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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 his plans to hold referendums in 2020 and 2021. — Alan Kelly. [18559/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [18560/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met; and when it is next expected to meet. — Alan Kelly. [18561/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22238/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22338/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with Transport will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22339/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22610/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with the economy will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22651/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22655/20]
10. 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]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22355/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if the Cabinet Committee on Education has met to date in September 2020. — Alan Kelly. [22380/20]

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

14. 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]

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

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

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee which deals with housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22649/20]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22652/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

20. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether it is fair to expect students to pay the highest fees in the EU at a time when many students have lost work and many households have seen a drop in their income particularly if courses are to be conducted partially or completely online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22244/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on providing targeted funding for colleges and universities to establish hubs or micro-satellite campuses to enable rural students to complete courses online; and if he will provide further funding for students to access existing rural digital hubs. — Holly Cairns. [22805/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether it is fair to expect students to pay the highest fees in the EU at a time when many students have lost work and many households have seen a drop in their income particularly if courses are to be conducted partially or completely online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22596/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason full fees are applicable for students in third-level institutes when full services are not available to the students, for example, access to libraries and printing facilities; the supports available to students that struggle with online learning due to limited broadband facilities; if he will work with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to introduce protections for students in student accommodation in terms of deposits and refunds in view of the difficulties

encountered by many as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22958/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding which will be made available to each of the third-level colleges and institutions to address potential mental health issues that may have arisen in students from the Covid-19 situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22957/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if construction works on a new advanced technology building in Dundalk, County Louth has commenced; if not, the date on which construction work will commence; and the estimated time frame of such works. — Catherine Murphy. [22746/20]

*67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if IDA Ireland plan to open a new office in Melbourne, Australia. — Catherine Murphy. [22747/20]

*68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget for the Consumer Protection Commission increased by 12%. — Patrick Costello. [22759/20]

*69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if urgent consideration will be given to issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding trade fairs and exhibitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22897/20]

*70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of capital spending in his Department to date for 2020; if he will outline spending in each new programme relevant to the response to Covid-19; the expected total outturn for capital spending for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23002/20]

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

*71. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the amount manufacturers pay per tonne of plastic produced here; the way in which this compares internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [22793/20]

*72. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when fibre broadband will be available for residents on a road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [22849/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details on the search and rescue carried out for two paddleboarders on 13 August 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22703/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport if the review of the final air accident investigation unit report into the Rescue 116 helicopter crash which claimed the life of four air crew at Blacksod, County Mayo on 14 March 2017 has been completed; if the review board has submitted its findings; his plans to publish the final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22721/20]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding for outdoor sports amenities will be significantly increased in view of the importance of such facilities during and post the Covid-19 pandemic. — Eoghan Murphy. [22730/20]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport when the statutory instrument will be signed for the recent acceptance by ballot for the wages grade pension with Iarnród Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22764/20]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by sports clubs and supporters as a result of the ban on spectators at sporting events; if his attention has been further drawn to the emergence of unsafe unofficial spectator areas at roadsides overlooking sports grounds; and if he will reconsider the ban on spectators. — Martin Browne. [22769/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional public funding provided to Bus Éireann, Irish Rail and Dublin Bus in 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22791/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has carried out or has plans to conduct an investigation into the development of horse riding trails here that may consider their feasibility in various locations across the country, the potential benefits of same and potential financial costs. — Steven Matthews. [22865/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he has taken to continue recognition of driver licences from the UK and Northern Ireland to the end of 2020 and post-Brexit. — Pat Buckley. [22724/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport if the operation of heavy vehicles, for example, bin trucks, will be limited in urban areas to off-peak traffic times in order to improve safety for cyclists and to improve traffic flow. — Eoghan Murphy. [22727/20]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport if the availability of free high visibility vests for cyclists and pedestrians from the Road Safety Authority will be advertised; and if he will make them available in rural locations as well as online. — Eoghan Murphy. [22728/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport when a chairperson will be appointed to the Dublin Port Company. — Catherine Murphy. [22754/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider correspondence (details supplied) from the retail travel sector; the supports that will be considered for the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [22767/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take with Irish airlines that have yet to issue refunds to their customers despite them waiting a number of months for their refunds. — Cathal Crowe. [22768/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 875 of 3 June 2020, if further progress has been made in respect of the Meath County Council draft appraisal for the proposed Julianstown bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22881/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to ensure that drivers that are on a provisional driver licence can get driver tests in circumstances in which they need to drive a car for the purpose of going to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22955/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of recipients on the wage subsidy scheme at the end of August 2020; the number that will be in receipt of the new employment subsidy scheme; the number that receive top-ups from their employers; the average amount of these top-ups; and the number on the new scheme that are receiving less from this support than the current jobseeker's allowance. — Bríd Smith. [22961/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures his Department has in place to ensure that workers that remain on the employment subsidy scheme with their employer and are working a specified number of hours per week are not receiving less than the statutory minimum wage or their former hourly pay rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22962/20]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount borrowed by the State to date from the European Commission under the SURE initiative; the way in which the funds will be distributed here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22738/20]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has met formally with each of the CEOs of banks based here since 1 June 2020; and if so, the dates of each meeting in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [22760/20]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the help to buy scheme to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22847/20]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are dates by which a new hire must have been hired by a company to avail of the employment wage subsidy scheme. — Sean Sherlock. [22860/20]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to allowing sole traders to access the employment wage subsidy scheme as they would be entitled to if they were listed as a company director in circumstances in which all other qualifying criteria for the scheme are met. — Steven Matthews. [22871/20]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has spoken directly with his Australian counterpart in the past six months. — Darren O'Rourke. [22883/20]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected deficit for 2020 on the basis of revenue receipts to date based on the Exchequer returns for August 2020; if he will provide updated projections for revenue across the various tax heads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22927/20]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of the temporary wage subsidy scheme in 2020; the projected cost if it had been retained for the rest of the year; the number of employers that accessed the scheme; the number of employees that have been supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22928/20]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected cost of the employment wage subsidy scheme in 2020 and 2021; the projected cost if it had been retained at the same rate as the temporary wage subsidy scheme; the number of employers that have accessed the scheme; the number of employees that have been supported; the estimated full year cost for 2021 if it was extended for the rest of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22929/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected yield in 2021 from ending the refundable aspect of the research and development tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22930/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected yield from abolishing relief under section 604A; the cost to date for the Exchequer on an annual basis of this relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22933/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected yield from every €1 per tonne increase in the carbon tax; the estimated yield if there was a €10 increase in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22934/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that availed of the cycle to work scheme in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the cost of the scheme in each of the years; the number of persons that accessed the maximum amount of tax relief in each of those years; the average tax relief in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22935/20]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for the increase in the amount of tax relief available under the cycle to work scheme to €1,500 for pedelecs and ebikes and €1,250 for all other bicycles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22936/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax reliefs exempted from the high-income individual restriction; the estimated additional yield if those reliefs were not exempted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22937/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated impact of the July stimulus proposals on the Exchequer deficit for 2020 and 2021; the breakdown of the impact by individual tax heads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22938/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield to the Exchequer from reducing pension relief to the standard rate in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22940/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the most up to date estimate deficit for 2020 and 2021 based on current analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22941/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated Exchequer borrowing requirement for 2020 and 2021 based on current analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22942/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22987/20]

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

*110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if public sector pensions will be increased in line with public sector pay increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22841/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the cost of the flood defence system installed in Clifden, County Galway in 2014; if he will provide a copy of the Natura 2000 impact statement completed in relation to the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22719/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be made available for flood defences for Tawin Island, County Galway; if so, when such funding will be available; if a Natura 2000 impact statement has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22720/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of flood relief projects undertaken by the OPW in the past five years to date by location; the date on which each flood relief project will be completed; the associated costs of each; if projects are overdue; and if projects went to conciliation in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22742/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Garda stations within Dublin the OPW plans to refurbish over the next two years; the level of renovation for each station that will receive work; and when each project will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [22744/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW has a policy and strategy for dealing with family homes that become permanently uninhabitable due to flooding or coastal erosion. — Joe O'Brien. [22756/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if all sites under the remit of the Office of Public Works have admission fees to sites and have the capacity to accept bookings online. — Patrick Costello. [22763/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the expected start and completion date of the proposed consultation process on a Phoenix Park traffic management strategy. — Neasa Hourigan. [22895/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an updated projection for spending by each Department on the basis of the Exchequer figures for August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22943/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding flooding in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23000/20]

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

*120. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta conas a chuireann scéim na Scoileanna Ildánacha an Ghaeilge agus na healaíona teanga-bhunaithe chun cinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22796/20]

*121. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta conas a chuireann Éire Ildánach an Ghaeilge agus na healaíona teanga-bhunaithe chun cinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22797/20]

*122. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta cad é a barúil maidir leis an maoiniú do Chlár na Leabhar Gaeilge a bheith laghdaithe faoina leath ó 2008; agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici an maoiniú a thabhairt ar ais don chlár seo. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22799/20]

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

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of eviction notices registered with the Residential Tenancies Board since 1 August 2020; the breakdown of reasons given for evictions; the number of disputes lodged in which the tenant was being evicted; the turnaround time between an appeal being lodged with the Board and an appeal being heard; the procedure in place for hearings; and the procedure adopted for persons with literacy or language difficulties. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [22739/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the report into the tenant purchase scheme will be published; if the issues relating to income from social welfare and persons over the age of seventy being allowed to purchase a local authority house will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [22800/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of turnkey social housing units per unit by local authority in each of the years 2017 to 2019, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22819/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of SHIP social housing units per unit by local authority in each of the years 2017 to 2019, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22820/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the establishment of an approved housing body SPV for the purposes of drawing down funding from bodies such as credit unions for the purposes of the delivery of social housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22821/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will discuss with the Minister for Finance and the Central Bank the matter of allowing credit unions to invest in the delivery of affordable housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22822/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his plans to secure the reclassification of approved housing bodies as off-balance sheet. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22823/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of negotiations between Irish Water, a committee (details supplied) and his Department on the creation of a single water utility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22824/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his response to the recent spike in deaths of persons accessing homeless services; and his plans to address the growing human tragedy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22825/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the minutes of his weekly meetings with homeless service providers will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22826/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected shortfall in rates and non-rates funding for local authorities by council for 2019; the estimated additional Covid-19-related funding required by each by local authority for 2019; and his plans to address the non-rates shortfall and Covid-19-related additional costs for 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22827/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the functions transferred to his Department as part of the reconfiguration of the Department to include issues pertaining to heritage. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22828/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the publication of the final general scheme of the marine planning and development Bill. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22835/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline and draft terms of reference for the review of the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and if the Committee will be involved in the design, content and conclusion of the review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22836/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of Part V social housing unit by local authority for 2017, 2018 and 2019. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22837/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding for a development (details supplied) will be approved. — Róisín Shortall. [22877/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the statutory basis upon which the Land Development Agency is engaged in masterplanning exercises on lands in Limerick City and Cork City, respectively; the impact these plans will have to the current and future city and

county development plans for these local authorities; and the form of approval and oversight his Department has over these masterplanning processes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [22900/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give urgent consideration to a national buy-out scheme for families whose family homes are in imminent danger of destruction due to coastal erosion and flooding in order that families can be rehoused and compensated for the loss of their family homes; if local authorities have the power to put in place immediate local buy-out schemes for families in such circumstances pending a national scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [22984/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has met lobbyists or representatives of residential developers or investment funds to discuss the introduction of a State-funded shared equity scheme for the purchase of private homes; if so, the details of the persons or bodies met, when they met and the contents of the discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23021/20]

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

*142. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken formally with the Slovenian Foreign Minister, Mr. Anze Logar in the past three months. — Catherine Murphy. [22753/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to ensure that Ireland uses its international influence especially among the EU Foreign Affairs Council to end a blockade of necessary medical supplies from reaching Gaza in view of the news that there are over 400 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [22803/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps taken since the formation of the Government to advance a Middle East peace process and build a consensus at EU level to take a more proactive approach in supporting a negotiated two state solution and lasting process there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22951/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans and that of the Government to recognise the State of Palestine as part of a lasting settlement of the Middle East conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22952/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps being taken by Ireland within the EU to oppose plans by Israel to annex territory in the West Bank and apply Israeli sovereignty to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22953/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of the commitment by Ireland to fund the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22954/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*148. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount spent by the Defence Forces on replacing motorcycles in the escort of honour in 2019. — Catherine Murphy. [22740/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Defence the full year cost of recruiting ten additional aircraft technicians in the helicopter wing of the Air Corps. — Catherine Murphy. [22741/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount spent on purchasing new fire appliances for the Defence Forces fire services in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the frequency with which fire appliances are replaced. — Darren O'Rourke. [22886/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*151. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure that students from Northern Ireland will not be requested to pay non-EU fees to study here regardless of ongoing Brexit negotiations. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22554/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education her views on setting SUSI grant eligibility at an appropriate level to provide real equality of access to third-level education. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22555/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education if a review will be undertaken in relation to the case of a teacher (details supplied) in County Louth who recently underwent major surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22708/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education if the SNA exceptional review process will be expedited in relation to the case of a child (details supplied) in County Louth; if it will be ensured that the school and family have a confirmed date for the process; if it will be further ensured that the process is fast tracked in order for the child to receive the appropriate and required SNA attention that they have been assessed as being in need of; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22709/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education if reductions in teacher numbers will be frozen until such time that schools (details supplied) in County Louth have managed the Covid-19 pandemic and are in a position to manage an increase in class numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22711/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education when a detailed design stage application submitted by a school (details supplied) will be approved to allow the additional accommodation approved to proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22765/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to an application for summer works by a school (details supplied) in County Mayo; if the application will be expedited with a view to allocating funding to complete the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [22766/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications for concessionary tickets for school transport refused in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [22792/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be awarded funding to help with the extra costs of reopening to ensure the students and staff are as safe as possible. — Chris Andrews. [22794/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education if the appeals board has considered an application for the appointment of a mainstream class teacher for a school (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [22818/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to pupils (details supplied) in view of the fact that they are medical card holders, are entitled to school transport and there is availability on the school bus to accommodate them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22842/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new school building for a school (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [22866/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that have been refused school bus tickets in 2020; the number of appeals submitted against decisions to refuse school bus tickets; the number of appeals finalised; the number of successful appeals; the length of time it is taking to decide on appeals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22964/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to overhaul the school transport scheme which fails hundreds of students annually; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22965/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that have appealed their special needs assistant and special education teaching allocations by county. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [22966/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [22986/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to set up a teacher supply panel for the primary schools for the area of north-west Connemara, County Galway in view of the fact that the only other teacher supply panel in Connemara for substitute teachers is based in the Gaeltacht and services schools teaching through Irish while all schools in north-west Connemara operate through the medium of English; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22995/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received an application from residents of Inisbofin Island, County Galway to set up a post-primary school; if so, when a decision will be made on this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22996/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education the advice, support and guidelines in relation to school reopening that have been established for parents that have serious underlying conditions that would make them at high risk of becoming seriously ill from Covid-19 and that are concerned whether or not it is safe in this context to send their children back to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23004/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education when planning permission will be submitted for the new Dún Laoghaire Educate Together; the timeline she envisages for this school to be ready; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23005/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of children enrolled in primary schools for the 2020/2021 school year; the number of children enrolled at post-primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23008/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of ending pay inequality in the education system; the estimated cost of introducing a single tier pay scale for all teachers from January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23009/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full year and first year cost in 2021 of increasing the capitation grant per pupil for primary schools to €200 and the rate for post-primary schools to 2010 levels; the estimated cost of an increase of €10 and a 5% increase per child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23010/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education the additional supports provided to DEIS schools by type; the overall cost of the scheme; the estimated cost to provide a 50% increase in capitation to DEIS schools by primary and post-primary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23011/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of each one point reduction in class size at primary level; the staffing schedule at primary level; the national pupil teacher ratio; her views in relation the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23012/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio at DEIS primary schools to 15:1; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23013/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio by one point at post-primary level; the staffing schedule at post-primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23014/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated amount of additional funding drawn as part of the plan to reopen schools; if the full €75million was used for minor capital works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23015/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional prefab classrooms that were funded as part of the plan to reopen schools; the cost and average cost for the additional units; the number of prefab classrooms in use in the education system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23016/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional secondary school teachers hired as part of package for reopening schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23017/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education if funding for providing a release day each week for teaching principals at primary level to carry out administrative work is permanent; the number of schools that have benefited; the estimated ongoing cost of maintaining same beyond the 2020/2021 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23018/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent on the summer works scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2020 by primary and post-primary level; the number of schools grant aided in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23019/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary schools without a PE hall or requiring a new purpose built PE hall; her plans to provide same; the amount projected for

investment in 2020 and 2021; the amount spent in 2019 on providing same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23020/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education if provision has been made for children returning to school that have parents and or siblings with serious and or a terminal illness that have been cocooning for the past six months and are at critical risk should children bring the Covid-19 virus home; the provisions that have been made in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23026/20]

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

*185. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial assistance available to persons affected by severe flooding in the Clifden area of County Galway on 1 and 2 September 2020; the way in which such supports can be accessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22717/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [22707/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reclassify the pandemic unemployment payment as a permanent payment as with the jobseeker's scheme and other schemes (details supplied); her further plans to rectify the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22731/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a change of strategy in respect of back to education allowance eligibility criteria has been deployed in respect of applications for 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22732/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications in respect of the back to education allowance that have been refused to date in 2020; the level of qualification they are under; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22734/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of increasing disability allowance from €203 to €209 per week. — Catherine Murphy. [22745/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget for free travel scheme increased by 5%; and the estimated cost in 2021. — Patrick Costello. [22762/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those on the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment are eligible for the springboard conversion programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22801/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending the free travel scheme to all children under 18 years of age and all students in higher level education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [22802/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 329 of 20 November 2019, when the outcome of the discussions between her Department and representatives of community supervisors will be published (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22804/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the legal framework for persons that were made redundant during the Covid-19 pandemic and have to date been unable to access redundancy payments from their employers due to amendments in legislation on 13 March 2020 but can provide evidence that the layoff is not a temporary move due to Covid-19 and in fact a permanent one. — Steven Matthews. [22875/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the qualifying age for the State pension will not rise to 67 in 2021 as per the Programme for Government commitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22879/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the case of a person (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [22898/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has undertaken an analysis of whether a German-style short-time working scheme based on the kurzarbeit model could be applied in an Irish context; if he will provide costings for April 2020 to the end of 2021 if such a scheme were to be introduced from 1 April 2020 and based on current departmental economic and labour market assumptions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22945/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she plans to end the temporary suspension of certain redundancy provisions in order that persons that are laid off permanently either due to Covid-19 or otherwise can get their statutory redundancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22956/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance can be offered to expedite a carer's allowance review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [22985/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when full appointments will be available for those applying for the public services card; the reason for the continued delay in making appointments available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23001/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports in place for parents of children that are sent home from school as a result of Covid-19 and that therefore have to miss work to care for them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23006/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports in place for persons self-isolating or awaiting results from a Covid-19 test and have to miss work as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23007/20]

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

*204. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if funding for playgrounds will be significantly increased in view of the importance of such facilities during and post the Covid-19 pandemic. — Eoghan Murphy. [22730/20]

*205. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Míchumais, Comhionannais agus Lánpháirtíochta cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i measc an aosa óig lasmuigh de chúrsaí réamhscolaíochta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [22798/20]

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

*206. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the analysis his Department has carried out with regard to the 20,000 CAO reapplicants whose college places could be jeopardised by inflated leaving certificate grades and the potential knock-on effect of inflated points requirements in 2020; if research has been carried out into inflating reapplicants' grades to match the bell curve of 2020 leaving certificate grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22710/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the impact on families in receipt of pandemic unemployment payment that will not be eligible for the assessment of their lower 2020 incomes as qualifying criteria for SUSI grants; his plans to rectify the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22735/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of a decrease grant in adjacency rates from 45km to 30km. — Darren O'Rourke. [22894/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected yield from a 0.1% increase in 2021 in the national training fund levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22931/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the history of increases in the national training fund levy over the past five years in tabular form; the projected yield at budget time of each 0.1% increase in tabular form; the actual yield in the full year following the increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22932/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will elaborate on his recent statement that student contribution fees are too high; and the timeline for the reduction of these fees. — Holly Cairns. [22806/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timetable for third-level students due to graduate in 2020 but awaiting the completion of their practicum placements; the way in which the matter will be addressed for current third-level students particularly those due to commence their final year. — Sorca Clarke. [22706/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the issue of eligibility for fee support via SUSI grants in cases in which the pandemic unemployment payment is not classed as a permanent payment as with the jobseeker's scheme and other schemes (details supplied); his plans to adopt additional fee structure support schemes or reductions in cases in which students have applied for courses, have been accepted and their plans have had to be cancelled due to lack of supports; the number of courses impacted by the issue; the way in which the issue will impact the number of incoming students, retention and progression in third-level courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [22733/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which third-level students can access financial support to buy laptops for online learning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22755/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment cannot be accepted for the Springboard programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22968/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the additional supports he plans to provide for mature students and others that are returning or commencing third level and further education courses in 2020 in view of the fact that many will be unable to access an income from employment or casual work in the current economic climate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22969/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will examine providing additional supports to those commencing third-level and further education in 2020 that are currently on the pandemic unemployment payment or the wage subsidy scheme and are faced with the difficulty of trying to commence the courses with inadequate income supports; if the back to education scheme can be extended to those currently on employment supports that have little if any prospect of returning to normal employment in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22970/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his vision for the further and higher education, research, innovation and science sector with particular reference to the need to compete on the international market for available job vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22971/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for the development of an enhanced polytechnic equivalent here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22972/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the role he sees for the further and higher education, research, innovation and science sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22973/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his ambition for the development of a ready supply of graduates specialising in research in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22974/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which challenges arising in the course of the Covid-19 crisis have identified the need for specific educational response at third and fourth level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22975/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which the higher-level education sector is in discussion with business and enterprise with a view to matching requirements in the workplace with suitable graduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22976/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he has identified the areas in which most opportunities are likely to arise for graduates throughout the various employment sectors in both the public and private sectors; if he has received indications showing specific requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22977/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the areas in the higher education sector likely to be in most need of adapting to new challenges with particular reference to the scientific, innovation and research sectors meeting requirements now and in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22978/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps needed in the higher educational sector to ensure an adequate supply of suitably qualified personnel to ensure the attainment of the highest number of employment positions at home and abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22979/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which adequate college places remain available to meet the requirements of a changing workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22980/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated number of students that will be enrolled in higher education in the 2020/2021 academic year; the number enrolled at further education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23003/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the fact that Dundalk Institute of Technology is the only institute of technology not to have formally linked into a consortium to obtain technological university status; the actions he and the HEA will take to advance technological university status for the institute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [22857/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the discussions that have taken place with the private purpose-built student accommodation providers regarding the provision of flexible arrangements for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23022/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of reducing apprentice fees by 20%, 50% and 100%, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23023/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to decrease the qualifying criteria for the non-adjacent rate of the SUSI grant from 45km to 24km; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23024/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated number of students that will be affected by changing the SUSI adjacency rates from 45km to 25km, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23025/20]

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

*234. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address concerns raised that persons trying to obtain an appointment with the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service online appointment booking system which is saying that there are no appointments currently available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22715/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Justice if the processing time for a residency extension application and the return of passports will be shortened in order that persons are not without official forms of identification for long periods of time. — Eoghan Murphy. [22729/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for significant delays to applications for naturalisation; the process generally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [22737/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of licensed premises prosecuted for offences under section 17(3) of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003 in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22748/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to each Garda district in Dublin as of 2 September 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22749/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of unmarked Garda cars that came into the fleet in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of unmarked Garda cars withdrawn from the fleet during the same period. — Patrick Costello. [22761/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of single rooms provided within the direct provision system; the criteria for allocation of single rooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22813/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons in direct provision housed in single, double, twin and triple rooms, in four-bed, five-bed and in rooms with more than five beds respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22814/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice if the waiting period for labour market access for those in the international protection process will be shortened from nine months to three months, as recommended by the Advisory Group on Direct Provision in June 2020; if the validity for permission to work will be extended to one year at a time renewable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22815/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied) will be progressed to decision stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22843/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to a person (details supplied) having links to anti-migrant groups; her views on whether this is compatible with their role as a member of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal; if she will authorise a review of all IPAT decisions made by the person particularly in relation to deportation orders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22861/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the scoping exercise for Drogheda, County Louth announced on 21 August 2020; the date of commencement and other relevant details on the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [22882/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to update Public Dance Halls Act 1935. — Darren O'Rourke. [22884/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community-based CCTV applications in Cork awaiting approval; when such applications will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22997/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications submitted by County Cork for funding under the CCTV community scheme; the date of receipt of each application; the number of applications approved to date; the date of approval of each; the funding drawn down to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [22998/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*249. To ask the Minister for Health if other alternatives were examined to ensure that non-compliant businesses were more effectively targeted rather than increasing the cost and administrative burden on compliant operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22967/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health the analysis carried out on the practical implications for business prior to introducing the 28-day customer record retention rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22983/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [22712/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be scheduled for tonsil surgery. — Robert Troy. [22713/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the paediatric diabetes nurse service in Tullamore and Mullingar hospitals (details supplied); and when this service will resume in either hospital. — Barry Cowen. [22714/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction counsellors and family support counsellors that have been hired to date with regard to the promised alcohol addiction treatment service in Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22722/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health if a building has been sourced for the promised alcohol addiction treatment service in Galway city; if so, when the treatment service will be up and running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [22723/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the increase in the number of spaces available in intensive care units since 1 January 2020. — Eoghan Murphy. [22725/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the increase in individual ventilator units available in hospitals since 1 January 2020. — Eoghan Murphy. [22726/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health the reason services are not being scheduled for a child with special needs (details supplied); the reason for the delay in view of the fact that they transferred from the early intervention services in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22736/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health the number of kidney transplant surgeries carried out at CHI, Crumlin in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [22751/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support the expansion of community ophthalmology in each CHO. — Catherine Murphy. [22752/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional cost of ensuring each maternity hospital has access to foetal anomaly screening; and the breakdown in terms of equipment and staff. — Patrick Costello. [22757/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the additional €2 million allocation was spent in 2020 to improve autism health services. — Patrick Costello. [22758/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE will review and relax their admissions policy for maternity hospitals and wards to allow new fathers attend the postnatal ward to be with their partner and newborn child or children in view of the fact the policy was revoked at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22788/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE will review their policy for student nurses remuneration and show regard to frontline workers that worked at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the fact that many students returning to college in coming weeks are facing into a period of hospital placement for which they will receive no pay however are forced to give up part-time work in other healthcare settings due to cross-contamination and to prevent the spread of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22789/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health if a special provision will be made available for school principals to contact in relation to health-related queries and concerns in the school setting similar to that made available by the Department of Education for the reopening of schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [22790/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health when the expansion of general practitioner care without charges to all children aged 12 years of age and under will come into effect. — Michael Creed. [22816/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health when the increase to gross income limits for medical card eligibility for persons aged 70 years of age or older will come into effect. — Michael Creed. [22817/20]

*268. 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. — Niamh Smyth. [22838/20]

*269. 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. — Niamh Smyth. [22839/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health when business to business trade fairs will be permitted to recommence. — Jim O'Callaghan. [22840/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale behind the decision to relocate acute services for children in the national children's hospital to other hospitals; if this is a permanent or temporary decision; the impact this might have on the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [22850/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) will no longer be provided funding for care from 30 September 2020 despite the fact that they have severe disabilities

affecting their physical and mental health and requiring 24/7 professional care; and the steps he will take to ensure that the burden of care does not fall on the elderly parents of this person that are incapable of effectively meeting their needs. — Pat Buckley. [22862/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists hired from each university by the HSE in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of graduates in each year per institution in tabular form; and his views on whether the number of occupational therapists in the HSE is appropriate. — Sean Sherlock. [22863/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health if an alternative dental appointment can be provided by the HSE in respect of a person (details supplied) who has been refused care in a number of DTSS services and is unable to source an alternative service. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22864/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health the date his Department received the final report by a company (details supplied) into its independent external review of the HSE medicine reimbursement process; if he will provide an overview of the findings and recommendations of the report; when it is expected to be submitted to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22867/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health the medicines submitted to HSE leadership or executive management team for reimbursement approval; the date of each meeting; the outcome of each meeting from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22868/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to publish an updated national rare disease plan as per the Programme for Government; when he expects to publish the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22870/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for the rheumatology department in University Hospital Kerry; and the length of time persons are awaiting an appointment there. — Pa Daly. [22872/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the rare diseases technology review committee of the HSE; the meetings it has held to date in 2020, in tabular form; the meetings and therapies it has scheduled for the remainder of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22873/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement of the drug osimertinib for lung cancer in a first line setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22874/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the recruitment shortfall in the medical science profession; the reason for staff shortages in hospital laboratories; and if he has had engagement with the HSE and CORU on this matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22876/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health when he will commence the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22878/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health if the HPV vaccine is available under the drugs payment scheme for an adult that has gone through a colposcopy and that has received a prescription for the

HPV vaccine from their consultant; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22880/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocation for the National Immunisation Office in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [22885/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health if a toddler group or play café can continue to operate in a parish hall or community centre for more than six persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [22896/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health if siblings of a close contact can attend primary school whilst the close contact is awaiting a test and or result; if siblings of a close contact can attend secondary school whilst the close contact is awaiting a test and or result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22899/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the restoration of pay for staff in outstanding section 39 funded organisations; the funding that has allocated for this in 2020 and 2021; the name and number of organisations that await having funding restored; if he has discussed this with his Cabinet colleagues; the estimated cost in 2021 to restore pay for those workers in the outstanding section 39 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22901/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost of addressing pay inequality in the health service in 2021; if he will provide a breakdown by grade; the position of his Department on this policy issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22902/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency staff in 2020 to date across the health service; the breakdown for the amount spent on nursing agency staff to date in 2020; his plans to address this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22903/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned reduction in prescription charges from Budget 2020; when it will be implemented; the additional funding that was provided to his Department for this reduction; when charges for persons over 70 will be reduced to €1 per item and to €1.50 per item for all others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22904/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans for a free contraception service as recommended by the Oireachtas Committee on the Eight Amendment to the Constitution; his plans to provide it by 2021 as committed to by his predecessor in Dáil Éireann; the specifics of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22905/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2021 of reducing prescription charges for all persons to €1 per item with a cap of €10 and to €1.50 per item with a cap of €15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22906/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2021 of removing all inpatient hospital charges, all out patient hospital charges, all emergency hospital charges, all long-term stay charges and exempting all children under 18 years of age from acute hospital charges in tabular form; the total collected for each in 2019; the projected yield for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22907/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing medical cards in 2021 to all terminally ill patients and those diagnosed with cancer, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22908/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of increasing medical card income limits by 5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22909/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided for the home support service in 2020; the number of homecare packages funded; the projected additional cost of providing a homecare package to every identified case in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22910/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the flu vaccine programme in 2020; the additional costs arising from the recently announced measures; the number of doses expected to be provided in 2020; the number of doses ordered; the estimated cost to provide the flu vaccine free to all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22911/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing free general practitioner care to all children under 18; the status of the current roll out programme; the additional funding that was provided to his Department to begin the extension to those aged 6 to 8 in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22912/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing the HPV vaccine for free to adults that have not received it but want to access it through their general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22913/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the current funding imbalance for University Hospital Limerick compared to other model 4 national hospitals to bring it to the national average; the projected cost for this in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22914/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health if there is funding in the HSE Capital Plan in 2021 for the 96 bed ward replacement block at University Hospital Limerick; the funding to be provided in 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively for this project if any; the projected cost of the block; the expected staffing cost for the block; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [22915/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a data protection impact assessment was not carried out prior to the public consultation on recommendations for the implementation of a national electronic patient summary here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22946/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed parameters for access to health data on the national electronic patient summary; if all healthcare professionals will have access to a patient's full health records (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [22947/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to govern the national electronic patient summary when implemented. — Róisín Shortall. [22948/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the locations in which the public consultation on recommendations for the implementation of a national electronic patient summary was advertised. — Róisín Shortall. [22949/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the patient consent model proposed for the national electronic patient summary. — Róisín Shortall. [22950/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation that took place between his Department and the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht in advance of new rules being introduced regarding the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22963/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale behind the requirements for the 28-day customer record retention rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [22982/20]

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

*309. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a biotic threat potential may be posed by the proposal to import de-barked timber from central Europe and in particular due to the presence the spruce bark beetle in mainland Europe. — Sean Sherlock. [22999/20]

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

*310. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if supports are available for local resource centres and community halls which have not had significant room hire income for most of 2020 due to Covid-19. — Martin Browne. [22795/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when a group (details supplied) can expect further allocations for Leader funding to advance expression of interest applications on file; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [22716/20]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
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Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt: To the Minister for Justice.

1. To ask the Minister for Justice the impact of Covid-19 on the District Family Court service schedule; and when sittings are expected to return to full capacity. — Sorca Clarke. [22856/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of funding allocated to implementing the national drugs strategy in County Louth; and if there is scope to increase funding following the outcome of the recommendations presented in the Drogheda scoping exercise. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22994/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has contacted the Garda Commissioner in relation to a car being burnt out which was being held as evidence by An Garda Síochána as part of the investigation in the abduction of a person (details supplied) in order to ascertain the way in which this occurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [22988/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Justice if there has been further progress in achieving a full and comprehensive investigation here and in Northern Ireland into the bombing in Belturbet, County Cavan in December 1972 which caused the death of two young persons and injuries to many others; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [22831/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Justice when funding will be put in place to conform with 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. [22637/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to prioritise practical actions to support the elimination of female genital mutilation in view of the enactment of the Criminal Justice (Female Genital Mutilation) Act 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22918/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the increase in the use of fireworks; the resources in place to deal with such a rise; the powers An Garda Síochána has to combat the rise in view of the detrimental effect the issue is having within communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22809/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Justice the levels of reported crime in each category throughout the past twelve months with particular reference to the extent to which the Covid-19 crisis has impacted on the justice system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22807/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps taken to date to create new pathways for long-term undocumented persons and their dependents residing here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [22920/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the future role of the Policing Authority especially in relation to the appointment of senior officers of An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [22833/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the relocation of residents from a direct provision centre (details supplied); when she expects the final residents to be relocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22845/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has formally identified a body to fulfil the role of independent inspectorate for direct provision centres; if this body will be empowered to carry out unannounced inspections of direct provision centres and emergency accommodation; and the criteria for the inspections. — Catherine Connolly. [22378/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding made available to An Garda Síochána for the purchase of new vehicles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22891/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagement she has had on the planning and roll out of vulnerability assessments to asylum seekers within 30 days of application as required under EU law and as identified for fast-tracking in the June 2020 Briefing Note of the Advisory Group on Direct Provision; and the number of vulnerability assessments excluding physical health screenings that have been carried out in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Connolly. [22377/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date in the introduction of legislation to tackle hate crime. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [22853/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Justice when the family court and family law Bill promised in the Programme for Government will be delivered; and the way in which the Bill plans to make family law proceedings less adversarial. — Pa Daly. [22960/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Justice 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. [22919/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Justice her responsibilities with regard to the coordination of new public health regulations with the Department of Health. — James Lawless. [22854/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the scoping exercise for Drogheda, County Louth announced on 21 August 2020; the date of commencement and other relevant details on the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [22869/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Justice the role her Department will play in overseeing new regulations being brought in by the Minister for Health that will be made into criminal offences under section 13 of the new Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018; if there will be a vote taken in Dáil Éireann prior to the regulations becoming law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [22926/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Justice if children in direct provision centres have returned to education; and the assurances she can provide that all children that reside in the centres have the necessary safeguards in place to prevent further Covid-19 outbreaks. — Sean Sherlock. [22318/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the promised phased implementation of a mobility project (details supplied); if gardaí on duty now have mobile telephones and handheld devices to enable them to access data while not in Garda stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [22991/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that prison links workers are not on the approved contact lists resulting in prisoners having to choose between a visit, a call from a family member and a professional visit that could help with reoffending. — Mark Ward. [22810/20]

24. 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. [22917/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on conducting research into incidents of verbal and physical racist abuse here as suggested by an organisation (details supplied) following recent

events in Cork and Dublin; her plans to give further consideration to the reasons behind the emergence of this type of crime and public displays and events promoting intolerance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22890/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will engage with communities in Kilrush, Newmarket and Charleville, County Cork to ensure the delivery of CCTV schemes. — Michael Moynihan. [22851/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to amend the alcohol licensing legislation to include age verification and delivery hours for online purchases of alcohol; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22893/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Justice if publicly available data is being collected on the nationality of those entering Ireland via flights from the United States of America. — Mairéad Farrell. [16649/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Justice if a commitment will be given that new regulations that are to become criminal offences by section 13 of the new Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 will be debated and voted on by Dáil Éireann prior to the regulations becoming law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [22923/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the establishment of a gambling regulator. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [22852/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the use of spit hoods by An Garda Síochána; her further views on whether they should be discontinued as part of the review that An Garda Síochána is conducting into them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [22892/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Justice if an inquiry or examination into the circumstances relating to the recent tragic death of an asylum seeker in emergency accommodation will be carried out; the form that examination or inquiry will take; and the expected time frame of same. — Matt Carthy. [22358/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances of ramming of Garda vehicles each year in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [22844/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans in both legislation and possible organisational changes in tackling cybercrime in view of the numerous media reports of fraud perpetrated on bank customers and other commercial transactions; if she will have discussions with financial institutions regarding the retrieval of these fraudulently obtained funds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [22888/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Justice the rate at which the crime of domestic violence has increased; her views on the way in which the figures are representative of the reality; the additional measures that have been taken to address the increase to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22889/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to address the backlog of applications for visas and work and residency permits with the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [22989/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Justice if the national standards for accommodation offered to persons in the protection process will be superseded by the forthcoming white paper on direct provision. — Pa Daly. [22959/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on and the status of the Discontinuing Seasonal Changes Time Directive-639 in relation to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [22887/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the redevelopment of the Family Law and Children's Court complex on Hammond Lane, Dublin 7; the estimated cost of delivery; when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [22992/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which applications for citizenship and stamp 4 are up to date; if particular steps have been taken or are in hand to deal with backlogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [22808/20]

41. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt an bhfuil sé mar bheartas ag a Roinn a chinntiú go lonnófar comhaltaí den Gharda Síochána a bhfuil Gaeilge acu sna ceantair Ghaeltachta; cad é an líon comhaltaí den Gharda Síochána a bhfuil liúntas Gaeilge á fháil acu faoi láthair, agus cad iad na stáisiúin ina bhfuil siad lonnaithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22387/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration is being given to the closing of further Garda stations; her policy in this regard; the number of Garda stations that were closed that were reopened in the past ten years; the location of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22388/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the staged deployment of a new national computer-aided dispatch system to capture emergency calls and dispatch of resources to the incident; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [22990/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Justice the nature and extent of consultation between her Department and the Department of Health in relation to the guidelines published in SI No. 326 of 2020 (Health Act, 1947) (Section 31A- Temporary Restrictions) (Covid 19) (No. 4) Regulations 2020; the nature and extent of consultation with An Garda Síochána on the instrument; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [22832/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Justice if a working group will be established to consider all aspects of parental alienation including consideration of a referral of the issue to the Law Reform Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [22812/20]

46. 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. [22916/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the Report of the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland; if the agreed document drawn up by the three Government parties on the

implementation of the Commission report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [22834/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the serious issue of drug-related intimidation and reporting in County Louth. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [22993/20]