — Catherine Connolly. [17599/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport transport the way in which persons that did not declare their car off the road in advance of travel restriction due to Covid-19 mitigation measures by the State may avail of a waiver of motor tax arrears; his plans to waive motor tax arrears as part of the phased reopening of the economy and society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17611/20]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount collected in motor tax from 1 March 2020 to 17 July 2020; the amount collected by category of vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17612/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will include driver licences that are due to expire in July 2020 in relation to the extension by four months, of the period of validity for driver licences that were due to expire between March and June 2020 in view of the fact that some drivers including a person (details supplied) are being informed by the NDLS that they cannot provide appointments for drivers to renew their licences until August 2020 thus leaving some drivers without a licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17618/20]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will have the cessation of contracted school transport services to a school (details supplied) re-examined with a view to arranging for the reinstatement of the school transport services without which students will be severely negatively impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17619/20]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the timeline for the reopening of the RSA driver test centre, County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17668/20]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will provide a Bus Éireann bus stop at Kiltartan Cross, County Galway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17669/20]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he will request Bus Éireann to reinstate the bus stop at Kilreekil village, County Galway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17670/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to a call by performers and crew in the live entertainment industry to retain the temporary wage subsidy scheme and to provide other supports and grants for those in that sector that are uncertain as to when they will return to work in view of social distancing rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [17545/20]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the case of a retained firefighter (details supplied) that works as a civil servant for a State agency and has been informed that they are no longer allowed to leave work to carry out their duties as a retained firefighter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16793/20]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to reprimand insurers that are not supporting or honouring policies with publicans during this difficult time for businesses due to Covid-19. — Niamh Smyth. [17461/20]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the payment date on inheritance tax as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the fact many will have been unable to prepare and sell properties in time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [17485/20]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of excise duty raised by the Exchequer via on-trade alcohol sales from pubs per month during 2019 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17508/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on establishing a national wealth fund which would see the State make investments which would be collectively owned by Irish persons that would have the right to draw down funds over the course of their lifetime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17587/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to support jobs in the tourism-related sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17608/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17609/20]

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

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding a site (details supplied); the nature of the works being carried out at the castle; when the works will conclude; and when the castle will reopen to the public. — Malcolm Noonan. [17487/20]

*103. 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. [17544/20]

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

*104. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if a complete report will be provided on plans to increase biodiversity nationwide over the next 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16086/20]

*105. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sí ar an eolas maidir leis na deacrachtaí atá ag an Scéim Pobal Gaeilge, an scéim tacaíochta pobail is mó rath atá ag Foras na Gaeilge, de bharr easpa maoinithe agus an bhaoil mhóir atá ann dá bharr sin nach rachaidh an scéim ar aghaidh níos déanaí sa bhliain; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [17458/20]

*106. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta maidir le ceist uimhir 16274/20, mionsonraí a thabhairt i dtaobh an chostais iomláin agus na hinfheistíochta suntasaí luaite atá déanta ag an Stát chun pleananna a chur i dtoll a chéile le Páirc na Mara, an pháirc nuálaíochta mhuirí chomhaimseartha, a fhorbairt i gContae na Gaillimhe; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [17489/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the land and property owned, leased and rented by Údarás na Gaeltachta; and the use of and or activity in each particular property and land listed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17491/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht when the review of the National Parks and Wildlife Service will commence; the persons that will be on the review team; the terms of reference of the review; if the review will be time limited; and if she will give a commitment that she will consult with relevant stakeholders and Oireachtas Committee members at all stages of the review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17523/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the status of the implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy; the Department leading the work; the structures in place within the civil service to oversee implementation; and if she will report on a biannual basis to the relevant Oireachtas committee with updates on the implementation of same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17524/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the heritage related EU legislation that has yet to be transposed into domestic law; and the timeline for the transposition of each piece of EU legislation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17525/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the European Commission cases being taken against Ireland for failure to comply with EU heritage related legislation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17526/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the legislation on heritage matters that has not yet concluded all stages; and the status of each Bill in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17527/20]

*113. 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). — Alan Dillon. [17546/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht if she will review matters (details supplied); her plans to save the buildings deemed to be high risk by An Taisce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17676/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she plans to assist with the promotion of cultural events with reference to addressing the impact of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17678/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which she has already or plans to assist cultural activities with reference to promotion of Irish culture here and abroad thereby assisting in the post-Covid-19 recovery effort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17679/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the mission statement of her Department with a view to setting precise objectives likely to be beneficial in the development and promotion of Irish culture here and abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17680/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she expects to be in a position to offer financial assistance towards bodies involved in the promotion of the arts or cultural events in the course of the next five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17681/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the development and or enhancement of heritage sites nationally with a view to maximisation of their potential for tourism and educational purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17682/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the degree to which she plans to identify and address and or restore heritage houses, castles or sites nationally over the next five years thereby maximising their potential in the promotion of Irish culture; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17683/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which she has carried out an inventory of at-risk ancient and heritage sites, buildings or locations nationally with a view to initiating a programme for their improvement, restoration and safekeeping; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17684/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number and location of heritage sites and houses throughout County Kildare in public ownership; the extent to which an ongoing programme exists to ensure their retention and safety in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17685/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the number and location of sites, buildings or ruins of a historical or heritage nature throughout County Kildare which are not part of a protection or restoration programme; her plans to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17686/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the full extent of the programme for the preservation, protection and restoration of historical or heritage sites nationally with a view to maximising their use for education and tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17687/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans for the development of the film industry with reference to the need for its promotion for economic and cultural purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17688/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht her plans to assist with the development of the arts in its various forms with reference to local community-based groups and that such groups be specially selected for assistance and availing of their knowledge and experience of the arts at community level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17689/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which her Department directly or through the aegis of bodies under the remit of her Department continues to assist community-based groups and organisations involved in musical or theatrical productions nationally with a view to maximising interest in the arts at local level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17690/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht the extent to which the arts sector continues to attract support from philanthropists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17691/20]

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

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will extend the new emergency measures introduced into law to protect tenants during the Covid-19 emergency period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17467/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason for the delays in amending the planning regulations in relation to solar panel installations on schools and community buildings in view of the fact that the Climate Action Plan 2019 committed to relax the strict requirement for planning permission by the end of quarter four of 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17490/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will consider making change of use or class of use to childcare facilities exempt from planning permission even on a limited or temporary basis to facilitate the early years sector during this challenging post-Covid-19 landscape. — Patrick Costello. [17493/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the current wastewater treatment upgrade projects as required to be in compliance with the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive; the amount of capital funding provided for each project in each of the years 2014 to 2024; and the completion date for each project in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17528/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the forthcoming river basin management plan; and if he will consult the relevant Oireachtas committee and stakeholders in advance of the publication of the draft plan due for completion in 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17529/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the offshore wind farm planning legislation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17530/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the marine protection plan. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17531/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties that small, non-profit sports clubs that are licensed to sell alcohol are having in securing an exemption from local authority rates. — Alan Dillon. [17547/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the definitions his Department uses to describe an affordable rent in the context of cost-rental schemes; if he will

describe a significant discount on market rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17574/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to reduce the deposit of 10% for applicants applying for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan for the purpose of purchasing a property under the incremental purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17597/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of sites in the remit of the Land Development Agency (details supplied); the partners involved in the projects; the numbers of expected unit; the breakdown of the type of units; the stage of the process and targeted completion dates; and the discussions that have taken place to provide shared facilities such as kitchens under the 2018 shared accommodation standards on these sites. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17671/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the strongly held views of local authority elected members regarding comments in the Moorehead report on their work and role as members of local authorities; and if he will engage with organisations (details supplied) as appropriate representative bodies on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17672/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will provide a terms of reference for the cross-Departmental working group on cost rental; the membership of the group; and the expected date for delivery of its findings. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17692/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the progress of the cost rental project at Enniskerry Road; the projected rental cost of each on-site unit; and the position regarding the roll out of further cost rental projects nationally. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17693/20]

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

*143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports processed to date in July 2020; the number of persons waiting for passports; the number of passports processed in the first half of July 2019; the number of persons waiting for a passport on 16 July 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [17457/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passport applications made by month from January 2019 to June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [17492/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*145. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will commission a report on the activities of UK defence force vessels in Irish waters following a marine accident investigations branch report (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [17564/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a breakdown of peacekeeping defence missions over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [17567/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Defence the name and rank of each Irish military member of the Eurocontrol Military ATM Board and the Civilian-Military Stakeholder Committee. — Catherine Connolly. [17600/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department retains records and statistics on the portions of Irish airspace reserved for military use each year, in particular, the location of the section of airspace reserved, the dates and times on which they are reserved and the duration of the reservation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [17601/20]

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

*149. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to provide employment contracts to school secretaries. — Alan Dillon. [17543/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a building project for a school (details supplied). — Paul Kehoe. [17460/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the status of a building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [17464/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the arrangements for a school (details supplied) without access to a school building at present in view of the lease expired on previous temporary accommodation in June 2020; if a lease agreement has been signed for the new temporary accommodation; and when the school will be given access to the new temporary accommodation. — John Brady. [17488/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a person (details supplied) will allow medical students to undertake one-month summer placements in hospitals in 2020. — Emer Higgins. [17539/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills her plans to allow medical students to undertake one-month summer placements in hospitals in 2020. — Emer Higgins. [17540/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills when the parents of a person (details supplied) can expect to receive their transportation grant for travel incurred. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [17542/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will consider introducing one-hour class blocks when schools return for the forthcoming academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17549/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if consideration will be given to extending the medical card waiver to each student eligible for concessionary school transport in view of the fact that many families are on reduced incomes as a result of the Covid-19 crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17562/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if financial supports will be put in place to assist college students with accommodation costs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17566/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the number of vehicles that would be required in the 2020/2021 school year based on the current rule of using 50% of public transport capacity due to Covid-19, that will provide the same level of service as was provided in the school transport scheme in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17575/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the actions being taken to deal with the accommodation needs of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [17578/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason for the delay in leaving certificate results being pushed out to September 2020; the provisions in place for third-level applications here and for students seeking to apply and begin courses abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [17582/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding paying for school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17610/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if she will request schools to be lenient on parents that are not in a position to make voluntary contributions due to financial difficulties they are experiencing as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17621/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the arrangements being made with education authorities in the Netherlands to enable leaving certificate students to enrol and take up places on courses due to commence in early September 2020; if she received confirmation that students will not be disadvantaged due to the delay by her Department in issuing results; if she will guarantee students places on similar courses here if the delay in issuing results prevents them from enrolling and commencing further studies in the Netherlands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [17666/20]

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

*165. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if she will respond to a call by performers and crew in the live entertainment industry to retain the pandemic unemployment payment and to provide other supports and grants for those in that sector that are uncertain as to when they will return to work in view of social distancing rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [17545/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to provide support to seasonal workers who were denied the pandemic unemployment payment in view of the fact they were not yet back to work on the week of 6 to 13 March 2020 and in further view of the fact many of their stamps have now run out and they are unable to get any other payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17604/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection her plans to provide supports to the workers aged 66 years of age and over that were not entitled to the pandemic unemployment payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [17607/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an oral hearing will be facilitated as soon as possible for a person (details supplied) to determine their eligibility for the State pension in view of the fact they are without a source of regular income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [17484/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if an application for a widower's pension by a person (details supplied) will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [17486/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if her Department will liaise with the relevant authorities in the UK with regard to pension contributions in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17494/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17514/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection if consideration will be given to paying child benefit to fathers (details supplied) as it is automatically paid to mothers; if the policy on this will be changed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17541/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a reduced pandemic unemployment payment in the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [17560/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a reduced pandemic unemployment payment in the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [17557/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the timeline to which the Low Pay Commission is working to examine the feasibility of a universal basic income and establishing a pilot scheme for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17602/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection the options available to a person that works three days a week and would like to sign on for benefits for the remaining two days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [17665/20]

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

*177. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the timeline to which the Low Pay Commission is working to examine the feasibility of a universal basic income and establishing a pilot scheme for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17603/20]

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

*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to tackle animal cruelty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17469/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry application by a person (details supplied). — Michael Ring. [17472/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry application by a person (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Michael Ring. [17478/20]

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

*181. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he has received information from a crèche (details supplied) regarding the closure of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [17516/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs if he will address concerns raised in recent reports citing major non-compliance issues at a child protection and welfare service in County Cork; the measures being taken to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17520/20]

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

*183. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she is satisfied that there are adequate controls and checks at airports and ports on persons travelling here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17667/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the terms of the lease of a direct provision centre (details supplied); if the lease will be renewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17480/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of roads policing units by county. — Thomas Gould. [17482/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of roads policing units in County Cork in 2010. — Thomas Gould. [17483/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if she will provide a breakdown of Garda vehicle resources in the DMR over the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [17565/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the status of extending parental leave by three weeks; and if primary legislation is required to introduce the extension. — Richard Bruton. [17664/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the position regarding the construction works on the new refurbishment of Limerick Prison. — Richard O'Donoghue. [17695/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration being given to the way in which the pub sector will be treated should a further rise in infections occur. — Jim O’Callaghan. [17507/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the additional measures which have been put in place to allow for the enforcement of compulsory wearing of face mask rules on public transport and in shops. — Robert Troy. [17518/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a downloadable face covering exemption card such as is available in the United Kingdom (details supplied) for persons that are exempt on medical and other grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17585/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [17453/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [17454/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health when the planned increase in the thresholds for medical cards from €900 to €1,050 will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [17456/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the funding he is providing to each organisation to provide and fund services for persons with intellectual disabilities in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [17462/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health if access under the long-term illness scheme will be expanded to include all persons with type 1 diabetes on the scheme for a monitoring system and associated devices (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17465/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the sanction and approval of a monitoring system and associated devices (details supplied) to all recipients in receipt of a full medical card with type 1 and type 2 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17466/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health his plan to help persons with Alzheimer’s disease; his further plans to increase resources and staff to help those affected; when daycare centres to help persons with dementia will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17468/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17470/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the number on outpatient waiting lists at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda by department or medical speciality in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [17473/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting lists in counties Louth and Meath for dental appointments by each local area in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [17474/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting lists in counties Louth and Meath for orthodontic appointments by each local area in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [17475/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the health centres in counties Louth and Meath that provide therapeutic phlebotomy services for patients suffering with haemochromatosis; the number on the waiting lists for this service in each healthcare centre; and the average and longest waiting times. — Imelda Munster. [17476/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 cases and deaths in each nursing home in County Louth and east County Meath in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [17477/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17481/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health when the reopening guidelines for non-food pubs will be published; the reason for the delay in the publication to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [17509/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding Covid-19 clusters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17512/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health when audiology services will be provided in Tuam primary care centre, County Galway; when an audiologist will be appointed to provide this vital service for persons in Tuam and north County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [17532/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the entitlements of medical card holders for dental treatments; his plans to extend or expand same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17533/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the Department that has responsibility for the funding, delivery and commissioning of treatment and prevention services for gambling addiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17534/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests being carried out on a daily basis by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17536/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests each facility can carry out on a daily basis by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17537/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the capacity of laboratories that carry out the Covid-19 analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [17538/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the increased income thresholds for medical card applicants over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17550/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health when an adult day service facility (details supplied) in County Donegal will resume services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17558/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health when HSE chiropody and podiatry services will resume in County Donegal; if his attention has been drawn to the impact on service users while services have been suspended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17559/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of time patients in the health service are waiting for treatments, grouped in six-month groups in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17568/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of time persons are waiting in emergency departments by number of hours in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17569/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants employed in public hospitals; the number on a public only contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17570/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health when cancer screening services will resume by cancer type and region of country; if screening will resume sooner in areas of the country with lower incidence of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17571/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will complete its review of its resourcing. — Alan Kelly. [17572/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make lidocaine patches available on the medical card to patients with cancer in need of pain relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [17580/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the options available for persons that cannot wear a face mask for medical reasons; and if must prove the medical reason. — Sean Sherlock. [17581/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health if a diagnostic assessment for a pupil (details supplied) with the school age team will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [17583/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the average turnaround time between taking a Covid-19 test and receiving results in the hospital and in the community, respectively; the average time to complete contact tracing for a confirmed case of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17589/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been alerted through the new Covid-19 tracker app that they are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19. — Róisín Shortall. [17591/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the daily testing capacity in each hospital and Covid-19 community testing centre in tabular form; the total capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [17592/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the testing strategy; and his further views on whether a greater number of potential asymptomatic carriers should be tested when there is spare testing capacity in the system. — Róisín Shortall. [17590/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that private hospitals are seeking cash contributions over and above the insurance cover of patients to cover PPE costs; and if he will consider that seeking insurers and hospitals ensure that these costs are included in cover in order that patients are not prevented from receiving the needed treatments by unexpected cost barriers. — Richard Bruton. [17594/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health when services such as a service (details supplied) and early intervention services in County Cork will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [17596/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have downloaded the Covid-19 tracker application; the average number of check-ins per day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [17605/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have downloaded the Covid-19 tracker application in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [17606/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene with the private hospitals to prevent them from charging for temperature tests and PPE gear for inpatient and outpatient attendances; if private health insurance providers can be requested to cover these levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17620/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to publicly communicate the contents of a report (details supplied); if so, the timeline for communicating same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [17673/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will offer the opportunity for stakeholder consultation regarding the public communication of the contents of a report (details supplied); his views on whether stakeholder consultation is best practice prior to communicating policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [17674/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health when scoliosis surgery will resume in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [17675/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding funding for neurology services at University Hospital Limerick. — Richard O'Donoghue. [17694/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department oversees responsibility for reporting on the cost of the testing and tracing strategy; if so, the amount spent to date on tracing; the planned

budget into the future; if not, the reason the matter does not fall under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [16875/20]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 23 IÚIL, 2020
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 23 JULY, 2020**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will use public land for public housing and halt the privatisation of public land banks and public housing. — Paul Murphy. [17643/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the guidelines on shared accommodation are under review in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and his views on same. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17649/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the details of the land transferred to the Land Development Agency for the development of residential units; and the projects being considered by the agency for development detailing the partners, the number of expected units, the stage of the process and targeted completion dates. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17650/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to encourage the use of vacant housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17379/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to encourage the use of vacant housing in villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17378/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of finalising the criteria under which affordable purchase and affordable cost rental will be made available to applicants; and the national elements such as income limits and guidance on local elements in cases in which local authorities have discretion. — Richard Bruton. [16636/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason Meath County Council is historically the lowest funded local authority per head of population; and if he will bring funding for the local authority up to the national average. — Johnny Guirke. [17615/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the strategic housing development provisions will be abolished in the interest of sustainable development and local democracy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [17504/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to provide social and affordable houses in County Louth over the coming two years in view of the fact that 5,070 persons are now on the housing list in the county and only an additional 222 houses are

going through the approval stage at present to be delivered by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [17503/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the initiatives to accelerate affordable housing schemes such as in a case (details supplied) in cases in which the development of such homes has been the subject of numerous proposals and is long anticipated. — Richard Bruton. [16637/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties that small, non-profit sports clubs that are licensed to sell alcohol are having in securing an exemption from local authority rates. — Alan Dillon. [17375/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the measures being taken to address rentals by a company (details supplied); the regulations being considered by him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17661/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the development of the marine planning and development Bill 2019. — James Lawless. [17638/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to publish revised terms for the housing incremental purchase scheme 2016 to make it more attractive to persons to purchase their local authority house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17312/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he is taking to address the failure of Bord na Móna to get planning consent to have an orderly wind-down of peat harvesting in the coming years. — Brian Stanley. [17132/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which he plans to assess the housing need by way of reference to the number of applicants for local authority housing on the various housing lists nationally; if he is satisfied that the Programme for Government adequately addresses the full extent of the need over a four to five year period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17647/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the delays experienced by Rebuilding Ireland projects in the Kerry local authority area due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Pa Daly. [17498/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the extent to which he plans to embark on a direct build local authority housing programme of sufficient scale to make serious inroads on local authority housing waiting lists; if he will extend the housing programme to encompass affordable housing, private sites and improved access to local authority loans with the objective of meeting the ever growing needs in respect of housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [17648/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to increase the supply of affordable housing in County Cork. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17636/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of persons availing of homeless services in County Clare; and the steps he plans to take to reduce this number. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [17663/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to provide capital funding for fire stations here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [17500/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when a person will be appointed as biodiversity officer in Galway City Council in view of the obligations under climate change legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15974/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of social houses that will be delivered in 2020; the extent to which the pandemic has impacted these figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [17660/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the timeline for delivering funding under the urban regeneration and development fund to fund the North Quays project. — David Cullinane. [17377/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to engage with Longford County Council in view of the significant reduction in commercial rates due to the decarbonisation process in the midlands. — Joe Flaherty. [17640/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to extend the vacant properties (voids) programme beyond 2020 in view of the negative impact that Covid-19 will have on local authority budgets going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17635/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will reverse the blanket ban on the drawdown of Rebuilding Ireland home loans for applicants with approval in principle that are on the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will revert to the advice provided by his Department to local authorities on 21 May 2020 to provide for case-by-case assessments of all applications including those with approval in principal. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17633/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to meet with either Cavan, Monaghan or Meath county councils to discuss social housing strategies; the housing targets for new builds in both counties for 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16593/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if there is a review of the strategic housing development process underway in his Department; his views on the structure of such a review; and if he will prepare a report on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17653/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will continue to ensure that Irish Water has sufficient funding to address issues arising at waste water treatment plants in view of issues which have arisen at Belgooly, County Cork. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [17642/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to address the lack of effectiveness and the weight of delays with the local infrastructure housing activation fund. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17630/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his views on proposals by approved housing bodies that they would be allowed to use some of their social housing stock

to be put on the market as affordable rental properties; and if he has been in negotiations with approved housing bodies regarding this issue. — Chris Andrews. [17646/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when he plans to make funds available to the local authorities for voids in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [17662/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will invest in the regeneration of flat complexes in south inner-city Dublin in the interest of good public health and good community development in view of the extremely poor condition and the urgent need for upgrading of these flats. — Chris Andrews. [17645/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will report on the affordable rental scheme; his views on using public land for public housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17124/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his priority legislation to deal with the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17624/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to use the planning powers as set out in the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2015 to ban co-living. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17632/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when local authorities will be invited to submit applications for funding under the vacant properties (voids) programme for 2020; and when funding will issue in respect of these applications. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17634/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to introduce a new planning offence and fine for short-term letting platforms and estate agents that advertise short-term lets which are not compliant with the planning permission requirements of the existing short-term letting regulations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17631/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the way in which the LDA will address the housing crisis; if representatives of NGOs or bodies that have campaigned on behalf of the homeless or on the housing crisis will be represented on the board of the LDA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17626/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will review the income eligibility limits for social housing; his plans to ensure that the income limits for areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan are improved without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17657/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if legislation has been proposed to protect residents of co-living developments following the Covid-19 pandemic and future health emergencies in circumstances in which shared space and proper social distancing is unavoidable. — Paul Donnelly. [17655/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of affordable houses to be built; and the number of social houses to be completed and allocated in 2020 in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [17613/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government when the review of income thresholds to qualify for a place on a local authority housing list will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [17376/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the Meath county development plan process will now be stalled in view of the commitment in the Programme for Government to review and extend the National Development Plan 2018-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17616/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the number of the 50,000 new social housing builds which will be built in north County Dublin; the yearly target for Fingal County Council in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17497/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the reason the estimated spend on the Residential Tenancies Board has reduced from €12.4 million to €9.9 million in the revised estimates. — Pa Daly. [17499/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to increase the availability of the mortgage-to-rent scheme. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [17641/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the strategic housing developments which have been granted permission since July 2017; the number that have had commencement orders granted to them; the number of these permissions that have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [17652/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will allocate additional funding to local authorities such as Cavan and Monaghan for the voids programme in 2020 in view of the financial pressures on local authorities; if he will reduce the local contribution needed for local authorities to draw down this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17656/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the efforts he will make to help upgrade existing uninhabitable housing stock nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17658/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his attention has been drawn the €4 million that Tipperary County Council is borrowing to upgrade 114 houses in its stock; the impact that level of borrowing will have on the housing finances of the council going forward; if he plans to increase funding allocations for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [17627/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if his Department has data on the number of existing uninhabitable housing stock nationally such as abandoned former family homes and cottages; his views on the potential in bringing this stock back to habitable standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [17659/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to increase the supply of affordable housing in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [17639/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if €100 million in funding was cut from the capital budget of Irish Water in 2020; and the impact this cut has had on waste water treatment plant upgrade deadlines and in turn on the EU Commission action against the State for breaches of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17629/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the taking in charge of housing estates process will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [17119/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if he will re-examine the policy on co-living accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [17625/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the average time spent on the housing list by families consisting of one or more persons with one or more children that were socially housed in Cork city in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Thomas Gould. [17614/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to bring vacant homes back into housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17123/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the temporary rent freeze which is currently in place for a further 30 months will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [17131/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government if the rent freeze and evictions ban will be extended to 31 January 2021. — Paul Murphy. [17644/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the estimated cost of supporting a tenant on the HAP scheme for 25 years including interest calculated and equated to the estimated cost of a local authority building a house as part of a social housing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [17654/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he will take to give security to renters and help for those with rent arrears as a result of the continuing Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [17623/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government his plans to provide reforms for those on social housing waiting lists in order that those living near the border of local authorities have access to a wider choice of lettings near the location they live. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17637/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the steps he plans to take to ensure that local authorities protect the status of the Irish language in Gaeltacht areas in the development and the implementation of county plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [17311/20]