



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

*Déardaoin, 10 Meán Fómhair, 2020*

*Thursday, 10th September, 2020*

---

**CEISTEANNA  
QUESTIONS**



*Déardaoin, 10 Meán Fómhair, 2020*  
*Thursday, 10th September, 2020*

---

**Note: Ministerial and Departmental titles have been updated on this Question Paper in anticipation of the relevant Government orders to give legal effect to the Taoiseach's announcement in Dáil Éireann on 27 June 2020.**

**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH  
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice when funding will be made available to An Garda Síochána to set up regional cybercrime units that have been planned since 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [23204/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will reverse the decision to transfer the powers to hire and promote gardaí from the Policing Authority to the Garda Commissioner in view of the recommendation from the Smithwick Tribunal to remove this power from the Commissioner given its potential to discourage whistle-blowing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23203/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice if it was her decision to omit section 3 of the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 from her request for a waiver of pre-legislative scrutiny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [23037/20]

4. 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. [23115/20]

**CEISTEANNA EILE  
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

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

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

---

**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.*

\*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if targeted supports will be provided for businesses in the areas affected by flooding in western areas of County Cork recently. — Holly Cairns. [23162/20]

\*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a refund will issue for an employment permit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23077/20]

\*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will clarify matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in regard to workers being required by their employer to travel to work via public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23083/20]

\*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of HSA inspections of meat processing plants that have been carried out for compliance with Covid-19 regulations since 12 March 2020; and the number that were unannounced. — Holly Cairns. [23141/20]

\*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if concerns outlined by a person (details supplied) in correspondence will be reviewed; if clarity will be provided for the sector in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23197/20]

\*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses which applied for the business continuity grant voucher scheme in counties Longford and Westmeath; the number of successful applications; the number of applications that remain to be processed; and the number of applications for the scheme in each county that were refused. — Sorca Clarke. [23211/20]

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

\*59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Líonraí Cumarsáide cad iad na céimeanna atá glactha chun na moltaí a rinne daoine (sonraí tugtha) san aighneacht a chuir siad faoi bhráid Choiste Gaeilge, Gaeltachta agus na n-Oileán de chuid an Oireachtais sa bhliain 2018, dar teideal, Taighde ar úsáid na Gaeilge ar an raidió, a chur i gcríoch chun déileáil leis an neamhaird atá tugtha don dualgas atá ar stáisiúin raidió i leith úsáid na Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23119/20]

\*60. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Líonraí Cumarsáide an bhfuil sé i gceist aici na míreanna i leith na Gaeilge san Acht Craolacháin, 2009 a threisiú;



agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici cur le cumas Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann beartas Gaeilge níos réamhghníomhaí a fhorbairt. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23120/20]

\*61. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Líonraí Cumarsáide cén tacaíocht a thabharfaidh sí do staisiúin raidió chun an Ghaeilge labhartha a chur chun cinn agus seirbhísí trí mheán na Gaeilge a chur ar fáil don phobal teanga, go háirithe sa Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23121/20]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when a review of the proposed north-south interconnector project will be undertaken as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23220/20]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when broadband will be rolled out to an area (details supplied) in County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [23033/20]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the estimated amount in fines Ireland is likely to face in 2020 and 2021 as a result of not achieving renewable energy and carbon emissions targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23065/20]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of plans for a Shannon to Dublin pipeline; the alternatives being considered; and the progress reached in considering the proposals. — Martin Browne. [23166/20]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if consideration is being given to the development of a desalination plant based in the Irish Sea to provide additional water supply to the greater Dublin region as an alternative to the Shannon to Dublin pipeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23167/20]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his views on the ecological impact of a Shannon to Dublin pipeline on the River Shannon and the lands and habitat surrounding it; the assessments that have been made in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23168/20]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to fast-track the delivery of the National Broadband Plan in line with the commitment in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23186/20]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*69. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are grants available for the running of an office and so on (details supplied) during Covid-19 lockdown. — Brendan Griffin. [23074/20]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a successful funding application by a local authority (details supplied); if funding has been drawn down; the next phase in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23102/20]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the extra supports being proposed to support the tourism industry here; the steps being taken to provide certainty to the tourism sector that foreign tourists will be able to travel here for vacations and conferences in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23123/20]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of meetings he has had with an association (details supplied) since becoming Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23229/20]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of meetings he has had with taxi representatives since becoming Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23230/20]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional facilities being provided for students that are taking public transport to school this academic year, bearing in mind social distancing and issues of capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23052/20]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Transport if clarity will be provided in relation to foreign travel advice (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [23056/20]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional supports will be provided to chauffeurs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23072/20]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding travel agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23117/20]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority will provide an update on a driving test in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23188/20]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if issues raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to the aviation industry will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23201/20]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*80. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason those earning under €13,000 were made ineligible for the stay and spend scheme, including persons on disability and carer's allowance. — Holly Cairns. [23160/20]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of diesel fuel dipping tests carried out by State services in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of positive results in each of the years. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23182/20]

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

\*82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department will carry out a report and assessment of repairs required for two public sites under the control of the OPW in Bray, County Wicklow (details supplied) that have been damaged by antisocial behaviour. — Steven Matthews. [23075/20]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has updated or altered the interpretation of pension abatement under the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme

and Other Provisions) Act 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [23096/20]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the need for some persons that work physically demanding jobs to retire at the age of 65 years of age; and if he is examining the needs of the workers in this regard. — Martin Browne. [23169/20]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of special advisers employed in each Department; and the annual salary of each in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [23170/20]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of special adviser positions in each Department; and the number currently vacant in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [23171/20]

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

\*87. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on the Decade of Commemorations will be reconstituted; the proposed make-up of the committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23124/20]

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

\*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a group, organisation or ombudsman that a community or group (details supplied) can complain to if it feels sufficient protocols were not followed for projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23086/20]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of Covid-19 delays within the Property Registration Authority in view of the fact that delays are impacting the town and village renewal scheme. — Richard O'Donoghue. [23041/20]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of acquisitions or leases on estates (details supplied); the number of houses that were leased; the estate in which they were leased; the number of houses that were acquired; the housing mix in each of the estates; the cost of purchase; the cost of the leases; the duration of each; the entity which purchased or leased the houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23057/20]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number houses that were leased by location in the 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; the entity that purchased or leased the houses; the developer; the cost involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23058/20]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of non-Part V houses purchased by location in 2019 and to date in 2020; the cost; the developer; the housing mix; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23059/20]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when decisions on a grant fund (details supplied) may be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23061/20]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to reconstitute the Ministerial Moore Street Advisory Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23125/20]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason his Department is discriminating against elderly persons that wish to purchase their home under the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme when the applicants have the resources for the purchase yet are excluded from applying as they do not meet the minimum reckonable income for eligibility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23194/20]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the €1 million emergency injection which was announced on 11 October 2019 was allocated to Galway County Council; if it has not been allocated to address the immediate funding shortfall, the purpose of same; the reason for the delay in allocating this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23256/20]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which changes to local property tax will benefit County Galway further to a statement by the Minister of State with special responsibility for Local Government and Planning on 11 October 2019 to that effect; the details of the changes to the tax in view of the fact that County Galway is the second biggest county in Ireland and has the second lowest funding per capita; when these changes will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23257/20]

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

\*98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps his Department can take to facilitate a person (details supplied) in distress; and if legal or diplomatic assistance will be provided through an embassy. — Joan Collins. [23094/20]

*Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.*

\*99. To ask the Minister for Defence if a list will be provided of medical conditions or diagnosis that preclude entry to the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [23213/20]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Defence the time frame for the proposed consultation process that will be undertaken prior to the finalisation of the Commission on the Future of Defence Terms of Reference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23028/20]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Defence if an arrangement is in place with the Royal Air Force to police Irish airspace in order to intercept aircraft in the Flight Information Region shared by both States; if such an agreement is in place, the person or body that conducted the negotiations with the RAF; if there was input from the Defence Forces in negotiations; if he is satisfied that the arrangement in place is not in conflict with Bunreacht na hÉireann; if such an agreement is in place, if it will be reviewed with a view to establishing a formal RAF-Air Corps all-Ireland joint air policing mission in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23029/20]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason military personnel that commenced their military service pre-2012 and that take up employment in the public service have their pension reduced if promoted in their new State employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23092/20]

*Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.*

\*103. To ask the Minister for Education if additional funding has been provided to the private bus operators that are taking children to school and are burdened with additional costs related to reduced capacity in running extra buses and hiring extra staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23053/20]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Education the guidelines for student teachers for completing their placements in primary schools; if placements will go ahead in October and November 2020; if not, if the placements will be delayed until after January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23100/20]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied) regarding travel costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23180/20]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Education if a teaching number will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23027/20]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied) to a primary school due to the circumstances as outlined in detail by their parents to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23031/20]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that some schools have had to return PPE due to poor standard of the product; if the procurement section of her Department will conduct an audit of same; and if an investigation will be conducted. — John McGuinness. [23039/20]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Education if support and assistance will be provided to the teaching and ancillary staff of a school (details supplied) in County Kerry following its closure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23044/20]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); if same will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23054/20]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Education if it is expected that the school extension for a school (details supplied) is expected to be completed on time; and the contingency plans in place to accommodate the school's accommodation needs. — Steven Matthews. [23066/20]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 594 of 14 July 2020, if the verification of service submitted by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be accepted as pensionable service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23080/20]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a bus ticket for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23090/20]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a bus ticket for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23093/20]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that applied to Bus Éireann for a bus ticket to go to secondary school; the number granted and outstanding, respectively in County Kerry as of 4 September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [23110/20]

\*116. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén fáth nach mbeidh tástálacha caighdeánaithe bunscoile le haghaidh léamh na Gaeilge curtha ar fáil ar líne mar a dhéantar le haghaidh léamh an Bhéarla; conas a tugadh conradh cúig bliana chun na tástálacha seo a reáchtáil gan léamh na Gaeilge san áireamh; agus cén plan atá aici chun léamh na Gaeilge a thástáil i measc daltaí bunscoile. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23118/20]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to substitute teaching; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23165/20]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 680 of 14 July 2020 and subsequent correspondence to her Department, when a school (details supplied) in County Sligo will receive funding for emergency works at the school. — Marc MacSharry. [23172/20]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Education if arrangements will be made to allow the children of parents that are highly at risk of Covid-19 to receive remote school from home rather than having to attend in person, putting their parent at risk (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [23175/20]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the leaving certificate calculated grades standardisation algorithm works (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [23184/20]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently sanction extra capacity on a post-primary school transport route (details supplied) to reinstate the school transport for five students that lost their seats on the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23192/20]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in Dublin receiving an ancillary services grant in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [23195/20]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria required and the way in which a school applies for a full-time caretaker. — Paul McAuliffe. [23196/20]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Education if it is a requirement for children to wear face masks while taking part in PE classes. — Sorca Clarke. [23207/20]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Education the number of requests received for additional special needs assistants from schools in counties Longford and Westmeath; and the number of requests that have been approved. — Sorca Clarke. [23209/20]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and secondary schools in counties Longford and Westmeath that do not have hot water facilities; and the steps that have been taken to rectify same in preparation for children returning to school during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Sorca Clarke. [23212/20]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education when the Bus Éireann school transport portal will be reopened to accept payments for school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23233/20]

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

\*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if targeted supports will be provided for homes in the areas affected by flooding in western areas of County Cork recently. — Holly Cairns. [23162/20]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons in receipt of the EWSS are also eligible to apply for the short-time work support (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [23173/20]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied); and when they can expect a decision on the case. — Chris Andrews. [23034/20]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for the State pension (contributory); and if arrears are due. — John McGuinness. [23038/20]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the names of the members that make up the child maintenance review group; if the group has met to date; if it is expected to report by the end of 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23128/20]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the priorities brought forward by stakeholders at the recent pre-Budget forum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23129/20]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reintroduce the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Bill 2017 which contained important protections for defined benefit pension scheme members; if not, the way in which she plans to protect these members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23130/20]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of report on the impact assessment of the current and projected future increases in carbon tax on low-income families by her Department; the stage the report is at; when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23131/20]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by those entitled to a free travel pass but are unable to access one as they cannot obtain a public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23132/20]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the date referrals of jobseekers to contracted employment services will recommence; and when activation services for those already referred will recommence. — Claire Kerrane. [23133/20]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for a change to the eligibility rules for community employment participants over 55 years of age in circumstances in which they can no longer remain on the scheme beyond three years; if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties being posed to sponsors in replacing these participants; if she will consider reversing the rule change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23134/20]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on providing funding for the supported employment service to independently operate its own work placement programmes to support those more distant from the labour market to gain work experience. — Holly Cairns. [23139/20]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on providing additional funding for the supported employment service to enable the service to top-up welfare payments to the level of the minimum wage without affecting the underlying payments for the duration of the work placement. — Holly Cairns. [23140/20]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which a further education course remains available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23232/20]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if additional supports will be provided to chauffeurs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23448/20]

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

\*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when the proposed introduction of baby boxes for all new parents will commence. — Holly Cairns. [23154/20]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if the proposed introduction of baby boxes for new parents will include all parents regardless of immigration status. — Holly Cairns. [23155/20]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of social workers employed by Tusla by region; the number of social workers available for work, that is, not on maternity or paternity leave or due to illness; and the average caseload being carried by each social worker. — Sorca Clarke. [23205/20]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to introduce a family resource centre at a location (details supplied); the way in which an application can be made in relation to same; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23076/20]

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

\*147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students that have taken a gap year from their studies following the leaving certificate 2019 will receive support from his Department in the CAO process to ensure comparability between



an unprecedented 2019 and 2020; if there are substantial increases in CAO points in the leaving certificate 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23081/20]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the recourse available in the case of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [23101/20]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provisions being made for students applying to the CAO in 2020 based on leaving certificate results from previous years. — Holly Cairns. [23152/20]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if arrangements are being put in place to support CAO reapplicants disadvantaged by the grade inflation due to calculated grades in 2020 (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [23189/20]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost to the Exchequer if SUSI grant eligibility was calculated on gross income rather than net income if the income threshold remained at the same numerical value; the cost if SUSI grant eligibility was calculated on gross income rather than net income if the numerical value of income thresholds were increased by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23062/20]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the obstacles facing persons of diminished industries due to Covid-19 trying to secure third-level placements; and if exemptions will be made to accommodate the persons. — Richard O'Donoghue. [23063/20]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are persons with severe medical condition that are in the high risk categories such as those with cystic fibrosis that are denied SUSI grants on the grounds that they are online; the steps he will take to address the situation in view of the risk to these persons from Covid-19 and the fact that many traditional courses are now online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23064/20]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the fact that Dundalk IT is the only institute of technology not to have formally linked into a consortium to obtain technological university status; the actions his Department and the HEA will take to advance technological university status for Dundalk IT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23067/20]

\*155. 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 in relation to providing flexible arrangements for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23068/20]

\*156. 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. [23069/20]

\*157. 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. [23070/20]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated number of students that would 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. [23071/20]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of local training initiatives in operation in 2018, 2019 and 2020; the number of participants for each of these years in tabular form; his plans for the further development of the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23108/20]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his engagement with colleges and universities to enable the provision of additional places in high demand courses. — Holly Cairns. [23149/20]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the campaign by an organisation (details supplied) to reduce student contribution fees in 2020 by €500. — Holly Cairns. [23150/20]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on amending the student grant statutory instrument to enable students reclassify as their personal circumstances relevant to the classification change. — Holly Cairns. [23151/20]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department or bodies working on behalf of his Department are monitoring social media for those that criticise government policy. — Holly Cairns. [23153/20]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with not-for-profit education, information technology and credit organisations such as organisations (details supplied) on the roll out of laptops to third-level students prior to the announcing the €15 million for student devices with a view to maximising the number of devices to be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23187/20]

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

\*165. 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. [23116/20]

\*166. 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. [22371/20]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that can be taken to facilitate and assist a person (details supplied) in distress; and if legal or diplomatic assistance will be provided through an embassy. — Joan Collins. [23091/20]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to develop and implement a national action plan to end the practice of female genital mutilation here by 2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23107/20]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of the 7,455 persons that were refused entry here in 2019 that were subsequently detained in a prison or Garda station or transferred to a prison or Garda station. — Holly Cairns. [23135/20]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons refused entry here from 27 March 2020 to date; the number that were subsequently detained and transferred to a prison or Garda station; and the length of time they were detained. — Holly Cairns. [23136/20]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department or bodies working on behalf of her Department are monitoring social media for those that criticise the direct provision system and Government policy. — Holly Cairns. [23137/20]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Justice if applicants for citizenship are required to have a valid GNIB card in view of the fact the cards are not currently being issued. — Holly Cairns. [23138/20]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to extend the Drogheda scoping exercise due to be undertaken to other areas in County Louth. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23176/20]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the drugs and organised crime unit in County Louth in each of the years 2018 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23178/20]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Justice the resources being allocated to An Garda Síochána to deal with the Covid-19 situation as restrictions ease. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23179/20]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Justice the rules which apply to local communities that wish to install CCTV equipment for the purposes of crime prevention and detection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23225/20]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Justice if crime and antisocial behaviour have increased in County Meath in recent years; and if so, the measures she is taking to address the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23226/20]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); if the matter can be urgently examined with a view a resolution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23235/20]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Justice when urgent humanitarian consideration will be given to an application for residency, naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); if their case can be urgently considered at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23236/20]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration will be given to allowing a person (details supplied) who has left the jurisdiction and returned to their homeland prior to the issue of a deportation order and therefore left the jurisdiction voluntarily, if the order will now be set aside under joint-spousal arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23237/20]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which provisions are in place or are being currently negotiated to improve direct provision living conditions at the various sites throughout the country in which it has not been possible to upgrade the facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23238/20]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the Criminal Assets Bureau continues to be successful in dealing with organised crime in all areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23239/20]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Justice when the proposed legislation to amend the law in respect of Garda compensation with respect to more than 4,000 gardaí currently off duty due to injuries received in the course of their work; the extent to which she expects the concerns of the gardaí to be dealt with adequately in the course of legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23240/20]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Justice the total strength of An Garda Síochána as of 1 June in each of the past five years to date and on 1 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23241/20]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Justice the degree to which she remains satisfied that the increase in Garda numbers is continuing on course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23242/20]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the various Garda stations throughout the country are in the course of refurbishment, replacement or are scheduled for works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23243/20]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners deemed to have absconded and have not been recaptured in each of the past seven years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23244/20]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which gender balance is maintained throughout An Garda Síochána at all ranks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23245/20]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which drug trafficking has been successfully curtailed throughout the Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23246/20]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of extra gardaí that have been provided for policework at various locations throughout the country in the past twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23247/20]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of crimes reported in County Kildare on a monthly basis for the past twelve months by category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23248/20]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of An Garda Síochána at the various Garda stations throughout County Kildare; the degree to which numbers have fluctuated in the past twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23249/20]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which noticeable increases and decreases in various crime categories have occurred in County Kildare in the past twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23250/20]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Justice the various categories of crimes in respect of which increases or decreases have been noted in the past twelve months throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23251/20]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Justice when new travel documents will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23252/20]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application process is likely to be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23253/20]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23254/20]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23255/20]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*199. To ask the Minister for Health the meat processing plants which have had Covid-19 outbreaks; and the dates of detection in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [23142/20]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of Covid-19 that have tested positive among workers in meat processing plants; and if contact tracing has been carried in all cases in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [23143/20]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Health if legislation necessary to implement changes to the medical card weekly income limit for persons over 70 years of age announced in Budget 2020 has been enacted and commenced in view of the fact the situation means that couples with a combined weekly income of between €900 and €1,050 are losing out on their entitlement to a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23030/20]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23035/20]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Health if an early appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in view of the circumstances. — John McGuinness. [23040/20]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Health the reason exemptions have been made for certain occupations to avoid having to self-isolate when returning from a non-green list country since Covid-19 reached here by categories (details supplied) in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [23043/20]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 458 of 23 October 2018, the input provided for neurorehabilitation and allied neuroclinical services in County Meath;

the budget allocation for such services for 2021 in line with the documents (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23045/20]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 332 of 2 October 2018, the number of persons with disabilities (details supplied) in County Meath; and the number of persons with neurodisability in County Meath waiting for neuro rehabilitation services. — Peadar Tóibín. [23046/20]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 336 of 2 October 2018, if the funding has been provided year on year since 2018; if so, the services that have been provided as a result of the funds in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23047/20]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that the HSE provides backup services for clinical staff such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, speech and language therapists in cases in which a clinician is absent for most of their tenure and are allocated but not available and staff are on leave, for example, if a staff member takes paternal leave for a year and persons with a disability are deprived of a service and no provision is made for cover during the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23048/20]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no neuropsychology service for persons with acquired brain injury (details supplied) in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23049/20]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health when a day service for persons with acquired brain injury will be established in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23050/20]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Health when staff will be returned to their regular positions providing services to persons with disabilities in the community teams in which clinicians that normally provide services have been redeployed due to Covid-19 related work; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the situation has had a detrimental impact on the well-being and health of vulnerable persons requiring more hospital and accident and emergency visits than would normally be the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [23051/20]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health when the enabling works at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe will commence; when tenders will be sought for the construction of the 50-bed ward block; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23060/20]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Clare can be considered for incremental credits. — Michael Ring. [23073/20]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 948 of 5 March 2020, if the issue at the health centre has been rectified; his plans to reopen the centre once Covid-19 restrictions are eased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23078/20]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no public health nurse at location (details supplied); if a nurse will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23087/20]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to enact the increased threshold limits for medical cards which he has been committed to by Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23097/20]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Health when the monthly drugs payment scheme threshold will be reduced to €114 as provided for in Budget 2020; when a commencement order will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [23098/20]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce the monthly threshold for the drug payment scheme by €10 per month as announced in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [23104/20]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce free general practitioner care for children under eight as announced in Budget 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [23105/20]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Health the new resources being provided to ensure that Traveller primary healthcare projects return to work safely business plans can be implemented. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23106/20]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Health when respite care will resume at a unit for a child (details supplied); when the child will be able to attend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23111/20]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Health when the adult day service in Stafford Street, Nenagh, County Tipperary (details supplied) will reopen and return to its normal schedule. — Jackie Cahill. [23112/20]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review being undertaken of the mobility allowance; when details of a new scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23114/20]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Health the plans the HSE has submitted to him to increase ICU capacity; and the number of ICU beds he expects to be available in acute care by the end of 2020. — Alan Kelly. [23122/20]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Health the number of DNRs signed in the healthcare system by month between 1 January 2015 and 1 July 2020, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [23156/20]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated impact of the redeployment of HSE therapists to work as Covid-19 testers and contact tracers on waiting lists and the opening of clinics. — Holly Cairns. [23157/20]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Health when the full range of disability services will be resumed. — Holly Cairns. [23158/20]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the annual overview report by HIQA on the inspection and regulation of disability services in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [23159/20]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will resume residency. — Sean Sherlock. [23174/20]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the issue of a lack of sonographer services in University Hospital Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23183/20]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to introduce a no-fault vaccination compensation scheme for severe adverse reactions to State-promoted vaccination programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23185/20]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for cataract surgery in each hospital in which such surgery takes place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23190/20]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll out the Sligo model of eye care; the reason for the delay; if alternatives to this model are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23191/20]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for expanding free access to the HPV vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23193/20]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health when a replacement scheme for the motorised transport grant will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23198/20]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been an interruption to the air ambulance service based at Custume Barracks, Athlone, County Westmeath to date in 2020; the number of missions tasked in each month to date in 2020; his plans to maintain the service during Covid-19 restrictions at Custume Barracks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23200/20]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons presenting for Covid-19 testing in counties Longford and Westmeath that are not registered with a general practitioner. — Sorca Clarke. [23208/20]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in the HSE employed through employment agencies; the cost of same; and if the number has changed since the outbreak of Covid-19. — Sorca Clarke. [23210/20]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health when services such as developmental checks for children and health screening services are expected to return to pre-Covid-19 levels. — Sorca Clarke. [23215/20]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons that were referred to youth and adolescent mental health services in counties Longford and Westmeath in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of young persons seen by the service in the same period; the number of referrals that were not accepted by the service; and the number of referrals not accepted that were referred onwards to psychology or other pertinent services in the same period in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [23216/20]



\*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons referred to CAMHS in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in counties Longford and Westmeath; the number that were seen by CAMHS in the same period; the number of referrals that were not seen by CAMHS in the same period; and the number of referrals not accepted by CAMHS that were referred onwards to community alcohol and drug service or other pertinent service in the same period in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [23217/20]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons by county awaiting eye care treatment through the National Treatment Purchase Fund. — Sorca Clarke. [23218/20]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an appointment with an optometrist by county. — Sorca Clarke. [23219/20]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Health if the nationwide roll-out of the Sligo eyecare scheme in respect of the current waiting list of 52,000 for inpatient and outpatient eyecare will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23221/20]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the support and advice services available to persons experiencing long-term effects of Covid-19. — Róisín Shortall. [23222/20]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Health the staff currently assigned or redeployed to Covid-19 testing and tracing work on the basis of their original discipline or area of work within the health service and from other Departments or agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23223/20]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Health the current information available to him on the efficacy of single Covid-19 testing for persons that are asymptomatic in respect of the reliability of such results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23224/20]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health when an operation will take place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [23231/20]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding podiatry services provided by the HSE in County Wexford; the status of the service going forward; the number of persons on the waiting list for the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23234/20]

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

\*250. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details regarding the introduction to a new retirement scheme for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23042/20]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a tree felling licence application for a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be expedited. — Michael Creed. [23079/20]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) in County Cork has an entitlement to the areas of natural constraints payment for 2019 and 2020. — Michael Creed. [23082/20]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on an appeal by persons (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [23084/20]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 650 of 28 July 2020, if the information (details supplied) has since been provided to his Department; when the information will be made available to this Deputy as promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23126/20]

\*255. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar ché dhomhainmhara a fhorbairt i Ros an Mhíl; cén uair a bhfuiltear ag súil le tairiscintí a lorg don obair ar an gcé; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23127/20]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements with representatives of the fishing organisations prior to the introduction of the fishing penalty points system; and the meeting dates. — Holly Cairns. [23144/20]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on increasing the resources and staff of the forestry appeals and licensing process to ensure that all licences and appeals are processed in a timely manner including the clearing of the substantial backlog. — Holly Cairns. [23145/20]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on establishing a forestry knowledge transfer programme similar to beef and dairy programmes. — Holly Cairns. [23146/20]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on establishing an independent review of the implementation of the Forestry Act 2014 to assess the way in which the substantial backlog was allowed to accrue; and the actions the Forestry Service has taken to ameliorate the situation. — Holly Cairns. [23147/20]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department or bodies working on behalf of his Department are monitoring social media for those that criticise Government policy. — Holly Cairns. [23148/20]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23164/20]

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

\*262. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of a CLÁR application by an organisation (details supplied); when a decision is likely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23089/20]