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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the international division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18477/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for state visits. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22650/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the protocol and general division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [18557/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for legislation from his Department. — Alan Kelly. [18558/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to hold referendums in 2020 and 2021. — Alan Kelly. [18559/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [18560/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met; and when it is next expected to meet. — Alan Kelly. [18561/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22238/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22338/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with Transport will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22339/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22610/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with the economy will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22651/20]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22655/20]

14. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committees and working groups or units he has set up or is planning to set up in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22340/20]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22355/20]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if the Cabinet Committee on Education has met to date in September 2020. — Alan Kelly. [22380/20]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Education will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22654/20]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if Presidential voting rights will be included within the shared island unit of his Department; the time frame for establishment of the unit; and the status of the process to date. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22374/20]

19. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the activities of the shared island unit in his Department. — Matt Carthy. [22612/20]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the UK Prime Minister. — Alan Kelly. [22379/20]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the UK Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22608/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Leanaí, Míchumais, Comhionannais agus Lánpháirtíochta: To the Minister for Children, Disability; Equality and Integration.

22. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if schools will still be required to submit bi-annual student absence reports to Tusla for student absenteeism over the 20-day limit; and if he will consider an exemption due to the public health emergency that includes illness and or suspected contact with a person with Covid-19 which would require a period of self-isolation. — Kathleen Funchion. [22336/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to recent reports that delays in Covid-19 testing is having an impact on the ability of childcare providers to adequately provide services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22636/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if clarity will be provided on the overage exemption for the ECCE programme; and the reason there is such a high level of refusals for this exemption which causes a lot of anxiety for families. — Kathleen Funchion. [22704/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the steps in the process to exhume the bodies at the mothers and babies home site in Tuam, County Galway. — Seán Canney. [21152/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when the final report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes will be published in view of the fact the crucial report for survivors has been delayed several times. — Kathleen Funchion. [22557/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Leanaí, Míchumais, Comhionannais agus Lánpháirtíochta: To the Minister for Children, Disability; Equality and Integration.

27. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to provide alternatives to prosecution for parents that fail to ensure their children attend school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22327/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to increase the range of after-school services in schools and community hubs in County Cork. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [22362/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will expand the national childcare scheme to include children with varying degrees of disadvantage currently outside the definition of extreme vulnerability to ensure that specific, ring-fenced evidence-based supports are provided for in childcare settings to children in disadvantaged communities. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22248/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the policy he has to promote all Irish language and bilingual crèches in and outside the Gaeltacht to ensure all parents have a choice of choosing between an English language crèche, a bilingual crèche and an Irish language crèche in view of the ability of very young children to easily learn a second language. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22329/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the preparatory work that has taken place with respect to responsibility for direct provision transferring under his remit. — Pa Daly. [22370/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of social workers hired by Tusla in 2020; and the number of those that were hired that are over and above the number that were replaced by social workers that retired or left their posts. — Sean Sherlock. [22320/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the supports afforded to childcare facilities to enable them to remain open and viable in view of the fact that in the first six months of 2020 Tusla was notified of 123 closures of childcare settings (details supplied); and the steps he is taking to improve issues regarding sustainability and capacity in the sector. — Kathleen Funchion. [22323/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the steps being taken to re-engage students with education including students with special educational needs and other

vulnerable categories; and if there will be increased investment in home school community liaison officers and school completion programmes to help ease this transition back to school buildings. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [19305/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of childcare providers that have not reopened; and if he is satisfied that each child that requires a place has access to one. — Sean Sherlock. [22316/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the budget for the new sustainability fund of his Department; the breakdown of funds spent to date from same; the funds that have been allocated by county; the number of facilities that have applied by county; and the marketing undertaken by his Department to promote the new fund to providers. — Kathleen Funchion. [22322/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the percentage of GDP that he hopes to achieve in terms of investment by the end of the term of this Government in line with the Programme for Government commitment to increase investment in early years and school age childcare; and if he will increase investment year-on-year to achieve this goal. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22247/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when the Crowe Report will be published. — Kathleen Funchion. [22325/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to put in place measures to ensure childcare providers servicing disadvantaged areas will not be forced into closure when transitioning from the community childcare subvention plus scheme to the national childcare scheme. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22373/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on whether the model of accommodation for asylum seekers leads to a well-integrated society; if not, his plans for alternative models in view of the recent death by suicide in a direct provision centre in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22332/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to support families and children at risk in view of the closure of many organised social activities such as indoor sports that provide support and structure to struggling families. — Thomas Gould. [22376/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the timeline for the implementation of the commitment in the Programme for Government for development of in-house therapeutic services within Tusla. — Patrick Costello. [22368/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the additional supports being provided to children attending early years education and primary school settings for the first time. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22361/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when the Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2019 will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Sean Sherlock. [22319/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if support will be provided to an early years provider in Gortnahoe, County Tipperary to facilitate a child with special educational needs (details supplied). — Jackie Cahill. [22363/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of the establishment of childcare Ireland. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [22365/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if rapid testing for Covid-19 will be arranged for childcare sector workers in line with testing arrangements for teachers and staff in schools. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22246/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if childcare providers have been given adequate support to reopen and manage the safe return of children (details supplied); the number of childcare providers that have not reopened since closing due to Covid-19; the number of childcare providers operating on reduced hours; and the number operating at reduced capacity. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22360/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the timeline for the delivery of baby boxes. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [22364/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his Department will take initiatives to support recruitment of Traveller families to become foster parents. — Patrick Costello. [22369/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the steps he will take to improve the pay and conditions of childcare workers. — Denis Naughten. [22326/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of the establishment of childcare Ireland. — Cormac Devlin. [22367/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to increase the range of after-school services in schools and community hubs in Dublin. — Cormac Devlin. [22366/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the arrangements being made for the childcare sector in circumstances in which staff are tested positive for Covid-19 and substitute staff will be required to maintain the child ratios. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22249/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when the final report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother Baby Homes will be published in view of the fact the report for survivors has been delayed several times. — Kathleen Funchion. [22321/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to put in place supports to assist young persons in terms of their extracurricular development namely youth centre supports. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22372/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the supports in place for childcare providers to continue to operate after-school care during the Covid-19 public health emergency. — Kathleen Funchion. [22324/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he agrees that the cost of childcare is one of the main barriers for mothers accessing third-level education; and the steps he will take to help support mothers' in third-level or that wish to enter third-level to cope with the burden of high childcare costs. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22359/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*59. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the international division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22381/20]

*60. To ask the Taoiseach if he, his Ministers of State and or advisers have ever used private email for any form of official Government business since the formation of the Government; and if so, if he publish all such emails and corresponding documents immediately. — Alan Kelly. [19644/20]

*61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide details of his advisers and those of the Ministers of State; the remuneration packages of same; and the date of commencement in their role. — Alan Kelly. [19678/20]

*62. To ask the Taoiseach the number of public servants excluding healthcare workers, gardaí, Defence Forces personnel, primary school teachers and secondary-school teachers that died by suicide in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, while still in the employment of the State by the relevant Department and State agency. — Alan Kelly. [19863/20]

*63. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken directly with the Australian or New Zealand prime ministers since his appointment. — Catherine Murphy. [19933/20]

*64. To ask the Taoiseach the names and salaries of his special advisers; and the salaries paid to each Minister of State in his Department. — Ged Nash. [19728/20]

*65. To ask the Taoiseach the legal cases the State Claims Agency is handling on behalf of his Department; the stage they are at; and the nature of the claim. — Catherine Murphy. [20108/20]

*66. To ask the Taoiseach the new appointments in the Office of the Attorney General since the formation of the 33rd Dáil; the purpose of the appointments; and the remuneration of each. — Alan Kelly. [20067/20]

*67. To ask the Taoiseach if former employees in the Office of the Attorney General have been rehired on contract or other forms of employment since the 33rd Dáil was formed; the purpose for the hires; and the process by which the contracts were tendered for. — Alan Kelly. [20068/20]

*68. To ask the Taoiseach the dates of all Cabinet committee meetings since the commencement of this Government in tabular form by committee name and date. — Alan Kelly. [20401/20]

*69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants currently working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in

an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for the role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20627/20]

*70. To ask the Taoiseach the payments for services or goods by his Department to a company (details supplied) since 2015. — Bríd Smith. [20783/20]

*71. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has carried out advertising campaigns to promote policies or programmes being implemented by same; if so, if he will provide the details of such campaigns or relevant programmes; the cost of advertising in publications, broadcast advertising and outdoor advertising; and the cost of consultancy or production costs in each of the past two years. — Alan Kelly. [21035/20]

*72. To ask the Taoiseach the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city. — Denis Naughten. [22489/20]

*73. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22537/20]

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

*74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason debt was prioritised through loans over grants to the level of a four to one debt to grant ratio in the July stimulus package instead of prioritising grants for at the recent European Union summit on a post-pandemic recovery package; and his views on whether this is contradictory. — Louise O'Reilly. [19803/20]

*75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding loans for small businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22054/20]

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the aviation and car rental sectors will be included in the Covid-19 industrial review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22163/20]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to help small businesses such as restaurants that had to close for a period of months to assist with the rent payments that are still due even though they were not trading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22212/20]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress made on the intention stated in the Programme for Government to enable increased hub working nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21101/20]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is working to collate data on the national infrastructure of remote working hubs; the number, classification, offering and occupancy of same as was highlighted as a key implication in the

Remote Work in Ireland report published as part of Future Jobs Ireland 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21102/20]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21368/20]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to provide funding to Irish businesses in the water industry struggling due to the delay and postponement of Irish Water projects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21424/20]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if issues raised in correspondence by persons (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21550/20]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address issues raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21551/20]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to provide sufficient funding to the local enterprise offices and Údarás na Gaeltachta to fund all valid applications under the business continuity scheme; the estimated cost of doing so; the expenditure under the scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21707/20]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if regions with the status of assisted regions under the EU regional aid guidelines will continue to qualify post-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21729/20]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will ensure greater flexibility for the Border region under the EU regional aid guidelines in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21730/20]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider instituting additional supports for large heritage attractions which have suffered substantial decreases in revenue and footfall as a result of Covid-19 and have large maintenance costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22001/20]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on whether businesses that were denied funding as part of the restart grant due to the fact it was oversubscribed prior to the deadline date should be able to avail of the original €2,000 in view of the fact that there has been additional funding made available in the form of the restart plus grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22040/20]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will convene a meeting of the Western Region Enterprise Committee further to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22082/20]

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the size of the MFI loan book; the number of current creditors it has based in County Kerry; and the number of

these creditors that have contacted the organisation expressing an inability to meet payments in October 2020. — Pa Daly. [22273/20]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if workplace outbreaks of Covid-19 will be made notifiable to the Health and Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22415/20]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to a scandal (details supplied) in the UK and the recent measures put in place by UK energy regulator Ofgen to protect consumers from unfair business practices in the pre-paid energy sector; and if his attention has been further drawn to similar unfair business practices in operation here and the potential need to protect consumers. — Mairéad Farrell. [22455/20]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22479/20]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the proactive measures that are taking place to ensure IDA policy is prioritised in regions and in particular the north-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22500/20]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22527/20]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider the issues pertaining to his Department raised by an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22618/20]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22780/20]

Chun an Aire Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Líonraí Cumarsáide: To the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks.

*98. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the process for granting foreshore fishing licences on the river Blackwater; the number of licences sought; the number of licences granted; the entitlements accompanying a licence and the permissions granted or not granted in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21235/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the position regarding eel fishing here compared to other EU countries and the UK; the reason for divergences from EU common policy; if a review will be conducted on the policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21236/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to extend grants similar to the SEAI BEV and PHEV grants to electric bikes, scooters and mopeds in view of

the fact the SEAI is offering grants of up to €5,000 for a BEV or a PHEV purchased and registered here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21687/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the steps he is taking to ensure sufficient broadband access is provided in rural areas to facilitate online learning. — Holly Cairns. [21735/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if a company or a person is prohibited from operating waste disposal services using the permit of another company in cases in which they have been convicted for illegal dumping in the past; if it is an offence if they continue to operate using the permit of another company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21181/20]

*103. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if specific and targeted grants will be made available to primary, post primary and third-level institutions for environment and energy upgrades; his views on whether such grants would assist educational institutions to become more energy efficient to meet their future energy requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [21194/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will consider extending the National Broadband Plan to areas that are not listed as intervention areas in which internet service providers offer speeds of less than 30mbps as in the case of a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21206/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the policies his Department will be pursuing to develop biomethane production in the State; and if he considers this a fuel for electricity generation. — Brian Stanley. [21210/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the renewable on demand power source his Department is considering developing for electricity generation over the term of this Government in view of the reduction of indigenous gas supply with the cessation of production at Kinsale gas field. — Brian Stanley. [21211/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will consider giving clear guidance to homeowners that are awaiting fibre broadband connectivity on when they can expect to be on the broadband network in view of the move towards working from home and the infrastructure that requires since Covid-19. — Cathal Crowe. [21322/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the reason an eircode (details supplied) is not recognised by companies other than eircode; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21372/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of the note on the 7% reduction of carbon emissions attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 3 March 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21526/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document sent by a person (details supplied) on 5 March 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21527/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document sent by a person (details supplied) on 12 March 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21528/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a powerpoint presentation for political party meetings May 2020 attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 12 March 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21529/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document of questions for his Department sent by a person (details supplied) on 15 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21530/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document of questions for his Department sent by a person (details supplied) on 15 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21531/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a spreadsheet in relation to peatland rewetting calculations attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 15 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21532/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a report by Bord na Móna entitled a Bog Rehabilitation Scheme Methodology Paper as referred to in an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 15 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21533/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document sent by a person (details supplied) on 15 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21534/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document sent by a person (details supplied) on 15 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21535/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 18 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21536/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document Emissions from Moneypoint attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 18 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21537/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document briefing note on National Retrofit Plan attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 18 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21538/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a preliminary discussion paper and background material on options to move to 55% emissions reduction attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 18 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21539/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 19 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21540/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of document attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 22 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21541/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a document attached to an email sent by a person (details supplied) on 24 May 2020. — Alan Kelly. [21542/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the climate action Bill that was promised in the first 100 days of office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21627/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if his attention has been drawn to delays in issuing Eircodes to new properties; if his attention has been further drawn to the knock-on effect this is having in relation to the provision of broadband and landline services to private households especially those households that are working remotely due to the Covid-19 restrictions; the reason for the delay in issuing such Eircodes; the action he plans to take in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21695/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to rescind bye laws 806 and 809 as they relate to inland fisheries and replace them with new bye laws that exclude areas that are special areas of conservation for salmonid fish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21702/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of applications received under the support scheme for renewable heat; the number of applications approved and financed to date; the amount paid out under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21724/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when fibre broadband will be provided to Clonoghill, Birr, County Offaly. — Brian Stanley. [21753/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a file (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [21755/20]

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*137. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a file (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [21761/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a report (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [21762/20]

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- *147. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a copy of a file (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [21771/20]
- *148. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when fibre broadband will be provided to Cashel Lower, Ballyroan, County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [21797/20]
- *149. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to develop the post office network as a one stop shop for all offline State transactional services including motor tax payments, driver licences, public services card renewals, identity verification and administration for Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21865/20]
- *150. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the installation of solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21893/20]
- *151. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he has met with An Post regarding the sorting office in Cobh, County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [21980/20]
- *152. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to wind generated electricity will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22012/20]
- *153. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the safety measures put in place by An Post in post offices for the safety of their staff in view of Covid-19; if he has held discussions with the management of An Post in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22038/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of a nationwide smoky fuel ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [22075/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if broadband will be provided to areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22164/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the reason a company (details supplied) cannot put working broadband in place in particular in County Cavan. — Niamh Smyth. [22261/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if the ESB Networks works to replace domestic electricity meters with smart meters will be rolled out nationally; the entity that carried out the safety testing on the meters in relation to radio frequency EMFs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22265/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if ESB Networks, in replacing electricity meters with smart meters, allowed customers to refuse to have smart meters installed; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22266/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the measures in place to assist those on low incomes to avoid fuel poverty; the number living in fuel poverty in Ireland; the impact fuel poverty has on low income families; if research will be commissioned into the number of families experiencing fuel poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22307/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will consider changing the frequency of new Eircodes being added to the database to monthly as opposed to quarterly in view of the fact that new homeowners are being forced to wait on broadband connectivity for months due to lack of an Eircode. — Cathal Crowe. [22390/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the reason the warmer home scheme is taking up to 18 months to process applications; the waiting time for the scheme; the number waiting on the scheme; the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22438/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22475/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22523/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22778/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Secretary Generals of all Departments that sit on the boards of national sporting bodies; and his views on such appointments. — Michael Ring. [19793/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the legislation planned in relation to the use of motorised scooters in public roads and spaces; his plans to make changes to legislation in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21121/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if commuter rail fares will be introduced in Mallow, County Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [21267/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if local authorities will be compelled to put in place adequate parking facilities for motorcycles and bicycles. — Brian Stanley. [21446/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding funding for a safe walking route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21641/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to introduce a scheme or to change the law to ensure that persons who booked airline tickets prior to the Covid-19 outbreak and are now cancelling their travel plans in line with the travel advice relating to non-essential travel will be entitled to a refund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21826/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with LocalLink on providing rural bus services since the outbreak of Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [21903/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the start-up grant being made available to guesthouses and bed and breakfasts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21969/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bridge and level crossing strikes and Luas and vehicle crashes that occurred in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of each that led to a prosecution; and if an anonymised list will be provided of the prosecutions including individuals and companies. — Patrick Costello. [21981/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make enquiries into the governance procedures followed or not followed as the case may be with regard to the appointment of the independent chairman of an organisation (details supplied) and other matters within his Department and Sport Ireland; if he will then publish a detailed account of these enquiries and precise answers to queries in view of the provision of State financial resources being provided to the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [22034/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if an evaluation has been made with respect to those 3,000-plus employed in the travel agent sector which has been effectively shut down since March 2020; if a specific evaluation has been conducted; if not, if he will arrange to have one conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22062/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding travel centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22064/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to review or amend the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets during the lifetime of the 33rd Dáil to ensure it meets international best practice to protect the rights of persons with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22155/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the designated cycling officers in each local authority; the official contact details of each; the suitable qualification for the role; the form of coordination, communication and reporting that will be carried out between his Department and the cycling officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22190/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if the details of the commitment to adopt a high-quality cycling policy including assessments of the roads network will be provided by county; and the progress to date in the development of cycle network plans by each local authority. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22191/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if clarification will be provided in relation to limits for indoor and outdoor classes; if the same limits apply, if these classes are held as part of a gym complex as the indoor and outdoor limits for yoga, pilates, ballet and dance classes in view of recent health guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22192/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of funding deadlines for further calls on active travel measures and on climate change adaption measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22230/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of previous correspondence in relation to the provision of Coast Guard services at Killala, County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [22232/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if financial assistance from the State has been sought by airlines due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22442/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to providing financial assistance in exchange for equity in Aer Lingus in view of the financial difficulties at the airline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22443/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing a bicycle rack on the front of a public bus; his plans for the introduction of such modifications for cyclists that also rely on buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22444/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of increasing capacity on train services for passengers to bring bicycles on board with them; his plans for the introduction of same for cyclists that also rely on trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22445/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to put targeted business supports in place for travel agents which have been severely impacted by the travel restrictions imposed as a result

of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22466/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the public service obligation contract in place for the 607, 617 and 627 bus routes in Waterford city operated by a company (details supplied); when the contract will expire and will be due for tender again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21112/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a city service (details supplied) ceases at 20:20 on a Monday to Thursday basis and does not operate a Sunday service; if the NTA will consider requesting the company to expand the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21113/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the airline industry here is likely to benefit from current or any further proposed Covid-19 related rescue packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21186/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the sources of funding for the Road Safety Authority; and if the annual fee paid by HDV drivers for the CPC course will be reviewed. — Brian Stanley. [21204/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of Metro North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21208/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he and Irish Rail are taking to improve onboard WiFi and mobile phone connectivity on its DART lines and commuter lines; if his attention has been drawn to connectivity problems on the southern portion of the DART network in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21231/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21265/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider promoting an advertising campaign to raise awareness of the safety importance and the legal requirement for drivers to indicate when turning in view of the added threat that failure to indicate poses to cyclists and pedestrians. — Eoghan Murphy. [21277/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the use of on-bus cameras to detect drivers illegally using bus lanes; and his plans to introduce the practice. — Eoghan Murphy. [21316/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of legislation regularising e-scooters on roads here. — Sean Sherlock. [21321/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost for investment in public transport to make it accessible for persons with disabilities in 2018 and 2019; the funding for this purpose allocated for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21375/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a reason a motorbike and a car theory tests could not be combined instead of having two separate theory tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21443/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if his officials have engaged with the European Commission to seek an agreement regarding extending driver licences expiring after 1 July 2020 in view of the backlog in appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21453/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reform the calculation method for quarterly, half-yearly and annual charging for motor car tax; his views on whether the system unfairly and excessively overcharges those motorists in the lower income brackets that avail of the quarterly or half-yearly charge; his plans to reform the motor car tax system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21543/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports in place for taxi drivers to allow them to repackage their business model in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied); the measures or incentives in place to help them restart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21555/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being implemented to ensure that there will be capacity for school students on Dublin Bus particularly during peak times while adhering to social distancing when schools resume to ensure they get to school on time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21575/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if the cost of introducing a nationwide accident signalling system in order to alert motorists to the presence of accidents on major roadways has been examined. — John McGuinness. [21579/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport when a toll operator will introduce contactless payments at Fermoy, County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [21584/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NDLS will provide a further extension for driver licences for six months or until the current backlog is cleared and more appointments become available in view of the difficulty for persons in renewing licences such as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if documentary applications will be accepted by way of registered post. — Paul Murphy. [21636/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport when driver testing for heavy goods vehicles can be restarted given that it is causing difficulties in the haulage industry. — Brian Stanley. [21647/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if the planned Fenit to Tralee greenway will be extended to include a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21662/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if the realignment of a road (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21664/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport when the grant scheme for wheelchair accessible taxis will be reopened. — Brian Stanley. [21677/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on making electric bikes more accessible to the average consumer in view of the fact that while electric bikes are covered under the bike to work scheme the minimum threshold for the scheme is €2,000 benefitting high-earners more; his

further views on extending grants for electric vehicles making them more accessible to the majority of consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21688/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to assist the taxi industry during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21775/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason persons are being advised to avoid public transport where possible; if there is empirical evidence to suggest that public transport usage is fuelling the spread of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21779/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on providing state aid to Aer Lingus due to the economic impact of Covid-19; the details of State aid provided to date or planned; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21793/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the recommendations made by the Taskforce for Aviation Recovery in its final report which will be implemented; the timeline for each recommendation to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21794/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding refunds for passengers of an airline (details supplied) that have had flights cancelled and are waiting on a refund; when refunds will be made; the steps he is taking to ensure these refunds are being made in a timely fashion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21819/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to change the small public service regulations to accommodate persons whose SPV expires to include persons whose licence expires after 31 December 2020 in view of the adverse impact which Covid-19 has had on their businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21829/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial supports available for sports clubs to tackle antisocial behaviour through CCTV or other means. — Martin Browne. [21854/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the granting of local area hackney licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21868/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding driver licence renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21889/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be called for a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21890/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the position in the context of Brexit for those that have English driver licences with various categories and now need to exchange them for a Irish licence. — Brian Stanley. [21926/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the case will be referred to the NCT for review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21951/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of legislation to allow electric scooters on roads. — Sean Sherlock. [21977/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for Irish Rail to step up campaigns towards drivers to let them know the consequences such as, fines, imprisonment, penalty points and so on of striking level crossings and bridges. — Patrick Costello. [21982/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for Irish Rail to quantify the cumulative delays to passengers, disruption of service and cost to Irish Rail of striking level crossings and bridges. — Patrick Costello. [21983/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport when an announcement will be made on the requests for projects made to local authorities under the July stimulus package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22015/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if a refund will issue to a person (details supplied) regarding driver licence renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22043/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 120 of 29 July 2020, the specific supports to be provided for small coach operators in view of severe financial pressure being placed on the businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22093/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if a refund or motor tax credit will be issued to motorists that did not use their car or used it to a minimal extent during the Covid-19 lockdown in line with many insurers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22113/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention or that of his predecessor has been drawn to a potential conflict of interest that arose regarding the way in which the review in relation to essential driver training conducted in 2019 conducted by a company (details supplied) was in fact reviewing its own report commissioned by the Road Safety Authority; the other consultancies and or companies that were considered to carry out the review; if a tender process was followed in order to establish whether the company was the best positioned to conduct the review; if a contract exists between the RSA and the company in respect of essential driver training reports and or reviews; if he will consider opening a new stakeholder engagement process in respect of essential driver training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22115/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport if legislation will be introduced as per the recommendations of the Road Safety Authority in order to regulate e-scooters on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22137/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place for private transport operators that had and will have buses lying idle for many months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22142/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to ensure that persons over 70 years of age can access NDLS services online; if he will consider extending their licences for a full year; if the requirement for a general medical test will be waived in view of advice given to such persons in relation to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22156/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the conditions attached to the award of €2.6 million to Shannon Heritage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [22168/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport if part of the €2.6 million granted to Shannon Heritage has been spent on its Dublin based operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [22169/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding criteria for cycling greyways; the position regarding the width, connectivity and segregation of the routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [22170/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the zone in which each individual bus stop is in for the TFI Leap card and Bus Éireann Dublin area zonal ticket system on the 109, 109X and 109A routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22177/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he will introduce to address the lengthening waiting lists for driver tests in County Wicklow; the waiting by county for August 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22204/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider buying back taxi licences from those that wish to retire as a result of not being able to work due to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22215/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of funding via the regional roads allocated for 2020 to date; the drawdown by county to 1 September 2020; the anticipated drawdown by 31 December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22231/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of legislation in preparation to provide a legal framework for the use of e-scooters; the work that has been done to date on that legislation; when it is scheduled to be presented; and his views on whether an opportunity for safe transport in a Covid-19 world is being lost through this gap in legislation. — Richard Bruton. [22269/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the coach sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22271/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce driver test waiting times in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [22447/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce driver theory test waiting times in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [22448/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand the driver test services in County Wexford to address the backlog of persons awaiting tests. — Johnny Mythen. [22449/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22490/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport the time-frame persons that have applied for a driver test can expect to wait for an appointment. — Brian Stanley. [22494/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the status and projected construction date of a new DART station at Inchicore, Dublin 8 as laid out in the DART Expansion Programme. — Patrick Costello. [22503/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if organised sports training within indoor facilities can do so in multiple pods of six; if there is a limit of six on the total number of attendees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [22516/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports available to families that book holidays in destinations that were not on the green list and that opted not to travel even though the flight went ahead. — Richard Bruton. [22520/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22538/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times Dublin Bus routes were curtailed due to anti-social behaviour by individual bus routes and by month in each of the past two years in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [22681/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22777/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance if additional taxation measures on rental income from short-term lettings will be introduced. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [21095/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the decision to exclude propriety owners and directors working to keep their business afloat from the new employment wage subsidy scheme in view of the fact that they were previously included in the temporary wage subsidy scheme; the reason for the change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21263/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to instances in which employers availing of the temporary wage subsidy scheme do not pass on the increase in the minimum wage to their employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21269/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the additional 5% increase of the help-to-buy scheme retrospectively to include all beneficiaries of the scheme that have drawn down the grant since March 2020; his views on such an extension to the stimulus; and if he will report on same. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [21307/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if clarification will issue on the newly enhanced help-to-buy scheme for first-time buyers that have commenced the process and have received approval for HTB at the 5% rate and need to know their entitlements under the new rate; and the way in which the extra finance will be issued in cases in which a 5% deposit may already have been paid by the buyer. — Cathal Crowe. [21360/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if the level of tax rebate for dental treatment will be re-examined with a view to being increased to make it easier on parents and adult patients to meet the costs of the necessary service. — Cathal Crowe. [21431/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will meet with an association (details supplied) to resolve an issue in relation to the temporary wage subsidy scheme. — Joan Collins. [21525/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to concerns (details supplied) in relation to the future of travel companies here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21547/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to concerns (details supplied) in respect of the future of the VRT system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21548/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports available to travel agents and particularly staff working in the sector (details supplied); his plans to support the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21552/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance if the wage subsidy scheme and other assistance will be given to tour and bus operators (details supplied) to allow them to get back up and running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21576/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the implications of the EU fifth Anti-Money Laundering Directive with respect to the regulation of digital, virtual and cryptocurrencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21603/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme in the past months since its introduction in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21786/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to address the increasingly high cost of motor insurance, in particular for professional lorry and truck drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21792/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has been contacted by an association (details supplied) regarding the impact which Covid-19 has had on its business; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that it has requested that the temporary wage subsidy scheme be retained at the rate of €350 per week for its employees; if he will consider special arrangements for the business in view of the fact that Covid-19 has impacted more severely on the business than on most other businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21817/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount claimed on the Med2 form for dental expenses in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [22254/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance the State agency which has oversight of state savings accounts administered via An Post and to whom persons that have an issue with the practices of An Post with administration of savings accounts and schemes should address grievances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22423/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the regulations in place with regard to proof of identification and verification with regard to accessing and or closing financial services or accounts administered by An Post or other bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22424/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance the personally identifiable information required to be held by the provider of State savings or other financial products, services in order to ensure a person accessing an account, service in person can be appropriately identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22425/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to assist workers with the higher household costs that arise from remote working arrangements in view of the increased prevalence of remote working as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, for example, by raising the threshold of up to €3.20 per day which is payable by employers relating to increased costs due to remote working or by altering the amount claimable by workers under section 114 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in situations in which employers do not make the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21099/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a bank (details supplied) is selling a portfolio of distressed mortgages on family homes to a vulture fund between the end of July and mid-September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21146/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering waiving the court fees and excise duties for the 2020/2021 licensing year in view of the fact that licensed premises have been closed for a large portion of the 2019/2020 licensing year (details supplied). — Christopher O’Sullivan. [21147/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the criteria for the help-to-buy scheme; the criteria in cases in which contracts predate the announcement of the new changes to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21151/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason proprietary directors and certain connected persons cannot access the new employer wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21252/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a bank (details supplied) is discriminating against mortgage applicants that are recipients of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will engage with the bank to ensure that income from the scheme is treated equivalent to other income. — Paul Murphy. [21300/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that emergency medical technicians that are fully registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council and in possession of unendorsed C1 licences are unable to obtain insurance cover for driving ambulances in the private network in cases in which they are under 23 years of age even though they are able to do so in the national ambulance service; the actions that will be taken to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21365/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance if issues raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to insurance for the sport horse industry will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21400/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21522/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Revenue Commissioners will complete and publish its review of the operation of section 114 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 in relation to the deduction for tax purposes for valid expenses incurred in the performance of the employment duties of certain categories of PAYE workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21545/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the pandemic stabilisation and recovery fund will operate; the nature of the investment the fund has undertaken to date; the criteria applied to inform investment decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21546/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the licence for on-course bookmakers by year in view of the large loss in income they have sustained as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [21560/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person that was approved for the help-to-buy scheme in 2019 can retrospectively apply for the recently expanded help-to-buy initiative in cases in which their mortgage has not yet been drawn down and completion of their property has been delayed due to Covid-19. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21573/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons over 66 years of age here that declare as self-employed; the number of persons over 66 years of age here working in companies while earning wages through the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21597/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the LTV rate in the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21615/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the taxation of index funds and ETFs; if the periodic taxation of ETFs is to be maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [21807/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to allowing proprietary directors without employees access to the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21823/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has raised the practice with the motor insurance industry of increasing premiums when persons move home even when this is within the same town. — Brian Stanley. [21928/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount the carbon tax will raise in view of the proposed increases in the carbon tax as outlined in the Programme for Government in each of the years 2021 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [21931/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of self-employed persons registered with the Revenue Commissioners that list their profession as musician, sound engineer, lighting engineer

and stage production or other related titles within the music industry here. — Steven Matthews. [21966/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Finance if there will be a reduction in the amount required to be paid to the Revenue Commissioners by voluntary organisations whose premises have been closed for the past six months that wish to renew their club registration public dance licence and gaming lottery licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22003/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter regarding a taxation rate error in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22039/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Finance when the local property tax will be reviewed and anomalies corrected, which in turn shall ensure that local government is properly funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22068/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount extra an increase of €7.50 per tonne in the carbon tax, as outlined in the Programme for Government will raise in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22078/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to decrease the loan to value scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22084/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to conduct a full review of the taxation policy of married persons and cohabitating partnerships in view of the time that elapsed since an examination of the current legal status of cohabiting couples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22127/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the deemed disposal rule which was introduced in the Finance Act 2006; his plans to revise same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22141/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of banks that have communicated to the Central Bank an intention to pay dividends in 2020; the actions of the Central Bank in response in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22205/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of insurers that have communicated to the Central Bank an intention to pay dividends in 2020; the actions of the Central Bank in response in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22206/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of banks that have communicated to the Central Bank an intention to pay bonuses in 2020; the actions of the Central Bank in response in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22207/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of insurers that have communicated to the Central Bank an intention to pay bonuses in 2020; the actions of the Central Bank in response in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22208/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason labour for arts and entertainment is not treated equally to other service workers in terms of VAT; his plans to ensure such labour will be chargeable

at the rate of 13.5% similar to other labour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22282/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Finance the rules governing the withdrawal of funds from private pensions; if a consumer can withdraw all of their money while paying the relevant tax without the assistance of external tax or financial consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22306/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times and the dates on which the working group to monitor cryptocurrency development has met since its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22314/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Finance the areas in which the proceeds from the sale of Aer Lingus which established the Connectivity Fund (details supplied) have been invested to date; the value of the investments; the amount that has not been invested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22441/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22480/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has been notified by the Central Bank as to the number of credit unions that have saving and lending restrictions in place; and the number, location and type of restrictions that are in place in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [22508/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has been notified by the Central Bank that an additional 20% increase in pension contributions is to be awarded to staff at the Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22509/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Finance if a VRT for new cars will be reduced in order to promote the purchase of new cars which emit less carbon emissions than older cars which purchasers will have replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22519/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22528/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22787/20]

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

*315. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of public servants excluding healthcare workers, gardaí, Defence Forces personnel, primary school teachers and secondary-school teachers that were placed on sick leave due to stress in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, by the relevant Department and State agency; and the proportion this number represents of the total number employed in each year. — Alan Kelly. [19862/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of construction works at the new Bailieborough Garda station; the completion date for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21228/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when Leighlinbridge Garda station, County Carlow will reopen. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [21306/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if an equality budgeting statement will be published alongside Budget 2021 in October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21544/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding flooding in Kenmare, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21310/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of applicants for the executive officer competition underway; the number of positions available at the grade from the competition; his plans for further competitions for the civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [21661/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21666/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the project for the development of the Office of Public Works regional office in Headford, County Galway will go to tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21866/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when works will be sanctioned to commence on the Glanmire Glashaboy flood relief scheme. — Sean Sherlock. [21902/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress on the proposed flood relief scheme for Crossmolina, County Mayo; and the proposed timeline for completion of the project as of that date. — Dara Calleary. [22233/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress on the proposed flood relief scheme for Ballina, County Mayo; and the proposed timeline for completion of the project as of that date. — Dara Calleary. [22234/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22487/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22535/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consider the issues pertaining to his Department, raised by an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22622/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the CFRAM Flood Risk Management Plan for Donegal town; the progress on the implementation of same that has been made to date; the funding that has been allocated to the scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22679/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22776/20]

Chun an Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta: To the Minister for Media, Tourism; Arts; Culture; Sport and the Gaeltacht.

*331. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans for the commemoration of the Civil War and particularly the remembrance of the republicans executed officially, unofficially or summarily in addition to those murdered by the Free State, the number which has never been officially collated. — Pat Buckley. [20402/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to issue a State apology for the republicans (details supplied) murdered by the Free State at Ballyseedy on 7 March 1923 when they were chained to a live landmine which was then detonated. — Pat Buckley. [20403/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to issue a State apology for all IRA volunteers, republicans and civilians executed by the Free State during the Civil War whether carried out officially, unofficially or summarily. — Pat Buckley. [20404/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to collate a full list of all IRA volunteers, republicans and civilians executed or killed by the Free State during the Civil War whether carried out officially, unofficially or summarily to be published. — Pat Buckley. [20405/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the consultation carried out with An Garda Síochána, the Department of Justice, the Defence Forces and the Department of Defence with regard to the draft EU Commission Regulation amending Annex 17 to EC Regulation No. 1907/2006 to ban the use lead gunshot over and within 100 metres of Ramsar defined wetlands; if she will provide the materials, correspondence, briefings and reports relating to such consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [21103/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if multiannual funding has been put in place for the National Biodiversity Centre; and if those employed at the centre on short-term contracts have been moved to permanent contracts. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21212/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the procedure for dealing with the issue of pine martins attacking animals on farms; the supports put in place to assist farms in cases in which they have an issue with pine martins; and the way in which a person (details supplied) and their neighbours will receive assistance. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [21275/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of the vacant conservation ranger post in County Waterford; the number of wildlife conservation rangers or managers based or actively working in the county; his plans to fill vacancies or appoint a wildlife conservation manager for the county; if a replacement ranger post vacant since December 2019 will be supplied to the Waterford area; if so, when the replacement will take place; if not, her plans to fill the significant gap; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21505/20]

*339. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sí i gceist aige cuairt a thabhairt go luath ar na hoileáin amach ón gcósta; agus má tá, cé hiad na hoileáin a bhfuil i gceist aige cuairt a thabhairt orthu. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21703/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to put the airstrips in Cleggan and Inishbofin, County Galway into operation to provide an air service to Inishbofin and to provide a connection between the two airports and the airport in An Caisleán, Connemara, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21885/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the annual cost of the maintenance contract on the airstrips in Cleggan and Inishbofin, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21886/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the funding allocated to each local authority to employ an arts officer in each council area; and the further funding provided to allow the officer to run arts and culture programmes annually. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22286/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of the proposed cross-Departmental task force for the arts and cultural sector; when an announcement is expected on the formation of same; the proposed composition and scope of work of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21096/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to bring forward legislative proposals relating to a policy on meanwhile use to facilitate the temporary conversion of vacant buildings to cultural uses prior to redevelopment which exists in other jurisdictions and which was outlined in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21097/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to address the crisis in the arts and cultural sector relating to the lack of work, rehearsal and performance space; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21098/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if a route back to work will be outlined for musicians and events workers (details supplied). — Christopher O'Sullivan. [21149/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the number and location of all sales of lands and property owned by Údarás na Gaeltachta in County Galway in the past ten years; the price received by the State from each sale; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [21180/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to the music and entertainment industry will receive a response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21198/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if grants are currently available to musicians and singers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21308/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the National Archives hold the original applications of former RIC officers to two committees that sat between 1922 and 1923 and 1935 to inquire into resignations and dismissals from the force due to nationalist sympathies; the reference numbers for the files; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21458/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the low budget allocated to a service (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21623/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the local authorities employing biodiversity officers; the number of biodiversity officers employed by each of the local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21690/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the local authorities employing heritage officers; the number of heritage officers employed by each local authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21691/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the breakdown in the expenditure of the local biodiversity grants scheme; the local authorities which are benefitting from the funding; the amount of funding provided under the scheme to each local authority involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21692/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount of funding allocated to date in 2020 under the grant scheme for county heritage and biodiversity officers; the way in which the funding was divided between biodiversity and heritage officers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21693/20]

*356. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta cén uair atá i gceist aici nó ag an Aire Stáit um an nGaeltacht cuairt a thabhairt ar na hoileáin Ghaeltachta amach ón gcósta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21705/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will clarify the Covid-19 measures for dance schools which offer credits towards approved third-level performing arts course; and if dance schools will be considered a sport for the purpose of Covid-19 guidelines and as such bound by the same regulations of other sporting activities. — Martin Browne. [21772/20]

*358. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta liostú a dhéanamh, i leith gach scéime i ngach ceantar Gaeltachta, ar an gcaiteachas faoi leith a rinneadh i gcaitheamh 2019 ar an nGaeilge, ar an nGaeltacht agus ar na hOileáin, is rud dá dtagraítear i dTuarascáil Feidhmíochta na Seirbhíse Poiblí, 2019. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21908/20]

*359. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta liostú a dhéanamh ar na poist faoi leith a cruthaíodh sa Ghaeltacht le maoiniú ón Roinn sa bhliain 2019, is rud atá luaite i dTuarascáil Feidhmíochta na Seirbhíse Poiblí, 2019; ar na cistí faoi leith lenar cruthaíodh poist; ar an líon post a cruthaíodh agus ar an maoiniú a cuireadh ar fáil do na poist sin i ngach ceantar Gaeltachta faoi leith. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21909/20]

*360. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta na Clubanna Óige faoi leith ar thug a Roinn maoiniú dóibh sa Ghaeltacht in 2019, is rud atá luaite i dTuarascáil Feidhmíochta na Seirbhíse Poiblí, 2019; agus cad é an maoiniú a tugadh do gach aon cheann de na Clubanna Óige sin as an Státchiste. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21910/20]

*361. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta cad é an líon daoine, de réir coláiste, a d'fhreastail ar Choláistí Samhraidh sa Ghaeltacht in 2019, is rud atá luaite i dTuarascáil Feidhmíochta na Seirbhíse Poiblí, 2019; agus cad é an maoiniú a tugadh do gach uile choláiste acu sin as an Státchiste. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21911/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific expenditure of her Department in 2019 and for the first six months of 2020 for each of the Decade of Centenaries and commemorative events funded. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21912/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific arts and cultural organisations funded by her Department in 2019 referred to in the Public Service Performance Report 2019; and the amount provided to each organisation in funding. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21913/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific overseas artistic and cultural events featuring Irish artists which were grant aided or funded by her Department in 2019 as referred to in the Public Service Performance Report 2019; and the amount given to each event in funding. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21914/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific projects and feature-length films funded by her Department through Screen Ireland funding in 2019 as referred to in the Public Service Performance Report 2019; and the amount in State funding given to each project. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21915/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific structural protection or assistance projects funded by her Department through historic structure fund and built heritage investment scheme grant schemes in 2019 as referred to in the Public Service Performance Report 2019 and the first six months of 2020; and the amount provided to each project. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21916/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific digital hubs funded by her Department in the Gaeltacht in 2019 referred to in the Public Service Performance Report 2019; and the amount provided to each hub. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21917/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the visitor figures to cultural institutions in 2019 referred to in the Public Service Performance Report 2019 by cultural institution. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21918/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific heritage education initiatives funded by her Department in 2019 referred to in the Public Service Performance Report 2019; the amount provided to each initiative in funding; and the number of children engaged by each initiative. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21919/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific historic towns engaged in programmes of heritage-led regeneration by her Department in 2019; and the amount provided to each town in funding. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21920/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the specific contracts agreed to ensure ferry, cargo and air services to the offshore islands; and the specific per month number of passengers or tonnage carried by each contracted service in 2019. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21921/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the reason the target set by her Department for events with Irish artists abroad in 2019 was not met; and the steps she has taken to ensure future targets are met. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21922/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the details of the issue of paying Bean an Tí (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22016/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans in relation to the issuing of hare coursing licences; and her further plans to fully suspend the issuing of same. — Paul Murphy. [22110/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the estimated number of tourists that visited Sliabh Liag, County Donegal in summer 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22119/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if clarity will be provided for videographers and photographers on the most recent HSE guidelines within the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22184/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the case has been made by her officials to the Department of Finance for labour for arts and entertainment to be treated equally to other services in terms of VAT. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22281/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans for the Decade of Centenary State commemorations between 2021 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22284/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the funding which is allocated to Decade of Centenaries commemorations and other commemorative events by her Department for 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22285/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if her Department contributes funding to local authorities to allow them to employ an arts officer in each council; and the funding provided to run arts and culture programmes during the year. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22287/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her Department's plans regarding management of seagull species in urban areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [22351/20]

*382. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta cad iad na pleananna atá ag an rialtas chun comóradh a dhéanamh ar 1500 bliain ó rugadh Naomh Colmille agus ar an ról lárnach a bhí aige mar nasc idir oidhreacht na hÉireann, na hAlban, agus na hEorpa; cén tacaíocht a thabharfaidh an rialtas don chlár Colmille 1500 atá á eagrú ar bhonn comhpháirtíochta ag Foras na Gaeilge agus Bòrd na Gàidhlig in Albain. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22469/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to her Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22486/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in her Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22534/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the number of special advisers that will be hired by her Department. — Alan Kelly. [22779/20]

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

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a referendum on the public ownership of water services will be held. — Patricia Ryan. [20982/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of increasing the housing adaption grants by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21390/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if planning guidelines exist in respect of a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [21583/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will reconsider the decision to suspend Rebuilding Ireland home loans for applicants in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21632/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration of a submission on the registration of the title of a property (details supplied) on Main Street, Croom, County Limerick by the Property Registration Authority will be expedited in view of the fact the

delay is holding up a village renewal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21696/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding regulations on installation of replacement domestic gas central heating boilers; if the regulations contain a provision on existing back boilers; the reason a householder should be told that their existing, professionally installed and grant aided back boiler must be decommissioned and if justification for same can be given; if an exception can be given to the householder that wishes to retain the option of a back boiler for occasional use in view of the fact that this is only a replacement of gas boiler and not a new systems installation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [22103/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans as part of the annual cold weather homeless initiative. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22829/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of registrations, inspections and permissions of short-term lettings that have taken place since July 2019, by month in tabular form; and the number of inspectors allocated to carry out inspections of short-term lettings in each local authority. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [21088/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to conduct a review of the vacant site tax. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [21094/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Land Development Agency will be subject to the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [21104/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the provision being introduced to penalise tenants that have refused to pay rent while seeking the safeguard of emergency legislation on not terminating their lease and leaving a property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [21111/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason approvals for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme are being withdrawn by his Department (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21153/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual cost of family hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21162/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to set a 14 day-limit on stays in family hubs to ensure all families are moved to more sustainable accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21163/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of land owned by the State that has been zoned for residential development; the estimated number of housing units that could be built on such land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21164/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households as opposed to the number of new HAP tenancies each year in receipt of HAP for the most recent date available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21165/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual cost of moving all residents in direct provision to own-door housing covered by the housing assistance payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21166/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to increase resources to local authorities to increase the rate of private rent inspections from less than 8% to 20% per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21167/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority voids by each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21168/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if emergency funding will be made available, in addition to funds announced to date, in order to supplement local authority budgets in order to defer a possible increase to the local property tax whilst the Covid-19 pandemic is having such a detrimental impact on the economy and employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21248/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a map of the rent pressure zones in Cork city and county. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [21258/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason rent caps have not been reviewed in relation to the housing assistant payment since it was introduced in 2016; his plans to review same in view of ongoing national increases in rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21272/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the inspections and reporting being carried out by homeless accommodation providers to ensure the standards set out in the national quality standards framework are being met and that a full social care model is being pursued. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21449/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the delineated rates of existing homelessness for private and charity run homeless accommodation providers, respectively. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21450/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy restrictions on planning for one-off, eco-friendly housing in rural areas by non-locals; the reason for the restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21451/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to implement the recommendations for the reform of planning made in the first report of the Just Transition Commission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21491/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a request from the Chief Fire Officer in County Louth has been received seeking approval to commence the capital process of developing the new fire station in Dunleer, County Louth; if so, the time frame for when the project will progress and commence construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21549/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a report (details supplied) regarding alleged serious planning irregularities in County Donegal will be published; the reason for the delay in publishing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21564/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if provisions have been or are being made to provide PPE to homeless persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21619/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that can be taken to meet the health and housing needs of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21655/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans regarding the right to cut turf on bogs in cases in which there are turbarry rights and in cases in which turf plots are privately owned. — Brian Stanley. [21659/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the income thresholds for social housing eligibility will be reviewed. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21663/20]

*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of all existing seaweed harvesting licences; the expiry date of each licence; the species and volume of seaweed allowed to be harvested; the area the licence covers in the form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21710/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of existing applications for seaweed harvesting licences on hand; the date each one was received; the species and volume of seaweed sought to be licensed in each case; the area each application covers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21711/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a decision will be made on an application for a seaweed harvesting licence by a person (details supplied); the details of the issues that arose in relation to the maps submitted with the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21712/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to regularise matters in order that all seaweed harvesters will be required to have a legal entitlement to harvest seaweed that licences will be available to enable them do so and that persons without licences or legal ownership of seaweed will be pursued legally for non-compliance with the law, in the interest of conserving this valuable resource and ensuring it is used to the highest ecological standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21713/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether it is possible to establish legal harvesting rights for seaweed based on family traditional use; the number of harvesters that have established harvesting rights to the satisfaction of his Department to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21714/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that residents in Westport, County Mayo are facing an increase in rent as high as 18%; his views on whether there is need for rent pressure zones in Westport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21780/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an application (details supplied) has been made by a local authority. — Sean Sherlock. [21891/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if legislation will be introduced to facilitate homeowners that purchased a property under the affordable housing scheme in place immediately prior to 2009 to avail of a top-up loan from their mortgage provider to extend their house and to allow them to change their mortgage provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21924/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to issue a circular to local authorities instructing them to accept planning applications online rather than in paper format in order to reduce unnecessary contact between agents lodging applications and local authority staff in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21950/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme will be extended to allow the purchase and renovation of old vacant houses (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21960/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the recourse available to a tenant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21965/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that residents in Westport, County Mayo are facing rent increases as high as 18%; his views on whether there is a need for rent pressure zones in Westport; the alternative other strategies he views as necessary to address rent increases such as these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22079/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the time-frame for the introduction of the mortgage to rent scheme for County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22128/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will correspond with local authorities to remind them of their legal obligations to ensure the rights of persons with a disability are adequately considered in interim mobility plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22154/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the stage at which each local authority development plan process is at; the expected commencement date of each plan; the expected and completion date of each plan in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22175/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on homeless services in County Tipperary; and his plans to provide additional services or supports for the existing service providers. — Martin Browne. [22225/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications from a local authority (details supplied) for assessment via the urban regeneration and development fund; the status of each application; the timeline for decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22228/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options open to landlords and tenants in cases in which the tenant is under a termination notice in view of the current moratorium on rent increases and evictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [22289/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding or public money is allocated to an organisation (details supplied); and if so, if a breakdown of same in each of the past five years will be provided. — Kathleen Funchion. [22297/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views in relation to the health impact arising from fuel poverty here; his further views on the need for greater investment to prevent fuel poverty; the supports provided to local authorities to help mitigate fuel poverty; the supports provided to housing associations and approved housing bodies to prevent fuel poverty; his views on whether a coordinated approach is needed with his Department and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment in relation to fuel poverty; his views on the national energy poverty strategy; the number of families experiencing fuel poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22309/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the schemes in place to tackle fuel poverty; the pilot projects that have taken place to help reduce fuel poverty; the monitoring that takes place to ensure low income at risk families are protected from fuel poverty; the plans in place to allocate extra funding to improve energy ratings for homes at local authority level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22310/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the proposed wind energy development guidelines will be published following the recent public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22407/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the cold weather initiative for rough sleepers will be introduced; the increased capacity of same by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22414/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22484/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the successful applicants for the urban regeneration development fund will be announced; if the two applications (details supplied) made by Louth County Council for the Port Access Northern Cross Route in Drogheda and the Bridge Street, St Nicholas Quarter in Dundalk, County Louth will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22495/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22532/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the assistance which can be provided; the steps his Department can take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22550/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider the issues pertaining to his Department raised by an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22623/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the way in which an increase in persons working from home is resulting in persons from high-rental areas acquiring properties in low-rental areas in order that they can continue to work from home at a lower cost; if his attention has been further drawn to the way in which the practice is beginning to make it more difficult for families in receipt of the housing assistance payment to find landlords that will choose them over high-income applicants from elsewhere; his views on whether the practice may only get more common in the future; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22693/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22774/20]

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha: To the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*448. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount the State has paid in European fines in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; the details of each fine; and if they have or have not been rectified. — Sean Sherlock. [22057/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a foreign aid concept (details supplied) has been explored internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21092/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the process and procedures in place for handling data access requests from public authorities, other Departments and An Garda Síochána; the way in which the data is requested and released; the decision maker in the context of deciding whether to release or refuse data requests from the bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21182/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the breakdown of the information requested by public authorities, Departments and An Garda Síochána from the Passport Office data set in the past year to date in 2020; the number of requests for access to data in the past year to date in 2020; the number of times his Department has refused access; the schedule of bodies and number of requests made over the time frame; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21183/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if nominated public bodies, Departments and An Garda Síochána have access on request to the data contained on a passport application form; if they have access to the data on the printed passport document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21184/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of the members from Ireland on the national election observation roster by the county submitted on the application forms as of 30 March 2020; the country submitted on the application forms of each in cases of overseas observers; the due diligence applied prior to appointment of persons to the roster in tabular form; if his attention has been drawn to allegations that some members on the roster were involved in fake election activities while appointed to the roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21205/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 385 and 386 of 28 July 2020, the scheme or regulatory structure under which the US military aircraft are conducted through Irish airspace en route to and upon departure from Shannon airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21242/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to provide support to Lebanon in view of the recent explosion in Beirut. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21508/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if representation has been made on behalf of Ireland to the EU or UN on issues pertaining to restrictions placed on civil liberties for the people of Zimbabwe including the cutting off of the internet and the alleged tampering of elections. — Patrick Costello. [21625/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his engagement with the Ambassador of Morocco in 2019; the actions Ireland has taken in relation to the various well documented human rights abuses in Morocco (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [21660/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason further information confirming residency is required in the case of the children of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21681/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he and EU institutions are taking in response to the ongoing oppression of LGBTQ+ persons and their rights in Poland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21685/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the passport office will fully restore acceptance of passport applications by post from abroad, particularly from the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22165/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and name of public authorities which requested passport application form and passport document data under the provisions of section 41 of the Data Protection Act 2018 for the period 29 January to 1 September 2020, inclusive; the number of requests received and declined in respect of each public authority; the data set information sought from each in each instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22172/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22481/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the temporary suspension of the working holiday authorisation scheme will be lifted given the limited public health threats should entrants to the State comply with quarantine requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [22506/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22529/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22782/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*466. To ask the Minister for Defence the date the decision was made to grant the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment an aide de camp. — Alan Kelly. [20384/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason an application by a person (details supplied) to re-enlist with the Naval Service was rejected; if there is an appeals process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21643/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Air Corps has or will send trainees to Alabama and other states in the United States of America for pilot training; if so, if an assessment of the risk has been carried out; if the training is deemed critical in view of the fact that wider Defence Forces training courses and exercises have been curtailed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22187/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Defence if Defence Forces personnel sent abroad on a training course have to self-isolate for 14 days on return; if the medical officer can seek an exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22188/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Defence the Defence Forces policy on wearing masks within barracks; if guidelines on mask wearing have been issued to all offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22189/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the Army has refused to sell a house to a tenant (details supplied) despite having agreed to the sale on several occasions; and if the army will be instructed to proceed with the sale. — Chris Andrews. [22312/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Defence when the commission on the future of the Defence Forces will be established; the proposed make-up of its membership; the terms of reference of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22406/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to address the high rate of turnover in the Defence Forces; his further plans to return the Defence Forces to full operational strength; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22408/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacancies by rank in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22409/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22477/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22525/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22784/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*478. To ask the Minister for Education if the newly appointed General Secretary of Education and Training Board Ireland has accepted the permanent post while maintaining their previous permanent post as Chief Executive of the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board; and the reason she is standing over the decision taken to facilitate the newly appointed General Secretary in holding two permanent posts (details supplied) in view of the fact the holding of two permanent posts in the public service is unheard of. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21298/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that will be taken to ensure that applicants to the PEMP that had registered for qualifying exams which were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and rescheduled for January 2021 thus preventing applicants from taking up their places will be facilitated in taking up their course places. — John Brady. [21743/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education if home tutors will be entitled to an insurable status and entitled to pensionability for their work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22000/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education when the payment system for school transport will reopen to allow students to purchase school bus tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22564/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education if additional school transport will be provided to cover the 50% capacity currently on school transport; if so, when Bus Éireann will communicate same to the school bus operators in view of the fact schools have already resumed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22565/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the construction of the amalgamated community school in Ennistymon, County Clare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [21091/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education if changes will be made to the teacher-pupil ratio or resources allocated to allow schools to recruit additional teachers beyond that ratio on contracts of at least six months duration in view of the Covid-19 crisis and in order to reduce reliance on and pressure on substitute teachers. — Bríd Smith. [21105/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education if an issue (details supplied) with regard to home tutor hours for children with special needs will be addressed; and if the directive will be re-examined. — Robert Troy. [21160/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 261 of 3 June 2020, the date of each meeting held during 2019 and to date in 2020 between officials from LMETB and her Department regarding the head office building of LMETB in Drogheda, County Louth; the reason for requesting each meeting; the location of each meeting; the number of officials that attended from LMETB and her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21213/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education if approval has been given for the LMETB head office building in Drogheda, County Louth to proceed to construction after five years of delays; if not, the reason for the delay; the actions she has taken to address the issue; if her officials will be instructed to seek regular updates on the way in which the project is expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21214/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education if the use by LMETB of former Meath County Council offices in Navan has been approved by her Department; the annual cost of the use by LMETB of the offices; if the expenditure has been approved by her Department; the budget from which LMETB will pay for the use of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21215/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken and the arrangements put in place for the 900 students that have been schooled entirely at home by a parent for the leaving certificate programme but cannot have their parent award calculated grades on their behalf; and the alternative for such students. — John Lahart. [21222/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for teachers that are in a shared teacher role when they return to school in August 2020 in the context of Covid-19 and the return to school roadmap; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21225/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education the protections there will be for SNAs when schools reopen; if there will be specific training provided to same; if SNAs will be required to stay within the pod; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21226/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to introduce a panel or central database of substitute SNAs which schools can avail of to replace SNAs that are off work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21227/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to build a new secondary school in Glanmire, County Cork in view of the increasing population and the existing shortage of school places in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21237/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 250 of 18 September 2013, 405 of 26 April 2016 and 262 of 9 June 2020, if he will provide the information sought using a definition of profit, that is, the precise figures that the Bus Éireann directors and auditors determined as profit in each year for school transport that was actually credited to the Statutory Financial Statement in the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement in each of the years 2010 to 2016, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [21249/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the introduction of free, safe and adequate period products for publicly funded educational spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [21251/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure a school (details supplied) has a school building in the area for reopening in September 2020. — Paul Murphy. [21256/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the decision of Dublin Bus to not renew the contracts for school bus services across Dublin and to cut the school transport services for many schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [21257/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education if a permanent site will be sourced for a school (details supplied) within the assigned catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21259/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the use of special education teachers as substitute cover; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [21270/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider introducing essential life skills such as personal financial management, nutrition and basic meal preparation as mandatory modules in the junior cycle or transition year programme. — Eoghan Murphy. [21276/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education if a communication will be provided from her Department or the NCSE in relation to the case of a school (details supplied) which was offered another school to take over expand educational services. — Joan Collins. [21283/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education if she will include a diagnosis of giftedness in the criteria for receipt of appropriate educational supports. — Robert Troy. [21309/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the significant gap in funding between voluntary secondary schools and those which are run by the ETB sector; and her plans to close the funding gap. — Richard Bruton. [21358/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that many schools in disadvantaged inner city areas do not get the sort of supports needed to even up educational opportunity; her plans to assess the scale of the gap in educational opportunity; and if proposals are being developed to close the gap. — Richard Bruton. [21359/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to a relaxation of the criteria to take up employment as a substitute teacher for those with a relevant undergraduate qualification, for example, in a language and teaching experience through TEFL or similar. — Cathal Crowe. [21364/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education when a planning application will be lodged for a school (details supplied); and the person or body that will make the application. — John Lahart. [21371/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education if a mainstream school place with the assistance of a special needs assistant will be put in place for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21434/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21518/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application (details supplied) regarding emergency issues at a playground; if advice will be provided to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21569/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a school (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the school appealed the decision; if the concerns of parents and teachers will be taken on board regarding Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21570/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of children that were unsuccessful in the lottery for concessionary places on school transport in 2019 and again in the 2020/2021 school year will be re-examined with a view to meeting the concerns of the parents involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21581/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education if a tender has been issued and funds ring-fenced for the construction of a new school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [21587/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education if the appointment of a fifth senior infants teacher in a school (details supplied) will be supported for the 2020/2021 academic year in view of the fact that class sizes here are higher than the EU and OECD average; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21598/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a Teaching Council number for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21610/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education if provisions have been or are being made to provide PPE for persons returning to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21617/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which a three teacher school (details supplied) with 82 pupils, which is one pupil short of the 83 pupils needed to fit the criteria for a four teacher school will be able to maintain the social distancing requirements as set out in the protocols for the reopening of schools; if an exception will be made in the case in order to employ an extra teacher even on a temporary basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21628/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education the procedures in place for the resuming of practical subjects in secondary schools and the logistics of running home economic classes when the schools reopen in view of the fact that the roadmap omitted these complex subjects and teachers have received no guidance in relation to restarting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21631/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [21637/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education if teachers that studied abroad can complete an online course (details supplied) in lieu of attending the Gaeltacht course in order to obtain full registration with the Teaching Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21657/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions that will be made for private bus operators that convey secondary school pupils and now will be operating at 50% capacity but incurring the same costs. — Brian Stanley. [21676/20]

*521. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sé i gceist aici stádas scoileanna beaga a bhronnadh ar na meánscoileanna ar na hoileáin; mura bhfuil, cén fáth atá leis sin agus iad ar na meánscoileanna is lú sa tír; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21706/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education the contingency plans that have been put in place for structured online education for students including personalised feedback of first and second

level schools in the event of a school having to close down partially or fully due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21720/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) with teaching qualifications from abroad will be allowed to apply for employment here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21722/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education if the hiring of extra school buses by her Department due to Covid-19 will be under the same terms and conditions including payment as applies to the existing school transport fleet; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [21723/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21752/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the concerns regarding predicated grades; the method used to calculate the grades; and if the release of predicted grades by teachers will be delayed by a week in view of the negative impact this will have on the appeals process and CAO offers. — Martin Browne. [21773/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she has put in place to fund the salaries of ancillary staff for schools that were subject to the independent arbitration process which granted them a 10% increase between 2016 and 2019; and the status of discussions for a follow-on claim from the 2015 pay agreement between her Department, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, school management bodies and a union (details supplied) under the auspices of the Workplace Relations Commission. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21774/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated in relation to school transport for their child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21777/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education if the need for a primary and or post-primary school in Meakstown (details supplied) will be addressed; if a site will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21783/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will issue to persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21796/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary teachers, respectively on secondment from their teaching posts to positions within her Department or Department-funded bodies; and her plans to release some of these teachers to ensure greater numbers of teachers in the classroom. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [21798/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for an extension to a school (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [21806/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated in relation to school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21824/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) can proceed to tender for three additional resource rooms in circumstances in which the funding has already been approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [21828/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new school building for a school (details supplied); if the site for the new school has been secured; if not, the stage at which it is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21830/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated in relation to school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21831/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will issue to persons (details supplied) in relation to school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21832/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education if schools will be encouraged to continue to make space available to sporting clubs and organisations during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21836/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education if additional funding will be provided on an appeal by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21840/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an ASD unit (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21841/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the gap between the publication of the leaving certificate results and the publication of the predicted grades by teachers; if the grades from teachers will be published at the same time or shortly after the results of the exam; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [21846/20]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education the further measures that will be required in relation to the adaptations which provide more choice in exam questions to the 2021 leaving and junior certificates should the 2020/2021 academic year be disrupted due to further Covid-19 related restrictions; the contingency measures for the leaving and junior certificates 2021 in such a scenario; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [21847/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education the stakeholders that were consulted in relation to the adaptations to the 2021 leaving certificate and junior certificate examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [21848/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education if the parents of a child with autism and respiratory issues that is enrolled for third class in a primary school has the option of taking the child out of school in 2020 due to health fears during the Covid-19 pandemic in order to homeschool the child instead; and the procedures in place to facilitate same. — Seán Haughey. [21852/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education the number of planning applications made by or on behalf of her Department for the installation of prefabs; the reason for each application in each county from March 2020 to date in tabular form; and the status of each application. — Sean Sherlock. [21855/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21856/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school transport application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21862/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education if additional buses will be put in place for school transport from Inver and Mountcharles, County Donegal to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21864/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education when a design team will be appointed for a new national school campus for Tuam, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21870/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education when a design team will be appointed for a new Gaelscoil campus at Athenry, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21871/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education the policies and guidelines developed for schools in respect of online teaching of minors with due consideration to GDPR. — Sean Sherlock. [21892/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education if she will arrange to have substitute supply panels made available to four schools (details supplied) to enable them to function during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21927/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education the number of requests made to sit formal leaving certificate examinations by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [21932/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education the number of exceptional reviews of mainstream special needs assistants allocation applications submitted to the NCSE by 22 May 2020; the number and decisions issued to date; the number of applications that have been appealed by the schools; the number and decisions issued to date; the number of appeal decisions in which the school has sought an independent examination of the appeal process and decisions issued to date; the corresponding figures in each case for review applications submitted after 22 May 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21942/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [21943/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education the status of school projects (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [21944/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education if a further SNA allocation will be facilitated in the case of a school (details supplied) in view of the fact the current allocation is insufficient to manage four pupils that require full-time support throughout the school day; if an exceptional request will be facilitated in view of the health and safety requirements of the children involved including one being a flight risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21963/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter regarding accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21964/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter regarding a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21970/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education if extra buses will be allocated for school transport in the north and east Cork area in view of the demographic demands and the capacity constraints due to Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [21974/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement she has had with Bus Éireann on school transport allocations in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [21975/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education if she has discussed school transport with the Minister for Transport. — Sean Sherlock. [21976/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education if she has ring-fenced tender costs for a building (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [21978/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education if she has ring-fenced tender costs for a building (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [21979/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education if the leaving certificate grades by teachers will be released before round 1 CAO offers and the appeal process commences (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21995/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a summer works grant for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22002/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide additional resources to enable Bus Éireann to provide extra school transport to accommodate the new rules in relation to secondary school pupils arising from the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure that all those that are eligible for transport but made a late application and payment for same are accommodated and that those that normally got concessionary tickets are also accommodated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22013/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education if the formula for the leaving certificate 2020 examinations will be made public in full detail (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [22017/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education if clear guidelines will be issued for primary and secondary schools in relation to drop off and collection of students in view of the significant issues experienced over the recent reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [22018/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a deadline by which infrastructural works in schools are to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [22019/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has issued instructions to Bus Éireann to reject late payments from parents of eligible applicants under the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22023/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education the number of tickets issued under the school transport scheme at 31 August in each of the years 2018 to 2020 by primary, post primary and the subcategories of eligible, eligible exemption from charges and concessionary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22024/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education if the necessary support will be provided to allow a school (details supplied) to open safely in view of the issues raised by the board of management. — Paul Murphy. [22033/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education if the ranking system which teachers needed to provide for leaving certificate students for the predictive grade system will be made public; if this is in line or contradictory with communication to schools and teachers in April 2020; and if subsequent communication was made to schools on this issue. — Gary Gannon. [22042/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education if progress has been made on improving the working conditions for school secretaries that are not employed by her Department; the time frame if improvements are anticipated within; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22060/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education the measures her Department has taken to engage with families of children with disabilities; and the provisions in place to allow these families leeway in returning to school. — Sean Sherlock. [22063/20]

*577. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén uair a cheadófar Deontas Lóistín na gCeantar Iargúlta do scoláire (sonraí tugtha); cén fáth a bhfuil moill os cionn trí mhí leis seo. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22065/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [22076/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions made and supports available to teachers and students that will sit their leaving certificate exams in 2021 in view of the fact that in transitioning from 5th to 6th year in the year 2020 they missed months of face-to-face tuition and practical elements of some subjects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22083/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22092/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education if an application under the assistive technology scheme by a school (details supplied) will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [22097/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding school transport and private bus operators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22121/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter raised in correspondence regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22123/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to abuse survivors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22143/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education if schools (details supplied) will be approved for teaching principals; if outstanding issues will be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [22167/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be reinstated in respect of a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22180/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education if the guidelines will be clarified regarding the wearing of face masks in secondary schools for students with health issues such as asthma (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22181/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be reinstated for a family (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22182/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education the reason correspondence (details supplied) has not been replied to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22185/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is developing an alternative programme for remote blended learning in the event of widespread school closures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22195/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has examined the impact of ventilation capacity of classrooms on Covid-19 risk; if this has informed Departmental advice to schools on reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22196/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education the provision being made for pupils with special needs in order that they can continue their learning when schools close and they do not have access to mainstream classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22197/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education the funding for the reopening of schools drawn down in each county to date; the funding drawn down for primary and secondary schools, respectively to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22198/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education if a reply will issue to correspondence regarding a school (details supplied) and the concern in relation to very large classes for the academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22199/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education the length of time pupils will be in the temporary accommodation in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22200/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be ready for students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22201/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has formally prioritised the purchase of zoned land in a school (details supplied); the additional steps taken to expedite the matter; if she has engaged with the landowners of the zoned land for the school to purchase the site with immediate effect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22202/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be reinstated for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22209/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Education if vacant buildings will be refurbished and retrofitted in order that they can be used by a school (details supplied) to provide extra space and classrooms in order that social distancing can be achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22214/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Education if late applications for school transport will be accepted from a family (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22223/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Education if a late application for school transport will be accepted from a student (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22224/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding a school bus ticket for a person (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [22227/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Education the status of preparations to reopen a school (details supplied); the status of preparations for permanent facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22237/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter regarding teachers wearing face masks in the classroom (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22255/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Education the progress for the new schools in Carrigtwohill campus, County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [22259/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions being made for families nationwide that have not found a place for their child on a school bus in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [22296/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been made in respect of an application by a school (details supplied) in County Mayo for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22299/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been made in respect of an application for additional accommodation by a school (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22300/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress of a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22313/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Education if the proposal to provide additional permanent accommodation at a school (details supplied) will be advanced to the next stage at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22346/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Education if the proposal to provide additional permanent accommodation at a school (details supplied) will be advanced to the next stage at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22347/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Education if a long-standing proposal to upgrade existing accommodation and provide additional permanent accommodation at a school (details supplied) will be progressed without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22348/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22349/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Education the schools that have returned for the 2020/2021 academic year with classes of 30 or more by county in tabular form and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22391/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Education if schools have the right to exclude or prohibit students from attending post primary schools due to the fact that they cannot wear a face covering for medical reasons; the educational provision that will be made for such pupils, particularly leaving certificate year pupils, in the event that they are excluded from school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22392/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Education the right of appeal or review by students and their parents against a ruling excluding them from school due to the fact that they cannot wear a face covering for medical reasons which is certified by their general practitioner; the role of her Department in ensuring that all pupils have access to education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22393/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans for an extension to a school (details supplied) which will provide for an ASD unit. — Joe O'Brien. [22396/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Education if the €25.50 grant will be extended for driving a child to school to parents in rural areas in which no bus service is available. — Patricia Ryan. [22411/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Education the reason some schools are not part of a cluster to provide substitute supply panels (details supplied); if the criteria which determines if a school is part of a cluster and thus allocated to a panel will be provided; if recourse is available to a school that is not allocated access to a panel and is seeking inclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [22427/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Education if school profiling based on the performance of previous years will now not proceed for fear it could discriminate against high performance students from disadvantaged areas; her views on whether a high performance student in a disadvantaged area will naturally be in the upper end of the bell curve of the school in circumstances (details supplied) in

the context of forthcoming examination results; the reason for abandoning the initial intention to adopt profiling of schools based on consistent output scoring; the reason for the introduction of a system by which the scoring output of schools will now increase their overall scoring average without reference to previous years and the mean performance of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [22428/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the educational access difficulties for a child (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22429/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Education if an overview will be provided of the arrangements she plans to put in place to deal with primary and secondary students that have been refused concessionary bus tickets in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [22437/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to her Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22478/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress on a building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22496/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 193 of 18 December 2019, the provisions over and above that are available to children with hearing loss made for the 49 children in counties Mayo and Roscommon that had their hearing misdiagnosed by the HSE; the specific resources set aside for the children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22507/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 48 of 30 July 2020, the expected date of publication of the tender and appointment of a contractor for the construction of schools (details supplied); the status of project development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [22514/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in her Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22526/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Education the funding available to completely replace a roof on a school (details supplied) in view of the fact that its summer works scheme application was unsuccessful; his plans to fund schools such as this that were not successful in the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22542/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that the bus service is only being availed of by one pupil at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22543/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to siblings (details supplied) similar to previous years in view of the fact that there are vacant seats on the bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22544/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Education if a student (details supplied) will be provided with school transport in view of the vacancies on the bus service and the fact that they are a medical card holder; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22546/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Education if the school transport portal will be reopened for late applicants for school transport in view of the serious difficulties that have arisen for many families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22675/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Education if teacher placement as part of teacher training courses will proceed in 2020 in primary and post-primary schools; if health and safety plans are in place for same; if her Department is working with the teacher training colleges on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22677/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to instances in which children with ASD are unable to be excused from doing core subjects in primary schools in which they find insurmountable difficulties with subjects such as the Irish language; if her attention has been further drawn to difficulties of parents getting her Department to address the matter in a satisfactory way; the way in which she plans to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22691/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Education if the poor supports available to children with autism will be addressed which is resulting in these children having to travel long distances from their locality to schools that suit their needs; if her attention has been drawn to the stress long journeys can cause to the children; the steps being taken to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22692/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Education her views on children with ASD being sent to mainstream schools that are not suited for their needs and demands; the process that parents must engage in to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22702/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special advisers that will be hired by her Department. — Alan Kelly. [22772/20]

Chun an Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Social Protection.

*638. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made in relation to plans to bring forward legislative proposals on the right to disconnect; the engagements undertaken in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21100/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment of €350 per week will be reinstated for all members of an association (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21117/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the pandemic unemployment payment for a person (details supplied) was cut despite earnings in excess of €200 per week in 2018 and 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21187/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce the supports for employment initiatives for persons with hearing loss or visual impairment as announced in January 2020 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [21218/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of rolling out the WALK PEER employment support service model nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21393/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given among other possible memorial and commemorative to ideas that might emerge to naming the August Bank Holiday Monday John Hume day to mark his contribution to peace in Ireland (details supplied). — John Lahart. [21427/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to sole traders under the summer stimulus package and other measures due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21715/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being taken to assist the taxi industry during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21776/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has met with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science on the role that Department will have in back to education allowance criteria. — Sean Sherlock. [22052/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in payments for school crossing wardens for school holidays; if the summer payments will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22211/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department and the Department of Social Protection have estimated the cost of maintaining the pandemic unemployment payment at the previous €350 a week for workers in the entertainment and arts sectors shut down and restricted by Covid-19 health measures by each month that will be required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22279/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the 2008 Labour Court recommendations regarding community employment supervisors will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22394/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the provisions in section 29 of the Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid19) Act 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22685/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when appointments for the public services card will be reinstated; and the mitigation measures put in place by her Department to enable persons without a card to apply for free travel and other social welfare entitlement which require a card. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21110/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Covid-19 unemployment benefit for the self-employed will be requalified as a subsidy for the self-employed; and if it will be adjusted to the employee subsidy rate with retroactive effect since the beginning of the pandemic in order to comply with Article 40.1 of the Constitution which upheld that all citizens shall, as human persons, be held equal before the law. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [21145/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Covid-19 support payment will be reinstated for self-employed persons in the music and entertainment industry here (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21154/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a self-employed person (details supplied) is not being assessed for the pandemic unemployment payment on their 2018 earnings. — Joan Collins. [21155/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which information was obtained from recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment at airports by date on which each case was interviewed by Departmental staff and by airport; the date on which each payment was ceased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21156/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason rules regarding the pandemic unemployment payment were changed on the website of her Department; the date the rules were changed; the reason genuinely seeking work was added; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21157/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the legal remit for changing how to qualify section of pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21158/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if third party agencies, companies or bodies provide her Department with information on recipients of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21159/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal lodged in respect of the decision to refuse a carer's allowance for a person (details supplied) will be confirmed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21161/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the means test threshold relating to the carer's allowance will be reviewed in cases in which carers find themselves outside of the cut off rate in view of the fact no consideration is given to their weekly and monthly commitments while they provide 24/7 care with no available support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [21185/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons on the Covid-19 payment and job seekers will lose payments for holidaying in Ireland on a staycation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21189/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reconsider the policy of ceasing the pandemic unemployment payment and other social welfare payments in cases in which the recipients have travelled abroad for non-essential purposes in view of the serious concerns raised by civil liberties organisations and the Data Protection Commissioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [21195/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to historic cases by which women were given PPS numbers linked directly to that of their husband and who required the approval of their husband in order to attain social benefit payments (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [21200/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider putting a moratorium on the length of time participants can spend on a community employment scheme in view of the fact the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment may act as a barrier for some schemes in attracting new participants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [21232/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons in receipt of jobseeker's transitional payment can currently receive the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment in which they have had a total loss of employment. — Patrick Costello. [21240/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her announcement with regard to the pandemic unemployment payment in terms of those in receipt of it being active jobseekers will extend to those self-employed persons who through no fault of their own cannot work at their chosen employment for now; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21243/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which persons on payments and who must show that they are genuinely seeking work can do so in an industry that remains shut down; her plans in this regard in view of the fact that they are being threatened with payment cancellations despite late venues and so on remaining closed; the way in which persons in the arts, music and entertainment industry can be assisted by her Department to find work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21245/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused the State pension (contributory). — Willie O'Dea. [21247/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) cannot obtain the details they are requesting from the disability allowance section of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21250/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis on which the review of social insurance records of pensioners in receipt of a reduced rate State pension (contributory) entitlement based on post-Budget 2012 rate bands excludes those born prior to 1 September 1946. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21274/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has had communication with an organisation (details supplied) regarding its plan to close its Dublin community employment scheme in view of the fact that the organisation cannot satisfy the criteria for training and work experience due to the closure of its day care centres; if her Department will work with organisations to adapt existing community employment schemes rather than closing them and establishing others given her plans to extend the community employment scheme by 3,000 places and the increased requirement for homecare and qualified care assistants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [21311/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fortnightly social welfare payments. — Joan Collins. [21373/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the carer's support grant to €2,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21382/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the carer's allowance by €5; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21383/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the carer's benefit by €5; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21384/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the disability allowance by €5; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21385/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the blind pension by €9; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21386/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of reforming the wage subsidy scheme as per the All-Party Oireachtas Disability Group recommendation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21392/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when social welfare payments will return to weekly payments. — Robert Troy. [21438/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to review the eligibility criteria for the Covid-19 payment (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21439/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons (details supplied) were refused disability payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21452/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21519/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21521/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to make the back to education allowance available to persons on the pandemic unemployment payment to assist them in reskilling and seeking new employment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21523/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the reduction in payments to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [21585/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter raised in correspondence in relation to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21616/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a further appeals process for a person (details supplied) to be awarded an invalidity pension; and if extenuating circumstances are taken into account when making such decisions. — Mark Ward. [21620/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to amend the legislation that results in the registration of babies that have died at birth being recorded privately rather than publicly; and

if her attention has been drawn to the hurt caused to parents that do not have the option to record the birth of their child publicly and for the information of future generations. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [21634/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the precise regulations in relation to the pandemic unemployment payment and jobseeker's payments; and if there are self-isolation or quarantine issues with regard to travel overseas either to green list countries or to non-green list countries (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [21656/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a full State pension (contributory) will be approved for a person (details supplied); the contribution record of the person; and if they will qualify for contributions as a home carer. — John McGuinness. [21674/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when oral hearings in respect of social welfare appeals will recommence; if oral hearings can be held via an application (details supplied) or telephone calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21698/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when weekly payments will recommence for those social welfare recipients that would prefer weekly payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21708/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an invalidity pension appeal in the case of a person (details supplied); when their application is likely to conclude; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21726/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that were in receipt of the short-term work scheme in each of the past twelve months in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21786/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) cannot receive a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21802/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children whose parents received domiciliary care allowance up to the child turning 16 years of age that had their disability allowance rejected in the past five years. — Niamh Smyth. [21805/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review will be undertaken of the recent decision to cease disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); if same will be undertaken as soon as possible in view of the fact the family has limited means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21814/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if payment at the same rate will continue in the case of a person (details supplied); if the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment is more applicable in these circumstances; if every effort can be made to ensure the payment is not reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21815/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the application for an exceptional needs payment in respect of payment for a funeral in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21816/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a State pension (non-contributory) appeal in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [21820/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of contributions in relation to certain payments (details supplied) in cases in which persons have returned to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21845/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pandemic unemployment payment application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [21849/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when appointments for public services cards will resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21858/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend farm relief for farmers over 66 years of age in view of the fact that the pension age will increase to 67 years of age in January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [21859/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21860/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons whose pandemic unemployment payment was cut to date; the number that have appealed the cut; the number that were successful in their appeal; the number that successfully appealed the cut that were self-employed; and the number that appealed and are back on the €350 a week rate. — Denise Mitchell. [21872/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a vacancy occurred in her Department for the position of deputy secretary general; if she plans to fill the position by open or closed competition; when she plans to advertise the position; when it will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21876/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) and the rate of pandemic unemployment payment paid to them will be reviewed. — Paul McAuliffe. [21888/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment by welfare district; and the budget cost of the payment for each month from March 2020 to date. — Sean Sherlock. [21895/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the State pension transition payment will be introduced. — Sean Sherlock. [21896/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for supplementary welfare each month from March 2020 by county to date. — Sean Sherlock. [21897/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for back to school allowance made in 2020 compared to 2019. — Sean Sherlock. [21898/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the introduction of universal basic income; and if research has been carried out by her Department on the costs involved. — Sean Sherlock. [21899/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the State pension age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [21900/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and type of events funded by her Department in 2020 that did not take place in tabular form; the cost of funding each event; and if that funding will remain in place for 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [21901/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider proposals to allow participants on a community employment scheme that are over 55 years of age to continue participating on the scheme until they reach retirement age, in view of the difficulties that persons of this age experience gaining alternative employment and the importance of their participation on the scheme to their health and wellbeing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21930/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a Gov.ID account; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [21933/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21934/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the amount of time that jobseeker's benefit is payable in terms of the post Covid-19 outlook (details supplied); her plans for the cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21940/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the pandemic unemployment payment and the eligibility criteria for third-level students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21952/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a promised report on the qualification for the State pension; and the timeline for the completion of same and a decision by her. — John McGuinness. [21953/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review can be undertaken into eligibility for a carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21973/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (detail supplied) did not receive carer's allowance while caring for their dying spouse; and if the allowance can be paid retrospectively and an acknowledgment be made for the care given by the person to their spouse. — Mark Ward. [21986/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exemption to the requirement to be unemployed for 12 months before being eligible for the community employment programme will be granted for those working in community and voluntary organisations to ensure adequate staff is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21997/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the arrangements and restrictions in place for education and training for participants of social protection programmes such as community employment, TÚS and so on; and if classes and other activities must be restricted to six participants. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22006/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a partial capacity benefit by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22011/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when arrears in payments for Covid-19 will be processed (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [22045/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting since March 2020 for a decision to be made on their appeal for a carer's allowance; and the length of time they will have to wait. — Maurice Quinlivan. [22091/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an option to receive or collect State pension payments weekly will be provided to recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22095/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if workers that have an underlying illness such as COPD, immune deficiencies and so on will continue to receive the pandemic unemployment payment if they cannot return to work due to their illness. — Joan Collins. [22104/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person that is temporarily laid off work is subject to the definition of a break in service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22125/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when scheduling for appointments for the public services card will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22145/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the arrangements being made to give persons that are unable to get a public services card the free travel pass; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22146/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of jobseeker's payments that have been activated in each county quarterly from Q1 2018 to Q2 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22149/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to requesting the assistance of local employment service personnel in processing and progressing those on jobseeker's payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22150/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment that take up a springboard course will continue to receive the payment at the prevailing rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22151/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22152/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons returning to work from short career breaks are entitled to the pandemic unemployment payment; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [22171/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a community employment scheme will be extended for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22174/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if clients that are not comfortable providing personal data and information to Turas Nua will have failure to attend and or participate on their file; the reassurance that can be provided to persons to ensure that their personal data and information is fully protected by the company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22193/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if clients of a company (details supplied) can formally request a copy of their files directly from the company; if clients must request her Department directly for data subject to access rights; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22194/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allow persons on a pandemic unemployment payment whose work is unlikely to return for the foreseeable future to retrain with schemes such as Springboard without their payment being affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22213/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the payment of child benefit to include those children that have reached 18 years of age but are still in full-time secondary school education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22221/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process for persons renewing the public services card; if the process has changed due to Covid-19; the measures in place for persons in cases in which their card has expired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22222/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social welfare supports in place for a person (details supplied) that lives here but pays tax in the UK. — Dara Calleary. [22235/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of artists and those working in the entertainment industry that were in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment at €350 a week in June 2020; and the number in September 2020 on the reduced rate of the payment. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22280/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if specific Covid-19 payments will be introduced for publicans in view of the ongoing embargo preventing them from trading; the supports that will be put in place to protect the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [22298/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients and the level of funding in the past five years paid to recipients of the fuel allowance in tabular form; the number of families the fuel allowance has supported; his planned changes to take account of the increased cost of energy for families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22311/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of free travel applications awaiting processing; the average turnaround time for new applications to the scheme; and the action she will take to address the requirement for new applicants to have a public services card that are unable to apply for the card due to the suspension of appointment services. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22315/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Michael Ring. [22344/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason no reply has issued from her Department in response to queries for persons (details supplied); if the applications have been finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22345/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she plans to publish the review of community employment schemes carried out in 2018; when the recommendations of same will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22395/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the report carried out by external consultants to review all current contracted public employment services has been finalised; if she has received the report; if and when the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [22426/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if airport checkpoints are still in operation that are staffed by her officials. — Catherine Murphy. [22433/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria used to identify which flights in and or out are to be checked by her officials. — Catherine Murphy. [22434/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of criminal investigations or prosecutions that have commenced as a result of airport control checks from March 2020 to date regarding airport checkpoints; the number of these that relate to the pandemic unemployment payment; and the number of same that relate to other social protection payments. — Catherine Murphy. [22435/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention or that of her predecessor was drawn to the nature of social protection checks at airports; and if she or her predecessor had a role in their authorisation. — Catherine Murphy. [22436/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the reason a decision has not yet issued on a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied) received on 18 July 2019 will be investigated; when the application will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22463/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reassessed in view of the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [22465/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to granting a request by a person (details supplied) to travel to Romania to visit their gravely ill parent without ceasing their pandemic unemployment payment on compassionate grounds. — Thomas Gould. [22467/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to her Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22488/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when arrears due to claimants of the pandemic unemployment payment will be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22518/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in her Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22536/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will continue to pay the pandemic unemployment payment at the full rate of €350 for claimants that were working in public houses and bars in view of the fact that these businesses still remain closed and the likelihood that they will remain closed for many more weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22539/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of every €1 and €5 increase in weekly social protection payments for 2021; the cost by individual payment in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22570/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projected cost of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment in 2020; the projected cost for 2021 based on the current scheme arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22571/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projection of the average number of expected recipients of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment for each month remaining in 2020; the projections for 2021 up to 1 April, in tabular form; the basis for the financial modelling of the cost of the scheme for the rest of the year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22572/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently on the full €350 rate of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment; the number on the lower rate; the number of persons that have had their payment reduced since the rule change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22573/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of new recipients of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment in each week since 29 June 2020; the number of closed claims in each week; the net decrease or increase in each week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22574/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons on the full rate of Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment that will be reduced to the €300 rate on 17 September 2020 based on current claimants; the number that will drop to the new rate of €250 based on current claimants; the number on the lower rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22575/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the analysis that has been carried out of the current recipients of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment to determine the number that

would be eligible for higher social welfare payments or benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22576/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of retaining the enhanced rent supplement for the rest of 2020 and all of 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22577/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of enhanced rent supplement due to Covid-19; the number of claims that ended on 31 August 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22578/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have received the Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit to date; the current number of recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22579/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of restoring jobseeker's allowance rates for those under 25 years of age to the full adult rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22580/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the back to school clothing and footwear allowance by €25 respectively for both rates; the number currently in receipt of the payment; the additional cost of providing the current rates to all school going children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22581/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the rate of fuel allowance from €24.50 by every €1, €5.50 and €10 per week; the one-off cost for increasing the fuel allowance rate by those amounts from 28 September 2020 for the 2020/2021 fuel season; the number of expected recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22582/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the fuel allowance season for 2020/2021 will run for 28 or 32 weeks; the cost of providing the additional four weeks in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22583/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of an additional 5,000 places on back to education allowance; the projected number of places that will be funded in 2020; the number funded in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22585/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of extending the cost of education allowance to all recipients of the back to education allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22586/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of scrapping the waiting days for illness benefit of reducing it to one and three days respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22587/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the income disregard for carer's allowance to €450 for single and €900 for couples; the cost of increasing the €20,000 disregard to €50,000 in the capital formula; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22588/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the carer's support grant by €100 and €300 respectively in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22589/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of additional schools that will provide hot school meals in September 2020; the number currently offering the programme; the number of children that will receive the meal; if a further 35,000 children will receive those as announced by the Government in January 2021; and if 42,000 children will receive hot meals now; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22591/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of increasing the weekly payment to adults in direct provision to €50; the cost of increasing the payments for children to the same rates as those for the qualified child increases for children under 12 and over 12 years of age respectively; the rates if it remained linked to the original ratio with supplementary welfare allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22592/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of extending the school meals programme to each primary and secondary school that does not offer the programme; the number of schools that would be involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22593/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost in 2021 of not increasing the eligibility age for the State pension to 67 years of age in 2021, retaining 66 years of age; the cost of providing a transition payment to those forced to retire at 65 years of age until they turn 66 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22594/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the denial of illness benefit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if there are available State supports for the person in view of their ongoing disability. — Sean Sherlock. [22595/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reinstate the right of employees to invoke redundancy after a protracted period of lay-off as was the case prior to the Covid-19 emergency legislation with regard to section 29 of the Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid19) Act 2020, in view of the fact failure to do so leaves many workers in temporary lay-off trapped and unable to move to other employment for fear of losing their redundancy entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22686/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent of the backlog in issuing the back to school allowance by county; the action being taken to address the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22694/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of special advisers that will be hired by her Department. — Alan Kelly. [22781/20]

Chun an Aire Leanaí, Míchumais, Comhionannais agus Lánpháirtíochta: To the Minister for Children, Disability; Equality and Integration.

*792. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the estimated cost of increasing the number of domestic refuge spaces to meet the commitments of Ireland under the Istanbul Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21169/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the estimated cost of increasing the number of domestic refuge spaces to meet the commitments of Ireland under the Istanbul Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21170/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the ability he has to prevent the online sale of solvents to children in cases where it is clear from customer comments on the website that the solvents are being inhaled by customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21454/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the powers he has to prevent the online sale of solvents to children in cases in which it is clear from customer comments on the website that the solvents are being inhaled by customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21457/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the criteria used to postpone an ECCE place in which there is an expected delay in a child (details supplied) starting primary school; the reason they do not fit the criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22058/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of persons employed in a capacity (details supplied) by a State agency. — Sean Sherlock. [22096/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if there are specific financial measures to support small play schools with Covid-19 compliance, for example, to employ extra staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22219/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will address a matter regarding the case of persons (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [22502/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when he plans to publish the Crowe Report. — Kathleen Funchion. [22705/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when the transfer of delegated functions for his Department in the areas of disability, equality and integration will take place. — Sean Sherlock. [22670/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the funding being allocated to the childcare sustainability fund; and the breakdown of the spend for the new sustainability fund announced 24 July 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [21192/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if measures will be introduced to encourage primary and post-primary schools to provide preschool and post-school childcare facilities. — Seán Haughey. [21219/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of babies under ten days old have been taken into care in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [21317/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of newborn babies taken under the age of ten days old for each of the Tusla 17 service areas. — Kathleen Funchion. [21318/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of mothers of children in foster care that have died in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number for each of the Tusla 17 service areas. — Kathleen Funchion. [21319/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to reintroduce the grandfather clause scheme as referenced in correspondence from a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [21633/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a school place will be provided for a child (details supplied); the number of students on waiting lists in Kilkenny city and county; if he will request a report from Tusla confirming its action in relation to each child on the waiting lists and efforts to secure school places for those still waiting; and the action his Department or the Department of Education are taking to resolve the issues. — John McGuinness. [21667/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a school place will be provided for a child (details supplied); and if there are sufficient places in the schools in Kilkenny City to meet the demands. — John McGuinness. [21668/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a school place will be provided for a child (details supplied); the contact details of the school liaison officers that assist with the issues; his plans to assist those on the waiting lists for school places; and the contact made with the Department of Education in this regard. — John McGuinness. [21669/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a school placement will be provided for a child (details supplied); and the reason his Department is of the view that existing schools can cope with the numbers in Kilkenny city in view of the evidence indicating that there is a long waiting list for each secondary school. — John McGuinness. [21670/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a school place will be provided in schools for a child (details supplied); and the action his Department is taking to resolve the waiting lists in Kilkenny city for those wishing to attend secondary school in the city. — John McGuinness. [21671/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children registered on CCSP including the universal scheme in 2019 to 2020 that were then registered on ECCE for 2020 to 2021 and were not on a scheme from 16 August 2020 to 24 August 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [21678/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the average time to award a CHICK for a targeted subsidy in that month; the longest time to award a CHICK; the number of awards that took more than one week to process; and the number of those delayed awards that were service providers that paid the full amount due, that is, paid from the date the child started in their service. — Kathleen Funchion. [21679/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on crèches inserting a clause in their terms and conditions stating that full fees are applicable for all closures

due to exceptional circumstances beyond their control in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21746/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if guidance or advice has issued to childcare providers in respect of afterschool services for childminding in cases in which the childcare provider collects children from schools and looks after them until they are collected by parents or guardians after work. — Seán Haughey. [21781/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to address the shortfall of social workers in the north Dublin area; and if social workers will be reallocated to reduce the high number of children awaiting the allocation of social workers. — Denise Mitchell. [21844/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of the 127 unborn children placed on the child protection notification system of Tusla over the past eighteen months by county; and the reason the children were placed on the system. — Peadar Tóibín. [21939/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if correspondence from Gaisce in relation to the case of a person (details supplied) has been given consideration. — John McGuinness. [21954/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the funding options open to childcare facilities for the purchase of a vehicle as part of after-school services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22117/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the amount of expenditure provided to the childcare sector as part of the TWSCS from 6 April 2020 to 29 June 2020. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22290/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the amount provided to early years and school-age childcare settings through schemes such as ECCE, TEC and so on and as part of the national childcare scheme by month from January 2020 to April 2020. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22291/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22474/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when the strategic review of domestic violence accommodation will be finalised. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22510/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22522/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to cases such as a case (details supplied) in which parents were unable to apply for the NCS subsidy before the end of August 2020 deadline due to the change in procedure requiring parents rather than childcare service application and an inability to access a CHICK number without

a public services card; the number of children affected; if he will consider extending the deadline to accommodate late applicants in view of the reduced availability of MyGovID card services due to the global pandemic and the difficulties in accessing clear information on how to access a CHICK number. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22556/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of reports of children at risk received in each of the past twelve months to date; the extent to which it was possible to deploy the necessary assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22664/20]

*828. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the extent to which, notwithstanding the Covid-19 crisis, a rapid response is available for children at risk or in distress with a view to ensuring a comprehensive and seamless programme to address the issues arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22665/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the extent to which he remains satisfied that adequate counselling, support and rescue services remain available through his Department to meet the requirements of at-risk children notwithstanding the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22666/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the extent to which he is satisfied regarding the availability of sufficient resources for his Department to meet challenges likely in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22668/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the progress to date in the establishment of a new service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22676/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22785/20]

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

*833. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if assistance will be provided in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21196/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the basis by which LMETB has agreed to use county council premises; if same has been approved by her Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [21216/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of recruiting an additional psychologist for institutes of higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21409/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the five-year waiting period will be waived or reduced in order for SUSI grants to be allowed for those that did not complete studies in previous years. — Sean Sherlock. [21601/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the holiday threshold allowance for students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21874/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the venues used by community education providers that deliver courses and training, for example, community employment schemes can be regarded as education facilities in order that numbers in the classroom can be over six persons; and the maximum number of persons which some of the local community venues utilised to deliver the courses are insisting on being complied with. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21880/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a protected disclosure (details supplied) given to his predecessor in May 2017; and if a series of matters in relation to the disclosure will be addressed. — John McGuinness. [22020/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the campaign of an organisation (details supplied) for a reduction in school fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [22100/20]

*841. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the necessary regulation for adult learners in adult education settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22236/20]

*842. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place for students relying on grades received in previous years to access college courses in 2020 in view of the fact that access points for many CAO courses are likely to rise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [22301/20]

*843. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter raised by a person (details supplied) in correspondence in relation to the leaving certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22439/20]

*844. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he will take to ensure a level playing field for the estimated 20,000 entering third-level education in 2020 based on the leaving certificate results of 2018 and 2019 in the event the 2020 estimated grades over the whole cohort of students are higher than previous years' results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22620/20]

*845. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of expanding eligibility for mature independents maintenance grants to include all mature applicants that have been forced to live with their parents for financial reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22674/20]

*846. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to offer a concession in respect of third-level fees in view of the Covid-19 pandemic in which many third-level students will not be physically attending third-level Institutions as much as in previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [22678/20]

*847. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the Grand Canal Innovation District; the status of the project; if he has had engagements

with Trinity College Dublin with regard to the status of the district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [21301/20]

*848. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the location in which his Department will be situated; his functions; the budget of his Department in tabular form; the areas his Department covers; his policy responsibilities as Minister; and the delegated functions of the Minister of State in his Department. — Sean Sherlock. [21732/20]

*849. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the qualifying criteria for technology assistance for students. — Sean Sherlock. [21733/20]

*850. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the local training initiatives in operation in 2019 and 2020; the location and number of participants in each; his views on further developing the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [21734/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if guidance will be provided on when the new academic year will commence for colleges and universities in view of the delay of the leaving certificate results. — Holly Cairns. [21736/20]

*852. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a €500 reduction to the student contribution charge to ease the financial pressure caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. — Holly Cairns. [21737/20]

*853. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a document (details supplied) published by a group; and his views on the budgetary requests contained in same. — Holly Cairns. [21738/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the 35,000 further and higher education places announced in the July stimulus package; the estimated cost of each place; the breakdown of the number of places between further and higher education; when the first additional new place will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21739/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the role his Department will play in terms of direct research funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21740/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Cassells report has been sent to the European Commission for review; when he expects the Commission to respond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21741/20]

*857. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which Ireland's commitment to the sustainable development goals will be reflected in the Strategy and Work Plan 2020-2025 of his Department; the way in which progress towards achieving the goals will be monitored and reported annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [21742/20]

*858. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost of each student enrolled as an undergraduate full-time, part-time, remote and FETAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21744/20]

*859. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the procedures in place for a pipe fitter and welder to obtain recognition of prior learning. — Sorca Clarke. [21745/20]

*860. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the English language education sector is a major employer and worth as much to the economy as the university sector; if a ring-fenced fund will be made available to the sector in view of the fact that universities received €100 million in assistance funding; when same will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21747/20]

*861. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether the recently announced reduction in the wage subsidy scheme will put English language education providers in further difficulty. — John Lahart. [21748/20]

*862. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of nurses that graduated in each of the years 2017 to 2019; the institutions from which they graduated; the number that entered jobs in the public health service in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21750/20]

*863. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a response will issue to matters raised in a media article (details supplied); the status of the promised €2 million directed in 2019 to mental health and well-being services in the higher education sector; the way in which the funding is drawn down; the amount that has been allocated; and the colleges that have received the funding. — Mark Ward. [21751/20]

*864. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of overseas students that have enrolled in Irish universities for the Autumn term; the provisions in place to ensure that students coming from abroad adhere to the two-week self-isolation period; the person or body responsible for overseeing these provisions and monitoring students' compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21787/20]

*865. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of student accommodation across Ireland which would be considered a congregated setting according to the definition in which ten or more persons are accommodated in a single living unit or in which persons are placed in accommodation that is campus-based; the number of students housed in each setting; the control measures in place to prevent a spread of Covid-19 in these settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21788/20]

*866. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated number of emails his Department received concerning students that had issues with their SUSI grant application and grant refusal. — Peadar Tóibín. [21935/20]

*867. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the qualifying criteria that applies to students and the definition of disadvantage being used further to the announcement of a €15 million fund to help disadvantaged students with the cost of information technology equipment. — Róisín Shortall. [21971/20]

*868. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the process for the way in which students in specialist training provision in the further education and training sector can access and apply for the fund further to the announcement of a €15 million fund to help disadvantaged students with the cost of information technology equipment; if he will further set out the process through which this funding is being distributed to universities, colleges and specialist training providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21972/20]

*869. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if VTOS payments will continue past the initial extension date of August 2020 due to uncertainty in relation to the date on which students will return to college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [21996/20]

*870. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of plans to progress university status in the north-west; his further plans to continue the momentum in relation to cross-Border collaboration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22107/20]

*871. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if third-level colleges and institutions are furnishing students with timetables to allow them to plan for their accommodation needs for the upcoming college term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22116/20]

*872. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many students will not receive the maintenance grant until 9 October 2020 at the earliest; the way in which these students will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22258/20]

*873. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22482/20]

*874. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22530/20]

*875. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provisions in place for those with learning difficulties if all 3rd level education is to be online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22558/20]

*876. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost in 2020 if the student contribution charge was reduced by €100, €200, €500, €1000 and €3000, respectively. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22616/20]

*877. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22783/20]

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

*878. To ask the Minister for Justice the date it was decided to assign Garda drivers and a Garda car to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. — Alan Kelly. [19681/20]

*879. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost across whole-of-Government of implementing in full the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the cost including the Optional Protocol. — David Cullinane. [21122/20]

*880. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she has taken to resolve the issues which gave rise to hunger strikes at a direct provision centre (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [21234/20]

*881. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Optional Protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be ratified. — Marian Harkin. [21253/20]

*882. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) wishing to work beyond 65 years of age will be allowed to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21273/20]

*883. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of implementing the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21394/20]

*884. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of providing and recruiting an additional psychologist to a prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21413/20]

*885. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration will be given to amending section 14 of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 in order that one dominant owner of units within a development does not secure complete control of the management company to the detriment of the interests of other owners. — Jim O'Callaghan. [21507/20]

*886. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the increase in pet thefts in recent months; the way in which she plans to address pet theft; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21784/20]

*887. To ask the Minister for Justice when funding will be put in place to confirm the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the timeline for compliance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22032/20]

*888. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will introduce a fair complaint procedure as an interim measure for persons living in direct provision in advance of phasing out the system; and her plans to introduce short-term changes to the system in view of the fact that Covid-19 has elevated the problems. — Catherine Murphy. [22059/20]

*889. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to support parents in County Wexford that may have to take time off work with a child who is ill with Covid-19 or had to self-isolate due to close contact with a confirmed case; the way in which she plans to ensure that parents do not have to take unpaid leave to take care of their children in these scenarios; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [22446/20]

*890. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which renewed efforts are being made to facilitate integration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22660/20]

*891. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and location of integration projects in operation nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22661/20]

*892. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which she expects to address issues arising from the Covid-19 crisis through equality measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22669/20]

*893. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21116/20]

*894. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to regularise the status of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21118/20]

*895. To ask the Minister for Justice if all outstanding direct provision centre inspection reports will be published on the website of her Department; if her attention has been drawn to instances in which reports dating back to 2018 remain unpublished; and the reason for same. — Catherine Murphy. [21125/20]

*896. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons in direct provision; the number of households in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21171/20]

*897. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated additional cost of providing legal aid to victims of domestic and sexual violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21172/20]

*898. To ask the Minister for Justice if a gratuity payment to a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [21223/20]

*899. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a matter in relation to the practice of management companies of multi-unit developments charging significant fees to individual owners of units (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [21233/20]

*900. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address the increased dangers arising from cross Border travel to public houses in Northern Ireland. — Niamh Smyth. [21264/20]

*901. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fines issued for the non-wearing of masks on public transport. — John Lahart. [21284/20]

*902. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the refusal of an application by investors (details supplied) under the Immigrant Investor Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [21320/20]

*903. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21374/20]

*904. To ask the Minister for Justice the policy in relation to the prevention of the online sale of psychoactive substances in cases in which it is clear from customer comments on the website that the substance is being acquired for human consumption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21425/20]

*905. To ask the Minister for Justice the length of time it takes for suspected drugs seized by An Garda Síochána to be analysed at Forensic Science Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [21448/20]

*906. To ask the Minister for Justice the legislation that prohibits the sale of alcohol online; the way in which legislation could be extended to prohibit the sale of psychoactive substances online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [21455/20]

*907. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the increase in dog theft nationwide; and the steps being taken to address the issue. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21492/20]

*908. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 297 of 16 October 2018, if issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21514/20]

*909. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on whether it is appropriate for a prison (details supplied) to investigate an incident of complaint in cases in which an investigation has been conducted and a decision has already been provided by the Irish Prison Service. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21524/20]

*910. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 640 of 7 July 2020, the timeline for the commencement of virtual citizenship ceremonies in view of the recent completion of a successful trial of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [21558/20]

*911. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to amend the Larceny Act 1916 or other relevant legislation to criminalise the theft of animals; and the measures to be put in place to tackle animal theft. — Patrick Costello. [21559/20]

*912. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to increase penalties and sanctions for those convicted of dog theft; if she will request an update from the Garda Commissioner on steps being taken to tackle the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21572/20]

*913. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of juvenile antisocial behaviour orders issued in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 under Part 13 of the Criminal Justice Act 2010. — John McGuinness. [21580/20]

*914. To ask the Minister for Justice if an organisation (details supplied) will be advised and assisted in relation to Garda vetting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21582/20]

*915. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for the Legal Aid Board in Finglas, Dublin 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [21596/20]

*916. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the findings in the recent Public Service Performance report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21602/20]

*917. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the deadline for the implementation of the EU fifth Anti-Money Laundering Directive was 10 January 2020; her plans to transpose the directive into law here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21603/20]

*918. To ask the Minister for Justice if the terms of reference for the review of Part 4 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017 include the effect of increasing penalties and enforcement of the offence of brothel keeping from section 11 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 1993 (as amended); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21604/20]

*919. To ask the Minister for Justice if external bodies or companies have been engaged with regard to the social media evaluation reports being prepared by the transparency unit of her Department; the amounts paid in consultancy or training fees in relation to the activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21605/20]

*920. To ask the Minister for Justice if the data protection implications of the social media evaluation reports being prepared by the transparency unit of her Department have been evaluated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21606/20]

*921. To ask the Minister for Justice the preparatory work been carried out by her Department in relation to the national standards for accommodation offered to persons in the protection process; the preliminary assessments of centres that have been carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21607/20]

*922. To ask the Minister for Justice if the national standards on accommodation offered to persons in the protection process apply to existing provider contracts made before January 2021; and if not, if they will be a legal requirement only for new or renewed contracts after that time. — Pa Daly. [21608/20]

*923. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to prevent and detect the importation and sale of illegal fireworks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [21614/20]

*924. To ask the Minister for Justice if provisions have been or are being made to provide PPE for persons in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21618/20]

*925. To ask the Minister for Justice when correspondence will issue to a person (detail supplied) in regard to their refugee declaration in view of the fact that they were granted refugee status by the Appeals Tribunal on 11 November 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [21629/20]

*926. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the programme that would allow undocumented migrants to apply to regularise their status; her plans to roll out same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [21630/20]

*927. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to regularise undocumented persons living here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21642/20]

*928. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of dogs and cats reported stolen in each of the past six months and the corresponding figures for the same months in 2019, in tabular form; the penalties for stealing pets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21785/20]

*929. To ask the Minister for Justice if a review will be undertaken of the decision to affirm deportation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21801/20]

*930. To ask the Minister for Justice the timescale for granting of probate or administration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21808/20]

*931. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21818/20]

*932. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21822/20]

*933. To ask the Minister for Justice if a deportation order in respect of a person (details supplied) will be cancelled in order to allow them to remain here on humanitarian grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21838/20]

*934. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to visas for the spouses of students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21839/20]

*935. To ask the Minister for Justice if the immigrant investor programme is being reviewed; if so, when an update is expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21883/20]

*936. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a mechanism by which organisations can make themselves visible to potential investors under the immigrant investor scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [21884/20]

*937. To ask the Minister for Justice when the fitness test and medical examination will be scheduled for applicants to An Garda Síochána that were due to be called in spring 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21957/20]

*938. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application will conclude; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21959/20]

*939. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in respect of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21961/20]

*940. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed in Clondalkin, Lucan, Ronanstown and Rathcoole stations in August in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the opening times of each station for these years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21967/20]

*941. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on recently released Central Statistics Office national figures that revealed that Rathcoole, County Dublin had the fourth highest increase in crime; the plans in place to open Rathcoole Garda station on a full-time basis; and the youth diversion projects available in Rathcoole. — Mark Ward. [21968/20]

*942. To ask the Minister for Justice the existing reform projects taking place within An Garda Síochána which were decided to be inconsistent with the recommendations on the Future of Policing in Ireland report; if these projects have been halted as per page two of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21989/20]

*943. To ask the Minister for Justice the existing reform projects taking place within An Garda Síochána which were decided to be consistent with the recommendations on the Future of Policing in Ireland report; if these projects have been halted as per page two of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [21990/20]

*944. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances in which more than one Garda vetting application was made for the same person within a six-month period in 2019; and the number of instances in which these applications resulted in the disclosure of a conviction. — Pa Daly. [21991/20]

*945. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 was drafted in full by her officials; if submissions were received by her Department or those that drafted the Act from outside sources in relation to the Act; if so, the details of same; if she or the drafters met with the interested parties to discuss the content of the Act; if so, the nature and content of the meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21994/20]

*946. To ask the Minister for Justice the information regarding the EU Commissioner that was brought to her attention by the Garda Commissioner pursuant to section 41 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005; and when the information was provided. — Jim O'Callaghan. [22008/20]

*947. To ask the Minister for Justice when the courthouse in Wicklow town (details supplied) will reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22069/20]

*948. To ask the Minister for Justice if the necessary changes will be put in place in order to reduce the waiting time for appointments at Anglesea Street Garda Station, Cork in respect of the renewal of visas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22105/20]

*949. To ask the Minister for Justice if an automatic extension of immigration residence permits for at least a further two months will be provided due to the backlog in dealing with the renewal of applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22106/20]

*950. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for a direct provision centre (details supplied) following the transfer of the final resident later in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22112/20]

*951. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the consideration of the report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice and Equality entitled Report on Reform of the Family Law System. — Niamh Smyth. [22135/20]

*952. To ask the Minister for Justice the rules governing the transfer of a prisoner to an open prison; and the percentage of a sentence a prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for transfer to an open prison. — Jim O'Callaghan. [22138/20]

*953. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda vetting applications that revealed a new conviction in circumstances in which two or more applications were made with respect to a single individual within 3 months, 6 months and a year, respectively. — Pa Daly. [22252/20]

*954. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application for probate in relation to a person (details supplied) will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22260/20]

*955. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for establishments that are currently applying for dance hall licences and that are paying substantial fees to run dances when dances are not going ahead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22272/20]

*956. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to a case (details supplied) currently with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that the case is ongoing for four years; her views on whether four years is too long for a case to be ongoing; the steps she will take to expedite the hearing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22302/20]

*957. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the delays in the processing of visa applications by the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service which has resulted in the withholding of the passports of applicants by the service for prolonged periods of time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22389/20]

*958. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to reform the monitoring of sex offenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22453/20]

*959. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to tag sex offenders following their release from prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22454/20]

*960. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to her Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22485/20]

*961. To ask the Minister for Justice the average and longest waiting time in each probate office for applications by solicitors and personal applicants, respectively; the number of applications on hand in each office; the timeline for the eProbate project to go live in each office; the status of the project; if the Revenue Commissioners have been incorporated and gone live on eProbate; the status of the implementation of each recommendation in the report of the probate services review group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22491/20]

*962. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in her Department appointed and or recruited and or in an

acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22533/20]

*963. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will introduce additional measures including new legislation to combat the rise in dog thefts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22551/20]

*964. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners that accessed community prison link services in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, by prison and gender in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22621/20]

*965. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider the issues, pertaining to her Department raised by an association (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22624/20]

*966. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost to implement video calls between prisoners and the prison link service on an on-going basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22671/20]

*967. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda youth diversion programmes in each CHO; the number of young persons by gender and age cautioned by the Gardaí and linked in with a youth diversion programme in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22673/20]

*968. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application for Garda vetting submitted by a school teacher (details supplied) in County Galway will be processed in view of the urgent need for the processing of a Garda clearance in this case given the current frontline role teachers are playing in the re-opening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22687/20]

*969. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of special advisers that will be hired by her Department. — Alan Kelly. [22775/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*970. To ask the Minister for Health if the report from the National Treasury Management Agency on the number of treasury units in the HSE has been implemented (details supplied); if not, the reason; the plans in place to implement same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [21150/20]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health the testing regimes that are under consideration for airport arrivals here (details supplied); when testing will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [21221/20]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health if all primary school children are offered the ability to avail of State services such as dental surgeons and opticians regardless of the type of school they attend. — Eoghan Murphy. [21278/20]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health if additional ring-fenced funding of €20 million will be ensured in 2021 to initiate the ambition of the national cancer strategy to ensure more persons survive cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21302/20]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reintroducing the rehabilitative training allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21391/20]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding has been cut for a service (details supplied) resulting in some of those availing of the service being cut from five to two days; and the steps which will be taken to rectify the situation. — Cathal Crowe. [21835/20]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health if sufficient financial supports will be put in place for student nurses that are unable to work whilst on placement; if consideration will be given to increasing the financial supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22140/20]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the development of a national respite support scheme for children under six years of age living with a serious disability; and if not, if support will be provided to a foundation (details supplied) in order that it can expand its pilot programme. — Cormac Devlin. [22161/20]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health if the matter of allowing hotels to operate wedding functions later than 11:30 pm will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22162/20]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health if financial supports will be put in place for student nurses and midwives that are unable to work whilst on placement (details supplied); if he will consider increasing the financial supports offered to student nurses and midwives and other student healthcare workers in the longer term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22262/20]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Irish dancing lessons and similar cultural pursuits for young persons are restricted to five students maximum regardless of venue in view of the fact 50 persons can congregate in gyms and school classrooms of more than 30 students face no such restrictions; the action she plans to take to ensure the survival and success of Irish dancing through the Covid-19 pandemic. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22283/20]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a national plan to provide care for persons with disabilities; if his attention has been drawn to the number of parents in their 70's, 80's and 90's that are the primary caregiver to their children with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [22350/20]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the living conditions of a person (details supplied). — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22432/20]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he has identified disadvantages experienced by families with disabilities particularly impacted by Covid-19; the measures in place or being put in place to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22662/20]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he is engaged with addressing difficulties experienced by children with special needs and impacted by the Covid-19 crisis; if he anticipates specific new measures to correct imbalances likely to affect such children later; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22663/20]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health the measures put in place to improve the situation for children with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22667/20]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners that entered prison in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date 2020 under the Criminal Law insanity Act 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22672/20]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health the plans and timeline for the introduction of transport services for disability service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22638/20]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide additional residential facilities for adults with an intellectual or physical disability in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22330/20]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be implemented to reduce the waiting times in relation to assessment of needs in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22331/20]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health if he will institute an enquiry into the recent deaths at a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21089/20]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health if a dental surgery appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21107/20]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to providing a monetary bonus to healthcare workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [21108/20]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will have a medical procedure expedited in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21109/20]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reduction of prescription charges; and when charges will be reduced to €1. — Robert Troy. [21114/20]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential care beds added since the capacity review to date by year; the number of additional beds needed to reach the targets set by the review; the cost of each additional bed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21115/20]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planning and development of a community hospital in Ennis, County Clare to replace the existing St. Joseph's facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [21119/20]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health the future capital plans for a community hospital in Ennistymon, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [21120/20]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health if the concerns detailed in correspondence by a union (details supplied) in relation to medicine shortages will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21123/20]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the Covid-19 tracker app has been used to alert persons that they are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19; the number of additional cases detected as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [21124/20]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours offered in 2019 and to date in 2020; the estimated full-year number in 2020; the estimated cost of the measure; the number of persons waiting for homecare supports; the estimated cost of clearing the backlog; the ongoing cost of maintaining the service at this level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21127/20]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of introducing 24/7 mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21128/20]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of establishing and maintaining an implementation group for Sharing the Vision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21129/20]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reappointing a national director of mental health services in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21130/20]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of implementing the Plan for Effective Participation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21131/20]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of addressing inconsistencies of service in respite care provision of clearing waiting list backlogs and of delivering a consistent service nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21132/20]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of eliminating the deficits in section 39 organisations. — David Cullinane. [21133/20]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting and retaining one speech and language therapist; the number needed to adequately staff health services and to identify the areas of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21134/20]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting and retaining one occupational therapist; the number needed to adequately staff health services and to identify the areas of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21135/20]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting and retaining one physiotherapist; the number needed to adequately staff health services and to identify the areas of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21136/20]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting and retaining one psychologist; the number needed to adequately staff health services and to identify the areas of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21137/20]

- *1011. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing full medical cards to all persons with disabilities regardless of employed status or income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21138/20]
- *1012. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of fully delivering on Time to Move on from Congregated Settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21139/20]
- *1013. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports in the delay of the HSE homebirth services since March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21143/20]
- *1014. To ask the Minister for Health if the issues raised in correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding the fair deal care for older persons living in the community or in sheltered housing will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [21144/20]
- *1015. To ask the Minister for Health the projections for demand for winter 2020/2021; the plans being put in place to meet the demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21173/20]
- *1016. To ask the Minister for Health the likely additional demand for mental health services resulting from Covid-19 and the resultant lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21174/20]
- *1017. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for homecare packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21175/20]
- *1018. To ask the Minister for Health when the planned report on implementing automatic renewal of medical cards for the terminally ill will be published; the estimated cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21176/20]
- *1019. To ask the Minister for Health when the report on the difference in funding between private and public nursing homes due to be published in 2019 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21177/20]
- *1020. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to of extending the remit of the Public Services Ombudsman to cover all nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [21178/20]
- *1021. To ask the Minister for Health if the flu vaccine will be made available to all school going children free of charge; if so, if it will be made available before they return to school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [21188/20]
- *1022. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21190/20]
- *1023. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person can expect an admission date to the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [21197/20]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the private ambulance tender for the HSE framework; if there will be a new tendering process to allow private ambulances service providers currently outside of the HSE framework to apply; if so, when the tendering process will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [21201/20]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE continues to refuse to pay Dublin City Council for the provision of the Ambulance Service in Swords, County Dublin which stands at €12 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21207/20]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be issued with an appointment for an assessment with the ASD services in counties Galway and Roscommon; the reason for the delay in issuing an appointment in view of the fact that they have been on the waiting list for a significant period of time and were due to be seen in July or August 2020; his plans to reduce the waiting times experienced by children and families waiting for ASD assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21209/20]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of a facility for a patient on a public waiting list transferred to a private clinic to receive surgery recuperation, for example, three to four physiotherapies that they will receive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21230/20]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to close Cara House on Redemption Road, Cork city will be reviewed in view that there are significant shortages of respite care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21238/20]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health the situation regarding pay for student nurses on work placement; the variations across placements or specialities; his plans in this regard; his further plans relating to pay for 4th year supernumerary placements for the variety of nursing specialities commencing in September 2020; the measures that will be in place to financially support nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21239/20]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the list of conditions on the long-term illness scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [21244/20]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the HSE psychology staff resource allocation including basic grade and senior grade for each CAMHS and adult community mental health team across the North Lee, South Lee, north Cork and west Cork catchment areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21246/20]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health if he will promptly initiate a public enquiry into nursing homes in view of the evident failings in the system of care for older persons contained in the HIQA report entitled The impact of Covid-19 on nursing homes in Ireland of 21 July 2020 and in particular the findings regarding the way in which Covid-19 got into some homes but not others. — Paul Murphy. [21254/20]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the deaths to date due to Covid-19 in the HSE Crooksling and Tymon North nursing homes; the reason residents were moved from one facility to the other; if he will provide the communications with the families of residents; and if he will report on the relevant staffing issues. — Paul Murphy. [21255/20]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health when outpatient physiotherapy and podiatry services will resume at the Community Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles, County Tipperary in view of the fact the services are vital for older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21262/20]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the self-isolation procedure for residents of nursing homes after returning from hospital even if they have tested negative for Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [21266/20]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health the capital investment allocated to hospitals with the RCSI Hospital Group Beaumont Hospital, Cavan General Hospital, Connolly Hospital, Louth County Hospital, Monaghan Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and the Rotunda Hospital in tabular for the past 20 years; the year these investments were allocated; the details of the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21268/20]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the full resumption of BreastCheck and cervical smear tests for those in need; if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the cessation of the assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21271/20]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding waiting times and numbers attending adult outpatient clinics for type 1 and type 2 diabetes in University Hospital Galway. — Brian Leddin. [21279/20]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding waiting times and numbers attending adult outpatient clinics for type 1 and type 2 diabetes in University Hospital Limerick. — Brian Leddin. [21280/20]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult diabetes outpatient appointments being offered in University Hospital Limerick; and if telephone or video consultations are available. — Brian Leddin. [21281/20]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on implementing the recommendations of the National Survey of Diabetes Care Delivery in Acute Hospitals 2018 in University Hospital Limerick to provide dietitians and diabetes nurse specialists in the adult diabetes service in the hospital and to offer diabetes self-management education and insulin pump therapy to adults with type 1 diabetes in the mid-west region. — Brian Leddin. [21282/20]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators that will be used to measure the performance of general practitioner referrals and access to diagnostics in cancer services in phase 1, 2 and 3 of the Safe Return to Health Services plan of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21285/20]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators that will be used to measure the performance of rapid access clinics in cancer services in phase 1, 2, and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21286/20]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators that will be used to measure the performance of surgical oncology in phase 1, 2, and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21287/20]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators that will be used to measure the performance of medical oncology and haematology in phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21288/20]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators that will be used to measure the performance of radiation oncology in phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21289/20]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Health the key performance indicators that will be used to measure the performance of survivorship and psycho-oncology in cancer services in phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21290/20]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Health the expected activity for general practitioner referrals and access to diagnostics in cancer services during phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21291/20]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Health the expected activity for rapid access clinics in cancer services during phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21292/20]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Health the expected activity for surgical oncology during phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21293/20]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Health the expected activity for medical oncology and haematology during phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21294/20]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Health the expected activity for radiation oncology during phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21295/20]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Health the expected activity for survivorship and psycho-oncology in cancer services during phase 1, 2 and 3 of the A Safe Return to Health Services plan by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [21296/20]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding treatment for haemochromatosis patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21297/20]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health if appropriate diagnostic and treatment pathways will be made available to screening services upon resumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21303/20]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health if diagnostic, radiology and laboratory departments are allowed timely access to allow investigations for both hospital doctors and general practitioners in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21304/20]

- *1057. To ask the Minister for Health if private hospital capacity can be used to clear cancer diagnostic backlogs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21305/20]
- *1058. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community intervention teams in operation; the counties serviced and not serviced by such teams; the number and breakdown of staff on each team; the operational costs for each team; the budgeted hours and the hours provided by each team; the costs and staffing requirements involved in setting up a new team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21312/20]
- *1059. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit more nurse specialists nationwide for persons with Parkinson's disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [21313/20]
- *1060. To ask the Minister for Health if an independent inquiry will be established to investigate and furnish a report on all issues connected to the handling by the adult safeguarding and protection unit of CHO7 of the complaints of abuse of a person (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [21315/20]
- *1061. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent purchasing treatment through the National Treatment Purchase Fund in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of patients treated through the use of the fund by speciality in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [21323/20]
- *1062. To ask the Minister for Health the healthcare facilities which benefited from funding under the National Treatment Purchase Fund in each of the years 2017 to 2019 by amount, healthcare facility and company in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21324/20]
- *1063. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of delivering the psycho-oncology service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21325/20]
- *1064. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing annual spend on the psycho-oncology service by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21326/20]
- *1065. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of funding for psycho-oncology services by staffing and other associated costs, respectively; the number of whole-time equivalent posts working in the area by profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21327/20]
- *1066. To ask the Minister for Health the annual spend on community diagnostics; the level and range of community diagnostics available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21329/20]
- *1067. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering two free general practitioner visits to each person without a general practitioner card or medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21330/20]
- *1068. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing a full medical card to all patients suffering from cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21331/20]

- *1069. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of opening 500 acute beds in public hospitals by utilising existing space in acute hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21332/20]
- *1070. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the number of nurses by 1,000 taking account of retirements and staff departures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21333/20]
- *1071. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the number of midwives by 250 taking account of retirements and staff departures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21334/20]
- *1072. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of directly hiring 250 general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21335/20]
- *1073. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of abolishing hospital car parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21336/20]
- *1074. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing funding by 10% to BreastCheck and CervicalCheck; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21337/20]
- *1075. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting an additional obstetrician; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21338/20]
- *1076. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting an additional gynaecologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21339/20]
- *1077. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of repatriating CervicalCheck screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21340/20]
- *1078. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of hiring an additional dentist into the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21341/20]
- *1079. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering pay equalisation for hospital consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21342/20]
- *1080. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the trainee GP intake to 250 a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21343/20]
- *1081. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of an additional ambulance for each of the four HSE regions; the estimated cost of recruiting additional paramedics to staff them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21344/20]
- *1082. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing prescription charges by €1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21345/20]
- *1083. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the number of undergraduate nursing places by 250; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21346/20]

- *1084. To ask the Minister for Health the current and capital cost of a palliative care bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21347/20]
- *1085. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons diagnosed with diabetes by type and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21348/20]
- *1086. To ask the Minister for Health the annual healthcare spend on treating diabetes here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21349/20]
- *1087. To ask the Minister for Health the diabetes preventive strategies in place here; the annual cost of funding the strategies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21350/20]
- *1088. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent community diabetes nursing positions here by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21351/20]
- *1089. To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment process for hiring nurses; the average time the process takes to formal appointment stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21352/20]
- *1090. To ask the Minister for Health when the clinical advisory group into medical cards for the terminally ill will issue a final report; the number of times the group has met; his views on extending the medical card entitlement to terminally ill patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21353/20]
- *1091. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending a full medical card to all terminally ill patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21354/20]
- *1092. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending a full medical card to all cancer patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21355/20]
- *1093. To ask the Minister for Health the time frame for extending the medical card entitlement and general practitioner access for children under 13 years of age as provided for in the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21356/20]
- *1094. To ask the Minister for Health the time frame for increasing the income limits medical card assessments for persons over 70 years of age as provided for in the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21357/20]
- *1095. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the monthly medication costs are capped at €15 for a married couple and €10.50 for a single person. — Robert Troy. [21361/20]
- *1096. To ask the Minister for Health when a date for surgery will be issued to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21362/20]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that third year nurses that will commence their placement in September 2020 have been instructed not to work elsewhere despite not being paid in their nursing role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [21363/20]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Health if an exemption pass will be issued to those that are unable to wear a face covering on public transport and in shops due to a medical condition such as emphysema. — Brian Stanley. [21366/20]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Health if it is standard practice in cases in which a patient has an ultrasound carried out in advance of surgery that there would be no record of the date, time and professional that carried out the ultrasound on the report; and if it is also standard practice that there would be no imagery or test results made available to the patient or documented on the patient's clinical records. — Robert Troy. [21367/20]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which free general practitioner care will be extended to children under eight years of age as per Budget 2020; and if children that turn six years of age before the end of 2020 will be eligible for the extension. — Robert Troy. [21370/20]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of clearing the home support service waiting lists in their entirety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21376/20]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing an additional 1.5 million personal assistant hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21377/20]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting an additional clinical psychologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21378/20]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting an additional speech and language therapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21379/20]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting an additional occupational therapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21380/20]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting an additional physiotherapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21381/20]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional capacity an increase of €10 million in respite care services would provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21387/20]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overnight respite stays provided for each €1 million additional spend provided by his Department. — David Cullinane. [21388/20]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional volume of respite in the home provided for every €1 million additional spend provided by his Department by the number of hours and days provided and the number of beneficiaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21389/20]

- *1110. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of implementing the new mental health strategy Sharing the Vision over a five-year time frame; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21395/20]
- *1111. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing funding to the local drug and alcohol task forces by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21396/20]
- *1112. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional capacity or services a 10% increase in funding for Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces would provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21397/20]
- *1113. To ask the Minister for Health the health capital plans or proposals submitted to his Department and the HSE by acute hospitals and other health division's by proposal or plan; if the plan is committed or non-committed in relation to refunding by hospital and hospital group and other health sectors in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21398/20]
- *1114. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing funding to the Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21399/20]
- *1115. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional capacity or services a 10% increase in funding for regional drug and alcohol task forces would provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21418/20]
- *1116. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of an additional medical detoxification bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21402/20]
- *1117. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of an additional rehabilitation bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21403/20]
- *1118. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional capacity and services that will be delivered for each €1 million additional annual funding for the National Drugs Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21404/20]
- *1119. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional capacity and services will be delivered for every €1 million additional annual funding for the Healthy Ireland Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21405/20]
- *1120. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing universal access to counselling without charge on a general practitioner referral basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21406/20]
- *1121. To ask the Minister for Health the additional capacity needed to provide universal access to counselling without charge on a general practitioner referral basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21407/20]
- *1122. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full capital and current cost to achieve a 24/7 crisis intervention service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21408/20]

- *1123. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full capital and current cost of moving to a seven-day week outpatient model of child and adolescent mental healthcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21410/20]
- *1124. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a 10% increase in homeless mental healthcare services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21411/20]
- *1125. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of doubling the investment in site maintenance and upgrading approved mental health centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21412/20]
- *1126. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing funding to Jigsaw services by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21414/20]
- *1127. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing a medical card to all persons with disabilities regardless of employment or income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21416/20]
- *1128. To ask the Minister for Health the amount allocated and spent each year on implementing the time to move on from Congregated Settings A Strategy for Inclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21417/20]
- *1129. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the fund put in place to assist patients suffering from asbestos related cancer; and the way in which the fund can be availed of by such persons. — Robert Troy. [21419/20]
- *1130. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding home helps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21420/20]
- *1131. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his Department has failed to fund treatment for the hereditary blood disease amyloidosis in the form of patisiran or other relevant treatments which has been utilised as treatment for the disease by the NHS in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [21422/20]
- *1132. To ask the Minister for Health the definitive dates when the tender on the second cath lab at University Hospital Waterford will be awarded, contractors appointed and construction commenced; and when the existing cath lab refurbishment will be completed and cardiac services relocated back to University Hospital Waterford from UPMC Whitfield. — Patrick O'Donovan. [21426/20]
- *1133. To ask the Minister for Health if the number of vacant consultant posts are already provided for in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21429/20]
- *1134. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding orthodontic appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21430/20]
- *1135. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait times for gastrointestinal scopes on 1 January and 1 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21432/20]

- *1136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for gastrointestinal scopes on 1 January and 1 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21433/20]
- *1137. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address issues (details supplied) regarding a placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21435/20]
- *1138. To ask the Minister for Health if respite hours through the school age team will be allocated to a child (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21436/20]
- *1139. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for ADHD medication assessment will be expedited for a child (details supplied) through the school age team. — Robert Troy. [21437/20]
- *1140. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [21440/20]
- *1141. To ask the Minister for Health if Lyme disease will be recognised as a long-term illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [21441/20]
- *1142. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait for a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [21442/20]
- *1143. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the ongoing respite crisis and the closure of a centre (details supplied) which is having a profound effect on families in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the alternatives being provided; when the services will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21444/20]
- *1144. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will have to wait to receive a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [21447/20]
- *1145. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of implementing Sláintecare over the next 18 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21459/20]
- *1146. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish six new regional health areas; the timeline for the delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21460/20]
- *1147. To ask the Minister for Health if the details of the Phase One report of the Elective Hospital Oversight Group will be provided; if the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21461/20]
- *1148. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of clearing the deficit for all section 38 and 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21462/20]
- *1149. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing an additional 1,000 posts under the enhanced community care fund including therapists, nurses, other professionals and dementia advisers in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21463/20]

- *1150. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting an additional 40 dementia advisers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21465/20]
- *1151. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of developing a community healthcare network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21466/20]
- *1152. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing out of hours and rural general practitioner services by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21467/20]
- *1153. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to commence talks on a new contract for pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21468/20]
- *1154. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to introduce a statutory scheme to support persons to live in their own homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21469/20]
- *1155. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of introducing and delivering a statutory scheme to support persons to live in their own homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21470/20]
- *1156. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of a 10%, 20% and 25% increase in homecare hours; and the additional number of hours this would provide respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21471/20]
- *1157. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the eHealth budget by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21472/20]
- *1158. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deliver a carers guarantee of services; the estimated cost of such a plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21473/20]
- *1159. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending free general practitioner care to carers in receipt of the carer's support grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21474/20]
- *1160. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for legislating for a public only consultant's contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21475/20]
- *1161. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to establish a commission on care and supports for older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21476/20]
- *1162. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing funding by 10% to the communicable diseases control policy unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21477/20]
- *1163. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of developing a new national pandemic plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21478/20]

- *1164. To ask the Minister for Health the time frame for implementing the 33 recommendations from the Scally Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21479/20]
- *1165. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the 33 recommendations of the Scally Report not yet implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21480/20]
- *1166. To ask the Minister for Health when the two expert reference groups established following the Scally Report will publish their reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21481/20]
- *1167. To ask the Minister for Health the preparations the immunisation policy unit is making for a potential Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21482/20]
- *1168. To ask the Minister for Health the annual uptake level in percentage terms for the primary childhood immunisation programme in each of the years 2016 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21483/20]
- *1169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children vaccinated under the immunisation programme by children at 2, 4, 6, 12 and 13 months, respectively for the first seven months of 2019 and the first seven months of 2020 by vaccine type in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21484/20]
- *1170. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to commence Part 8 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21485/20]
- *1171. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to progress the Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21486/20]
- *1172. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated current and capital cost of increasing base capacity of critical care beds from 255 to 350; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21487/20]
- *1173. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of returning the throughput of cancer services to pre-Covid-19 levels by medical oncology, radiation oncology and surgery and by capital and current costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21488/20]
- *1174. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the income limits for medical card assessments for persons 70 years of age and over by increasing the income thresholds to €550 per week for a single person and €1050 for a couple; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21489/20]
- *1175. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of clearing the backlog for all those waiting for funding for new or additional home support under the home support service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21490/20]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the most recent projected workforce planning requirements to meet demand in cancer services by specialty; and the number of these posts that are filled in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [21494/20]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unfilled posts in cancer services nationally; the number which have been vacant for over six months by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21495/20]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of need will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21497/20]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Health his views regarding the changing of the status of naloxone hydrochloride from Schedule 1a to Schedule part 1 under the S.I. No. 540/2003; if the change of status has been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21498/20]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Health if the birthing pool in the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital is being removed; if so, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21500/20]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocation and description of expenditure for the clinical care programme on eating disorders in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the reason for underspends; the number of posts progressed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21501/20]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding rapid access clinics for cancer diagnoses; the planned expansions to the service; the estimated cost of an expansion to the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21503/20]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of a 10% increase in funding for rapid access clinics. — David Cullinane. [21504/20]

*1184. 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. [21506/20]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 745 of 8 May 2019, the position regarding new medication for the preventative treatment of chronic migraine (details supplied); the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21509/20]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a referral to child and adolescent mental health services. — Barry Cowen. [21510/20]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can receive the remainder of their treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [21511/20]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21513/20]

- *1189. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1306 of 16 October 2018, if issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21515/20]
- *1190. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 547 of 5 July 2020, if issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21516/20]
- *1191. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21517/20]
- *1192. To ask the Minister for Health the total mental health budget between 2007 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21554/20]
- *1193. To ask the Minister for Health if a facility (details supplied) has a consultant psychiatrist; the services available at the facility; the services available at the facility in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [21556/20]
- *1194. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that standard general practitioner care is being denied to home birthing women due to difficulties relating to insurance cover; his plans to rectify the denial of standard post-natal care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21557/20]
- *1195. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of maintaining access to the European health insurance card for citizens in Northern Ireland assuming coverage is otherwise lost as a result of Brexit. — David Cullinane. [21561/20]
- *1196. To ask the Minister for Health if the budgeted reduction of the monthly threshold for the drug payment scheme from €124 to €114 is to take place in 2020; if not, if it will be budgeted for 2021; if further reductions are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21562/20]
- *1197. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing the drug payment scheme threshold from €124 to €100 and from €114 to €100, respectively. — David Cullinane. [21563/20]
- *1198. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will receive a dental appointment; if an appointment will be scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21565/20]
- *1199. To ask the Minister for Health the status of medical cards for persons with a terminal illness; the estimated cost of providing medical cards for persons with a terminal illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21566/20]
- *1200. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of each of the expansions outlined in the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020, in tabular form; the timeline for commencement of each section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21567/20]
- *1201. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that third year nurses that will start their placement in September 2020 have been instructed not to work elsewhere

despite getting paid in their nursing role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [21571/20]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a hospital (details supplied) is retracting free parking for healthcare workers; if he will liaise with the HSE and local authorities to ensure that free parking will remain for the duration of the Covid-19 national public health emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21574/20]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21577/20]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug kalydeco will be made be available to patients for the treatment of cystic fibrosis in view of the fact the clinical trial for same has finished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [21578/20]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; the reason an appointment for diagnostic investigations was cancelled; and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [21586/20]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Health the CHO areas in which heart failure community integration teams are operating; the gaps that exist; the work carried out by the teams in each area; his plans to standardise same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21588/20]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Health the access general practitioners have to carry out BNP testing in each CHO area; the reason there is no national general practitioner access to the tests; his plans to develop the service; the estimated amount national general practitioner access to BNP testing would cost (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21589/20]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the number of heart failure nurses is sufficient to fully meet standards in relation to the treatment and management of heart failure in hospitals and in the community; if there is a deficit, the number of additional heart failure nurses required; the other staffing deficits that exist within heart failure services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21590/20]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to standardise referral pathways nationwide using existing IT infrastructure such as Healthlink to aid improved communication between the community and hospital services for heart failure; his views on whether heart failure virtual consultations between general practitioners and cardiologists are particularly useful in rural areas or areas geographically removed from heart failure units or those with multimorbidity; his plans to develop the services to deliver more effective and cost-effective care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21591/20]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure the successful resumption and maintenance of heart failure services with particular emphasis on developing such services in the community and providing greater integration between these and hospital services; if there will be no redeployment of staff working in acute cardiac and stroke services in view of the fact such patients are particularly susceptible to such disruption; the research taking place to establish the exact impact of disruption to services on excess deaths since the outbreak of Covid-19 here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [21592/20]

- *1211. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated initial cost and annual full-year revenue cost of resolving the two-tier consultant pay issue; the estimated cost of back payments which may arise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21593/20]
- *1212. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting a prolonged time for a procedure; the further amount of time they will be waiting for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [21594/20]
- *1213. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding the Patient Safety (Notifiable Patient Safety Incidents) Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21595/20]
- *1214. 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. [21600/20]
- *1215. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for a procedure; when they can expect to receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [21609/20]
- *1216. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a matter in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21611/20]
- *1217. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21613/20]
- *1218. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was on a waiting list for early intervention and did not receive treatment; and if he will arrange for an assessment of needs and the appropriate treatment. — Mark Ward. [21621/20]
- *1219. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21624/20]
- *1220. To ask the Minister for Health if an inspection will be arranged in relation to a primary medical certificate application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21626/20]
- *1221. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the medical card threshold for persons over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21638/20]
- *1222. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the return of community hospital services at a hospital (details supplied); the funding allocated to the hospital for the purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21639/20]
- *1223. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1327 of 30 July 2020, his views on the fact that almost 800 children are waiting over six months for a mental health appointment with CAMHS with particular emphasis on CHO4; the way in which waiting times will be reduced; and when waiting times for same will be reduced. — Mark Ward. [21644/20]
- *1224. To ask the Minister for Health if melatonin will be added to the list of medicines covered by the medical card. — Paul Murphy. [21645/20]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21646/20]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Health when publicly funded adjuvant immunotherapy specifically nivolumab and pembrolizumab will be available under the public healthcare system as laid out in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026. — Patrick Costello. [21648/20]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Health the pre-1995 general nurse pay scales and allowances in comparison to the post-1995 nurse pay scales and allowances for general nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21651/20]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Health when adult day services will resume at St. Raphael's, Celbridge, County Kildare in view of the fact that such supports are highly required; if the same level of hours assigned prior to Covid-19 will be maintained in view of the urgency of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21652/20]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Health when adult day services in County Kildare will resume in view of the fact that such supports are highly required; if the same level of hours assigned prior to Covid-19 will be maintained in view of the extreme urgency of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21653/20]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that can be taken to meet the health needs of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21654/20]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment will take place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21658/20]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Health if a hearing test will be arranged for a person (details supplied) with a view to providing hearing aids; and if an appointment will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [21672/20]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Health if an early date for an operation will be arranged at a private clinic for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [21673/20]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21680/20]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Health if there are provisions in place to allow older persons and persons in receipt of a pension to avail of free masks. — Mark Ward. [21682/20]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Health the requirements for the Irish Medical Council to recognise non-EU medical internships, that is, doctors living here that have obtained their medical qualifications from outside of the EU that are unable to receive further medical training despite currently practicing here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21684/20]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to medical card holders being refused treatment by dentists in view to the fact they have ceased working with the HSE due to disputes in relation to PPE; the entitlements and options of medical card holders in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21689/20]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Health if the transfer of a person (details supplied) to the National Rehabilitation Hospital at Dún Laoghaire will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [21694/20]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time it is taking to process and finalise applications under the fair deal nursing home support scheme; if an application by a person (details supplied) will be finalised in the near future; the reason for the delay in putting the application into payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21697/20]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to reverse the emergency measures guidelines introduced by his predecessor in relation to abortion services during Covid-19, which allows doctors prescribe the abortion pill without a prior physical examination in view of the assurances provided by his predecessor (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21709/20]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tests for Covid-19 carried out each week since 1 June 2020; the number of persons engaged in testing each week; the number that were positive each week; the average time each week between testing and the result being made known to the person tested; the steps taken to increase the number of tests being carried out and the speed by which results are known; if the HSE has examined different types of testing to detect the disease to ensure Ireland is using the most effective test system at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21718/20]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests sent abroad for analysis each week since 1 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21719/20]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for the Crossborder Community Paramedic project (details supplied) will continue beyond August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21725/20]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital and current cost of building elective only hospitals as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21727/20]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21728/20]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses that graduated in each of the years 2017 to 2019; the institutions from which they graduated; the number that entered jobs in the public health service in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21749/20]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that private hospitals are charging €275 for Covid-19 testing of private patients; and if so, if the charge will be continued in view of the fact that it is putting a further burden on patients attending hospital. — Brian Stanley. [21754/20]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Health if legislation to make the wearing of face coverings obligatory in retail outlets has commenced; if new regulations on the issue can be enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21778/20]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Health the longest and average waiting times for assessment of needs under the Disability Act 2005 by each CHO and by each LHO or alternative area sub-group; the number of cases in each of the past three years in each CHO in which the delay resulted in a non-compliance with the statutory limits set down in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21782/20]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Health the resources that will be invested into the expansion of the newborn screening programme in each of the next five years; the details of his plans to expand the programme and the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21789/20]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 205 of 4 May 2017, 777 of 6 September 2019, 501 of 5 November 2019 and 745 of 20 May 2020, the consideration given to the issue raised (details supplied); if this matter will be considered with greater urgency in view of the Covid-19 emergency and the fact that many in the vulnerable categories are affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21790/20]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a case (details supplied); and the protocols that exist within emergency services, call centres and the An Garda Síochána to act upon reports of a potential suicide. — Róisín Shortall. [21791/20]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Health when residential respite will recommence for persons with disabilities in County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [21795/20]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Health when urgently required appropriate treatment will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21799/20]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for cataract surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21800/20]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [21803/20]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Health if he has reviewed the announced procurement schedule for contract award for the building of a new cath lab for University Hospital Waterford; the reason for the OGP review lasting four months in the process in view of the fact that project was announced in September 2018; the reason the design specification to tender announcement has taken over two years; the reason no new impetus has been delivered to the process that can deliver an advanced contract award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [21810/20]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Health when the Budget 2020 over 70s medical card income thresholds will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21811/20]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed reductions in prescription charges for those with medical cards that were due to take place in July 2020 will be applied. — Joan Collins. [21812/20]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Health when appointments will be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [21813/20]

- *1261. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); his views on the importance of such services by way of support for members; if a special case will be made on their behalf; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21821/20]
- *1262. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that hold contracts for the dental treatment service scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [21827/20]
- *1263. To ask the Minister for Health when the commencement order will be issued to the HSE in order to give effect to the provisions of the legislation on the new thresholds for medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21834/20]
- *1264. To ask the Minister for Health if legislation will be introduced to ensure the new income eligibility guidelines to qualify for the medical card as announced in Budget 2020 are given legal effect; if funding is in place to finance the measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21837/20]
- *1265. To ask the Minister for Health when the commencement order will issue to the HSE to give effect to the provisions of the legislation on the new thresholds for medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21857/20]
- *1266. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21861/20]
- *1267. To ask the Minister for Health the implications of a recent High Court case (details supplied) on other persons that are similarly affected. — Marian Harkin. [21863/20]
- *1268. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the expert group which is examining alternative testing methods for Covid-19 including a less invasive nasal swab and a cheek saliva swab both of which could be of particular benefit to young children; if the introduction of new testing methods will have an impact on cost or testing capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21867/20]
- *1269. To ask the Minister for Health when the development of the mental health day hospital and disability centre at the Grove Hospital site in Tuam, County Galway will go 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. [21869/20]
- *1270. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the extension of the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21873/20]
- *1271. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter regarding the treatment of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21877/20]
- *1272. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalents by occupation and by directly employed and agency staff, respectively working in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21878/20]
- *1273. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of whole-time equivalent staff by occupation that would need to be hired to fully and safely staff the health service and to phase

out reliance on agency staff and directly employ all health service workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21879/20]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Health if the venues used by community education providers that deliver courses and training, for example, community employment schemes can be regarded as education facilities in order that numbers in the classroom can be over six persons; and the maximum number of persons which some of the local community venues utilised to deliver the courses are insisting on being complied with. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [21881/20]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to emergency dental cover in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21882/20]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is in possession of the files of Comhairle na nOspidéal regarding the federation of the County Hospital, Roscommon with Portiuncla Hospital, Galway; if so, if he will arrange access to the files for a person (details supplied); if the records are not held in his Department, the location the records are held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21887/20]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a knee operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21894/20]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the National Public Health Emergency Team to consider allowing local meetings of a group (details supplied) to take place in cases in which social distancing and other precautionary measures can be taken; if a proposal to allow such meetings to take place can be brought forward following advice from the public health officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [21929/20]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is cooperating with the investigation by An Garda Síochána into the death of a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [21937/20]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention was drawn to clusters of Covid-19 in Letterkenny, County Donegal in late August 2020 which was referred to by a local general practitioner (details supplied) on social media; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [21938/20]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Health his views on legal protections and exemptions for pharmaceutical corporations which will produce a Covid-19 vaccine, as highlighted by a newspaper (details supplied); his views on a no-fault, non-adversarial compensation system with a civil liability exemption; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21941/20]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [21948/20]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Health if appointments for a child (details supplied) will be expedited; the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21958/20]

- *1284. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to resume services at St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21984/20]
- *1285. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for staff relocated from St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [21985/20]
- *1286. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1330 of 30 July 2020, if the beds are at full capacity all year round; if not, the factors prohibiting them from being at full capacity; the breakdown by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [21987/20]
- *1287. To ask the Minister for Health when section 2 of the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020 which increases the income limit for the over-70s medical card will be commenced. — Paul Murphy. [21992/20]
- *1288. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug pembro will be provided for a person (details supplied); the process to achieve approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [21993/20]
- *1289. To ask the Minister for Health the reason advanced paramedics that are qualified and work in that capacity in the UK are not being recognised here by the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council and are being downgraded to paramedic status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [21999/20]
- *1290. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 745 of 8 May 2019, if the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics has completed its full health technology assessment of the new anti-calcitonin gene-related peptide used for the preventative treatment of chronic migraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22004/20]
- *1291. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the absence of paediatric palliative care in the south east; his plans to provide this service in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22005/20]
- *1292. To ask the Minister for Health the status of occupational therapy services (details supplied) for the Farranfore and Castleisland areas of County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22010/20]
- *1293. To ask the Minister for Health if a fast track process will be introduced as a matter of urgency to allow occupational therapists that trained in the UK that are applying for degree recognition here to do so in a short time in view of the fact that applications are taking in excess of seven months from the date of submission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [22014/20]
- *1294. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding limits on training classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22021/20]

- *1295. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to A Healthy Weight for Ireland 2016–2025 Obesity Policy and Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22022/20]
- *1296. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to A Healthy Weight for Ireland 2016–2025 Obesity Policy and Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22025/20]
- *1297. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22027/20]
- *1298. To ask the Minister for Health if plans are in place to regulate fertility treatment here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22028/20]
- *1299. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons from direct provision centres presenting at emergency departments with suicide attempts, self-harm injuries and or overdose by location in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22029/20]
- *1300. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homeless persons presenting at emergency departments with suicide attempts, self-harm injuries and or overdose by location in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22030/20]
- *1301. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 677 of 21 July 2020, if he will make available copies of the NPHEP document entitled Risk Register for each month since March 2020; and the reason for the delay in making these documents available. — Róisín Shortall. [22031/20]
- *1302. To ask the Minister for Health when surgery will take place again in University Hospital Kerry; when surgery will take place in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22035/20]
- *1303. To ask the Minister for Health the public health policy in relation to the testing of patients for Covid-19 prior to surgery; and if the same policy applies to public and private hospitals. — Paul Murphy. [22036/20]
- *1304. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a location (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [22044/20]
- *1305. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide information regarding PrEP and U=U in information campaigns on HIV prevention including television and billboard advertising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [22047/20]
- *1306. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending the clinic hours and range of services to facilitate greater access to appointments for those in work in relation to the HIV clinic at Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [22048/20]
- *1307. To ask the Minister for Health when PrEP and the necessary follow-up tests will be available free of charge in Cork city and the southern region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [22049/20]

- *1308. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE nurses that would prefer to return to work on a phased basis after having contracted Covid-19 due to fatigue and other after effects, are required to take hours less than full-time from their annual leave or unpaid leave; if a facility is in place to allow those that have been ill to return on a phased basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22053/20]
- *1309. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding social distancing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22055/20]
- *1310. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent each year throughout the work of the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis in developing the draft model of care. — Martin Browne. [22070/20]
- *1311. To ask the Minister for Health if a deadline has been set to appoint a clinical lead for the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis; and the reason that a replacement has not yet been appointed. — Martin Browne. [22071/20]
- *1312. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a number of appointments at community mental health services in Thurles, County Tipperary being cancelled or deferred on numerous occasions; if this is due to an insufficient number of staff being available to cover for those on leave; if this is due to an insufficient number of mental health staff in the county; his views on the effect the closure of the St. Michael's unit in Clonmel is having in this regard; his views on the repeated cancellation of appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22074/20]
- *1313. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the full commencement of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; the reason some sections are not enacted as of month end August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22081/20]
- *1314. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical device will be provided to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22085/20]
- *1315. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Limerick city does not have a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist; the length of time the positions have been vacant; the recruitment underway to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [22087/20]
- *1316. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take in response to the recent report into gynaecology services at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22101/20]
- *1317. To ask the Minister for Health when physiotherapy services will be available in Clifden, County Galway; the date for the service to resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22102/20]
- *1318. To ask the Minister for Health when physiotherapy services will be available in Clifden District Hospital, County Galway; the anticipated date for the service to resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22108/20]
- *1319. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to introduce medical cards for persons over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22109/20]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card application by a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Paul McAuliffe. [22114/20]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the waiting time for orthodontic services in HSE west is 3.5 to 4 years; his views on whether this is excessive and unacceptable; the steps he will take to alleviate the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22118/20]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the travel green list was not updated on 25 August 2020 in line with policy to include countries with the same or lower disease epidemiology to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22122/20]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22124/20]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on kidney dialysis in each hospital on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22126/20]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Health if the way in which restrictions on indoor gatherings are affecting a group (details supplied) and similar peer to peer rehabilitation groups will be examined; and if he will raise the matter with NPHE. — Pa Daly. [22130/20]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Health the turnaround time for Covid-19 testing within acute hospitals both nationally and within Kerry University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [22131/20]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health and civil service staff reassigned to track and trace duties both nationally and within County Kerry in tabular form; and the duties and Department that staff have been reassigned from. — Pa Daly. [22132/20]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Health the calls for voluntary requests in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic the HSE has made to medical staff within HSE facilities within County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [22133/20]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of medical and clinical staff in departments (details supplied) in University Hospital Kerry at registrar level or above by consultant, specialist registrar, senior registrar or registrar, respectively; and the number of staff on permanent contracts, long-term locum contracts or recently appointed locums, that is, less than six months. — Pa Daly. [22134/20]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria for a patient to be provided with the xolair injection (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [22144/20]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Health the occupational counselling available to front line staff that have had to deal with increased mortality rates during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22157/20]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22158/20]

- *1333. To ask the Minister for Health when the changes to the GMS scheme for persons over 70 years of age will become active; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22159/20]
- *1334. To ask the Minister for Health when the changes to the GMS scheme for children under 12 years of age will become active; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [22160/20]
- *1335. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed increase in the income limit for medical cards will commence. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22173/20]
- *1336. To ask the Minister for Health when a child psychiatrist will be allocated to Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [22176/20]
- *1337. To ask the Minister for Health the regulation for holding an Irish dance lesson; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22179/20]
- *1338. To ask the Minister for Health the transport services and subsidies available to persons that have various ailments and have to travel to different medical appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [22183/20]
- *1339. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that student midwives are being advised not to be employed in part-time work alongside their placement to prevent cross contamination and do not have income to pay for travel to placements which are often in other counties; his plans to introduce supports for those on placements; if rapid testing will be made available to student midwives; if this same will be provided to them at no extra cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22186/20]
- *1340. To ask the Minister for Health when the assisted human reproduction Bill 2019 will return to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [22203/20]
- *1341. To ask the Minister for Health the reason patients are being requested to pay for Covid-19 tests; and the measures that have been undertaken with health insurance companies in relation to the charge. — Sean Sherlock. [22220/20]
- *1342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff needed per week for Covid-19 testing and for contact tracing, respectively in order to reach a full testing capacity of 100,000 per week; the permanent staffing level for Covid-19 testing and for contact tracing, respectively; the details of recruitment plans for staff in testing and tracing separately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22253/20]
- *1343. To ask the Minister for Health if an early date for a cataract operation will be provided for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [22257/20]
- *1344. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the report by HIQA on the impact of wearing face masks and the recommended need to complete more quality research on their impact; and if he will consider discussing this issue at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Covid-19 Response with the Acting Chief Medical Officer and the NPHET. — Joe O’Brien. [22263/20]

- *1345. To ask the Minister for Health when the expert report on the impact of Covid-19 and the responses by health officials on nursing homes will be released to the public and debated by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Covid-19 Response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [22264/20]
- *1346. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22270/20]
- *1347. To ask the Minister for Health the status of CervicalCheck; if smear tests completed by general practitioners are being processed and results returned within four weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22275/20]
- *1348. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for their procedure; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22276/20]
- *1349. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.793 of 7 July 2020, the number of first initial consultations for termination of pregnancy services that were provided by general practitioners, family planning clinics and women's health clinics in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22277/20]
- *1350. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.793 of 7 July 2020, the number of termination of pregnancies provided by each general practitioner in a community setting, family planning clinics and women's health clinics, respectively in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22278/20]
- *1351. To ask the Minister for Health when section 4 of the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020 is to be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [22288/20]
- *1352. To ask the Minister for Health when the threshold will be increased from €900 to €1,050 for persons applying for a medical card that are over 70 years of age. — Duncan Smith. [22292/20]
- *1353. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available to assist families in County Limerick (details supplied) that have adult children with special needs in day care facilities that have been informed they can only attend the day care centre every second week due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Kieran O'Donnell. [22293/20]
- *1354. To ask the Minister for Health his views in relation to the health impact arising from fuel poverty here; his further views on the need for greater investment to prevent fuel poverty and the corresponding health consequences for persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22308/20]
- *1355. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to answer questions on the Covid-19 health restrictions in place; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the phone voice message of his Department indicates that the Minister's office cannot be reached at this time (details supplied); the number or email to which clarifying questions should be directed for a timely reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [22352/20]

- *1356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been provided with a code to share random identifications for the Covid-19 tracker app; the number that proceeded to activate the code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22397/20]
- *1357. To ask the Minister for Health the annual number of individual claims from each state covered by the European health insurance card in respect of E111s issued by the HSE over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22398/20]
- *1358. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual amount reimbursed to each member state in respect of claims under the European health insurance card scheme over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22399/20]
- *1359. To ask the Minister for Health the amounts that have been recovered for treatment administered by the HSE under the European health insurance card scheme over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22400/20]
- *1360. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE operates a verification process in respect of claims from other states under the European health insurance card scheme. — Patricia Ryan. [22401/20]
- *1361. To ask the Minister for Health the associated annual costs of administrating the European health insurance card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22402/20]
- *1362. To ask the Minister for Health the liability of medical card holders to pay for blood tests carried out at their general practitioners; if the HSE will refund patients that may have been charged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22403/20]
- *1363. To ask the Minister for Health when the winter plan for the health service will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22404/20]
- *1364. To ask the Minister for Health if a less invasive Covid-19 test will be provided for children under 12 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22405/20]
- *1365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff midwives working at the Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise; the number of staff midwives on long-term sick leave; the number of staff midwives that have left the hospital over the past two years; the number of staff midwives recruited in the hospital in the same time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22410/20]
- *1366. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Meath will receive a surgery appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22422/20]
- *1367. To ask the Minister for Health his views on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [22440/20]
- *1368. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and the timeline for the plans to deal with the delays in assessing children for autism spectrum disorder by the HSE in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [22450/20]

- *1369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting more than 3, 6 and 12 months respectively in tabular form for an assessment for autism spectrum disorder in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [22451/20]
- *1370. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand neuropsychology services for the CHO5 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [22452/20]
- *1371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for the resilience fund from charities operating within the community and charitable sector; and the number of applications processed by the HSE. — Mairéad Farrell. [22456/20]
- *1372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that applied for Ireland's call; and the number that were offered full-time positions versus agency positions in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [22457/20]
- *1373. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to build extra capacity for those that applied for Ireland's call. — Mairéad Farrell. [22458/20]
- *1374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of non-Irish full-time staff that have left since the onset of Covid-19; and the number that were replaced with agency staff. — Mairéad Farrell. [22459/20]
- *1375. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available for trachi-vented children; if rehabilitation care is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [22464/20]
- *1376. To ask the Minister for Health if a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to student nurse placements will be reviewed; if the issues outlined will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22468/20]
- *1377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22483/20]
- *1378. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline of the review of the epidemiology of tuberculosis here considering the public health impact of having no BCG vaccination since April 2015; when this review will be complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [22492/20]
- *1379. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the withdrawal of the widely used ozempic weight control medication from the drugs payment scheme; if the decision can be overturned, and if not, the alternatives for persons that cannot afford the monthly cost and are not applicable for medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22493/20]
- *1380. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the report on the management of Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 cases at Mayo University that was produced between June and July, 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22497/20]
- *1381. To ask the Minister for Health when a diabetic nurse will be appointed to Mullingar General Hospital (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [22498/20]

- *1382. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will issue to the parents of a child (details supplied) who is availing of early intervention services in County Galway; the reason for the delay in issuing an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22499/20]
- *1383. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter in relation to abortion (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22504/20]
- *1384. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking independently or in collaboration with other countries to develop a vaccine to combat the Covid-19 virus; if a vaccine will be administered to all persons when available without cost and through the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [22505/20]
- *1385. To ask the Minister for Health the regulations that apply in respect of opticians and optometrists in the interpretation of section 31A Temporary Restrictions (COVID-19) (Face Coverings in Certain Premises and Business) Regulations 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [22511/20]
- *1386. To ask the Minister for Health the incidences of MRSA in hospitals for 2019 and to date in 2020 since the outbreak of Covid-19. — John Lahart. [22515/20]
- *1387. To ask the Minister for Health if organised sports training within indoor facilities can do so in multiple pods of six; if there is a limit of six on the total number of attendees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [22517/20]
- *1388. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22531/20]
- *1389. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [22541/20]
- *1390. To ask the Minister for Health if dance classes and performing arts activities can take place in community centres in cases in which children can operate in classes in pods of six or more in circumstances in which they are socially distanced and the pods are at least three meters apart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22545/20]
- *1391. To ask the Minister for Health if updated guidelines will be issued for frontline workers that are deemed very high risk to facilitate their return to work in view of the economic impact of their continued isolation. — Thomas Gould. [22549/20]
- *1392. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to request further information will be reviewed view of the very difficult circumstances in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [22553/20]
- *1393. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place for staff that are pregnant and cannot return to work due to having to use excessive sanitisers and disinfectants.; if a Covid-19 payment will be introduced to cover loss of earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22560/20]

*1394. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to increase the number of base adult critical care beds within the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22561/20]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there was an increase of just 19 adult critical care beds within the public health system from March 2020 to 20 August 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22562/20]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Health if the critical care capacity within the public health system is sufficient to admit up to 15 per cent of hospitalised cases to critical care as recommended by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) guidance 25/3/2020; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the same EDC guidance has identified Ireland as being at an extremely high risk of saturation of its baseline intensive care unit capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22563/20]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Health when a statutory instrument will be issued under the Health Services (Drug Payment Scheme) Regulations 2017 to give effect to the planned reduction of the drugs payment scheme threshold to €114; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [22566/20]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Health when section 2 of the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020 is to be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [22567/20]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to changes to the medicinal products regulations or other regulations to ensure efficient distribution of the flu vaccine and a potential Covid-19 vaccine similar to regulations being considered in the UK (details supplied); and the details of changes being considered. — John Lahart. [22615/20]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Health when the three national cancer screening programmes will be up and running to full capacity (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [22617/20]

*1401. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests being carried out on a daily basis by county in the weeks ending 23 and 30 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22682/20]

*1402. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests each facility carried out on a daily basis by county in the weeks ending 23 and 30 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [22683/20]

*1403. 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. [22684/20]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the way in which accident and emergency units are unsuitable for the presentation of persons in a mental health crisis situation; his views on the need for mental health crisis presentation areas in each hospital that would be separate to the general accident and emergency area; the progress being made on a proposal for a crisis room at the accident and emergency department of South Tipperary General Hospital; his plans to investigate the roll-out of separate mental health waiting areas in each acute hospital nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22688/20]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to instances in which persons with mental health issues can discharge themselves in an unobserved and unaccompanied manner; if his attention has been further drawn the dangers this can present to the persons concerned; his views on whether this is an issue that needs to be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22689/20]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Health his views on children with ASD being sent to mainstream schools that are not suited for their needs and demands; the process that parents must engage in to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22690/20]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Health if he will the review the advice on spectators attending sporting events with a view to revising the permitted number upwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22698/20]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the backlog in the number of persons awaiting a needs assessment for more than 12 months in CH07; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22699/20]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the backlog in the number of persons awaiting a speech and language appointment in CH07; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22700/20]

*1410. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the backlog in the number of persons awaiting an early intervention by therapy appointment in County Kildare and west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22701/20]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22773/20]

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

*1412. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if legislation is planned to further protect animals and pets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21090/20]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application for a PCS number (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [22007/20]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of successful applications to the BEEPs scheme to date; the amount received by each individual; and the county each farm was located in tabular form. — Matt Carthy. [21106/20]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the €50 million beef support scheme. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [21148/20]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all materials, briefings, reports and correspondence relating to his consideration of the introduction of fees for forestry licences will be provided. — Matt Carthy. [21229/20]

- *1417. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a TAMS application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21421/20]
- *1418. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [21423/20]
- *1419. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding pair trawling (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21428/20]
- *1420. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding oyster licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21445/20]
- *1421. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the prevalence of animal cruelty toward horses in urban areas; and the steps he is taking to ensure the enforcement of horse welfare regulations in these areas. — Eoin Ó Broin. [21496/20]
- *1422. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a series of matters in relation to shellfish fishermen (details supplied) in Cromane Bay, County Kerry will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21512/20]
- *1423. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry planting application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21599/20]
- *1424. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review correspondence (details supplied) in relation to a forestry model; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [21612/20]
- *1425. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of salaries, expenses and so on paid to members of the Irish Greyhound Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21622/20]
- *1426. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the research carried out in relation to the possible new uses for raw wool produced here and the possibility of processing wool here in view of the poor prices being received by farmers for their wool at present and the fact that virtually all wool produced here is exported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21649/20]
- *1427. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a TAMS grant application by persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21675/20]
- *1428. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the further resources that can be put in place to help publicly enforce animal rights laws regarding the neglect and abuse of equines, especially in urban settings in circumstances in which often the only option available in these situations is to use private contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [21686/20]

- *1429. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara an bhfuil sé i gceist aige cuairt a thabhairt go luath ar na hoileáin amach ón gcósta; má tá, cé hiad na hoileáin a bhfuil i gceist aige cuairt a thabhairt orthu; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21704/20]
- *1430. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to deal with the backlog of applications for felling licences and the backlog of appeals of decisions in relation to felling licences in order to ensure continuity of supply to the timber industry; his plans to introduce new legislation as a priority to deal with the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21717/20]
- *1431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he plans to address animal welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [21784/20]
- *1432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the outcome of the ANC review in County Donegal; the townlands excluded; and the reason they were excluded with details for each townland. — Pearse Doherty. [21833/20]
- *1433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [21842/20]
- *1434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of public consultations being run by his Department. — Sean Sherlock. [21905/20]
- *1435. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding provided to festivals; the name and amount granted to each festival or event that did not take place due to Covid-19 in tabular form; and if the funding will remain in place for 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [21906/20]
- *1436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on advertising Farm Safety Week in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [21907/20]
- *1437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter regarding the forestry sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21925/20]
- *1438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the analysis his Department has carried out on the effect the draft EU/USA tariff agreement on tariffs will have on the lobster market in Europe and in particular here and the viability of the industry; if an analysis has been carried out on the effect the agreement will have on coastal communities and their viability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21945/20]
- *1439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of the lobster industry to Ireland; the number of fishermen and boats involved in the industry by county; the number of persons indirectly involved in the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21946/20]
- *1440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to carry out a regulatory impact analysis of the impact of the US/EU tariff agreement signed in August 2020 before its ratification by Ireland and the EU; his further plans to publish the analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21947/20]

- *1441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to forestry will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [21955/20]
- *1442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the 2019 pearl mussel scheme payments have not issued to farmers that were part of the Kerrylife project (details supplied); if payments will now be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [21988/20]
- *1443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a riparian zone payment will be made to persons (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22046/20]
- *1444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been brought to allegations that the passports of Connemara ponies are being tampered with prior to sale of the ponies (details supplied); the steps he will take to investigate the matter and to eliminate the practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22066/20]
- *1445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the two-hour travel limit that is proposed to apply to animals for which farmers would seek PGI status; the way in which the time frame was arrived at; his views on claims that it may create issues for some farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22072/20]
- *1446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will act on the call by an organisation (details supplied) for a top-up payment on the sheep welfare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22073/20]
- *1447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the research his Department, State agencies or other researchers have carried out in relation to the potential for wool to be used for alternative purposes other than clothing production, such as insulation, fertiliser and so on; if his Department will engage with wool producers to discuss alternative markets and diversification in the context of current difficulties with the Chinese market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22086/20]
- *1448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reintroduce an early retirement scheme for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22088/20]
- *1449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds by location exported to other jurisdictions in the past five years to date; the procedures and protocols in place in relation to the exportation of greyhounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22129/20]
- *1450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason proposals for the introduction of tuberculosis herd history and statements have been recommended by his Department prior to the publication of the report of the tuberculosis forum; if he will consider suspending the introduction of same pending further consultation with farmer representative bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [22139/20]
- *1451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a study has been carried out into the introduction of non-native honey bees here and the affect they are having on the native

honey bee *apis mellifera mellifera*; his plans to introduce a control on the import and spread of bees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22166/20]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will provide the €3 million to BIM that will be required to upgrade ice plants at various harbours nationally. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22216/20]

*1453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the number of harbours that his Department are responsible for to include Greencastle Harbour, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22217/20]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for funding from his Department submitted by local authorities for piers and harbours; the locations of the piers and harbours that funding has been sought for; and the amount of funding sought in each case in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [22218/20]

*1455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter regarding tuberculosis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22226/20]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if outstanding payments are due to a person (details supplied) under the tuberculosis eradication scheme. — John McGuinness. [22256/20]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a payment to compensate sheep farmers in view of the market disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22303/20]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase payments under the sheep welfare scheme due to the market disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the difficulties that will arise due to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22304/20]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to establish a sheep taskforce in relation to the long-term issues facing the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22305/20]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce legislation which will require a prescription to obtain common veterinary medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22412/20]

*1461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the reasons one third of approved TAMS applications do not progress to a claim will be addressed; the effect of same on approving new applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22413/20]

*1462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details regarding letters issued to farmers in relation to the beef data and genomics programme demanding repayment from farmers; the number of farmers that have received repayment demands; the average amount sought by county; the rationale for issuing the demands at this time; the details of correspondence, reports, briefings and materials relating to the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22416/20]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers were removed regarding the removal of farmers from the beef data and genomics programme without prior indication that they wished to withdraw from the programme; the numbers of farmers removed from the scheme by year and county; the details of correspondence, reports, briefings and materials relating to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22417/20]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration has been given to expand the reconstitution and underplanting the ash dieback scheme to include forestry not part of one of the four referenced schemes in section 6.6 of the scheme outline of June 2020; if consideration has been given to expanding the scheme to include forestry over 25 years old and if not, the reason for the 25 year limit; if his Department is limited to only provide funding in relation to existing schemes; if consideration has been given to a similar scheme for forestry that falls outside of the criteria; the reason for prioritisation of more recently planted forestry rather than older forestry and associated biodiversity; if all correspondence, reports, briefings and materials relating to the matter will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22418/20]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a group (details supplied) if he will consider providing future support to such an organisation and community lead safety scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22419/20]

*1466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the requirements for an organisation engaged in the promotion of farm safety to apply for and avail of Government funding; the relevant schemes in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22420/20]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a scheme to assist those that have suffered a farm accident to adapt their farm and machinery in order to support their continued working on the farm; if not, if consideration will be given to such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [22421/20]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a list of those that lobbied for the amendment to negate the need to report infectious diseases in meat plants in 2016 will be provided. — Mairéad Farrell. [22460/20]

*1469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the beef finishers scheme will be reviewed to incorporate cattle from here that are slaughtered in Northern Ireland (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [22471/20]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to his Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22473/20]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the outcome of the ANC review in County Donegal; the townlands that were excluded; the reason they were excluded; the details for each townland exclusion and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22501/20]

*1472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in his Department appointed and

or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22521/20]

*1473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated and spent to date, respectively per project from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [22540/20]

*1474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reconvene the tuberculosis forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22547/20]

*1475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the recent changes to the tuberculosis eradication programme with particular reference to the issue of tuberculosis herd history risk statements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22548/20]

*1476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will engage with the tuberculosis forum regarding the recent tuberculosis history letters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22695/20]

*1477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the backlog in the issuing of felling licences will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22696/20]

*1478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the deadline for the beef finisher scheme beyond 9 September 2020; if he will extend the eligibility period beyond 12 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [22697/20]

*1479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22771/20]

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

*1480. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the steps that have been taken to advance the commitment in the Programme for Government to increase the rate of aid available to private enterprise through Leader from 50% to 75% for capital projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [21499/20]

*1481. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [21683/20]

*1482. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the details of individual grants made under section 33 of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 for the provision of homes and shelters for animal welfare in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22341/20]

*1483. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the responsibilities local authorities have in relation to the implementation of Control of Dogs Act 1986, the Control of Dogs (Amendment) Act 1992 and the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22342/20]

*1484. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when the local authority control of dogs statistics 2019 will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22343/20]

*1485. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the rural housing renovation grant which was first proposed in 2017 (details supplied); the amount of funding granted by geographical location to date; the number of applications made; the number approved and declined, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [21126/20]

*1486. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Pobail agus Tuaithe agus Oileán cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar achomharc ar iarratas a rinneadh faoin scéim dar teideal Covid-19: Stability Scheme for Community and Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprise Organisations (sonraí tugtha); cén fáth ar diúltaíodh don iarratas sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21699/20]

*1487. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of applications received under the stability scheme for community, voluntary, charity and social enterprise organisations from community radio stations; the number that were awarded funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21700/20]

*1488. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when a decision will be made on an application by an organisation (details supplied) under the stability scheme for community, voluntary, charity and social enterprise organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21701/20]

*1489. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Pobail agus Tuaithe agus Oileán cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh ar iarratas ó scoil (sonraí tugtha) faoi scéim CLÁR 2020 (Beart 1) de bharr na práinne a bhaineann leis an obair atá le déanamh taobh amuigh den scoil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21721/20]

*1490. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when a decision will be made on an application by a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [21875/20]

*1491. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when a decision will be made on CLÁR applications for 2020; the number of measures advertised under the programme in 2020; the closing date for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [21949/20]

*1492. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when a decision will be made on an application for CLÁR funding by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22178/20]

*1493. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the measures she will take to save community centres that have lost and continue to lose bookings due to public health advice on operation of classes and training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22210/20]

*1494. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of a CLÁR measure 3b application (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [22274/20]

*1495. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the reason the revised local improvement scheme has a requirement that agricultural use must be proven for a road to be eligible for the scheme in view of the large number of rural persons that are not farmers and are living on poor roads that are not taken in charge by the council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22470/20]

*1496. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of vacant desk spaces available in accommodation allocated to her Department in civil service accommodation outside Dublin city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22476/20]

*1497. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if he will provide a schedule of advisers, special advisers and seconded civil servants working in her Department appointed and or recruited and or in an acting capacity; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary scale for each role in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22524/20]

*1498. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of special advisers that will be hired by her Department. — Alan Kelly. [22786/20]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADA OIN, 9 MEÁN FÓMHAIR, 2020
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 2020**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet sub-committee which deals with housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22649/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22652/20]

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

3. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeline for the amalgamation of Carlow IT and Waterford IT to form the Technological University for the South-East Ireland. — Verona Murphy. [22600/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to provide additional mental health supports to students returning to higher and further education. — Brendan Smith. [22632/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the dilemma for candidates applying to the SUSI system for doctoral funding as an independent candidate that cannot claim to have been living independently from the previous October due to circumstances in relation to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [22639/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports being put in place to support third-level students returning to education to ensure their health and well-being during these challenging times. — Marian Harkin. [22644/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to abolish third-level registration fees in view of the fact that many students will not be attending lectures as normal, will have extra IT costs due to online learning and will find it more difficult to find work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22648/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to incentivise young persons typically excluded from higher education due to socioeconomic status to engage in education past school in view of the high youth unemployment rates. — Thomas Gould. [22606/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the progress of the Connacht and Ulster alliance of Sligo IT, Galway and Mayo IT and Letterkenny IT on forming a technical university. — Verona Murphy. [22602/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the number of suitably qualified science and technical graduates to meet the continued requirements of the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22626/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the arrangements that have been made for the college sections of apprenticeship programmes due to the effect of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22383/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when laptops ordered to assist students with online and blended learning will be available to students in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22630/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider changing the criteria for calculating SUSI grant eligibility to include whether a parent is in receipt of the working family payment. — Pa Daly. [22386/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with the president of NUI Galway in relation to waiving the €295 repeat exam fee in view of the difficulties faced by students as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22641/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the additional funding provided to third-level sector in 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; the number of additional places made available by the third-level institutions for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22382/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Business, Enterprise and Innovation report entitled The Case for Irish Membership of CERN will be implemented. — James Lawless. [22635/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the response that has been put in place to deal with the issue of sexual harassment and gender-based violence on third-level campuses in view of a recent survey carried out by the Active Consent Programme in NUI Galway in collaboration with a union (details supplied) highlighting the issue. — Marian Harkin. [22645/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the continuation of the full €3,000 student contribution fees can be justified in the context of the Covid-19 crisis, the loss of income for many students and their families and in view of the fact that much third-level education will be provided virtually. — Paul Murphy. [22512/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether the current thresholds for SUSI grant eligibility are set at an appropriate level to provide real equality of access to third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22245/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if asylum seekers will be exempted from non-EU and EEA university fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22642/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the abolition of the €3,000 student contribution fees to enable genuinely free education. — Paul Murphy. [22513/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeline for the completion of the recently approved STEM building for Athlone IT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [22631/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans or funding in relation to support for ongoing education at Waterford Institute of Technology in view of the decision by the college to provide nearly all learning remotely due to the inability in capital facilities to provide social distancing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22599/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to reform the apprenticeship system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [22605/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the Connacht, Ulster Alliance Technological University application. — Marian Harkin. [22643/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he plans to take to improve the interface between the wider research community and the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22385/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if student college contributions will be reduced for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22603/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to support the development of new career pathways for early-career researchers. — James Lawless. [22634/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the CAO will ensure that students that sat the leaving certificate in 2019 are not disadvantaged by the model used to produce predicted grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22597/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of all current technological university applications. — Marian Harkin. [22656/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a research project has been commissioned on sexual harassment in third-level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22604/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the funding requirement for a new x-ray machine for the Waterford Institute of Technology SEAM Technology gateway will be reviewed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [22598/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when laptops ordered to assist students with online and blended learning will be available to students of further education colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22629/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will establish a science and technology policy fellowship within the civil service to provide opportunities to scientists and engineers to learn first-hand policymaking and contribute their knowledge and analytical skills in policy development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22384/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when laptops ordered to assist students with online and blended learning will be available to UCC students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22627/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a new Wexford campus as part of The Technological University for the South-East Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22601/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the anxiety the delay in the issuing of SUSI is causing to students approved for the 2020/2021 academic year; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some students starting college on 14 September 2020 must wait until 9 October 2020 for their first payment and until the end of October 2020 for their second payment; if his attention has been further drawn to the need for students some of whom are lone parents to secure the grant as quickly as possible due to the outlay they are subject to at the beginning of each academic year; if he will request the prompt payment of the grant to these students ahead of the dates as mentioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22658/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the contingency plan in place to respond to the expected rise in students presenting with mental health issues on their return to the classroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22614/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the practices and policies in place in universities if an athlete, student or extended staff present themselves with mental health issues; the number of teachers trained in suicide awareness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22613/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place to progress a university of the north-west involving Letterkenny IT and Magee College, Derry; and the way in which such plans may impact on the Connacht, Ulster Alliance for a technological university application. — Marian Harkin. [22646/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he remains satisfied that adequate third-level places remain available for students seeking such places in 2020; if he foresees difficulties arising from the impact of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22625/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to instances in which mature and postgraduate students are being denied grants due to the fact they are being assessed based upon their parents' income even though it does not apply to them; if his attention has been further drawn to students in such a situation being described as mature dependents even though they are independent of their parents; his plans to address the anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22659/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will engage with educational institutions, representatives of students and student accommodation providers as colleges and universities return in view of the unique challenges which students and providers face due to Covid-19. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22628/20]