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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the number of special advisers that will be hired by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [22238/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach the number of special advisers he is planning to hire in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23666/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22338/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [23638/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [23684/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23700/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with Transport will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22339/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22610/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with the economy will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22651/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22655/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [23636/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with matters relating to transport. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23926/20]

13. 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]

14. To ask the Taoiseach the working groups or initiatives he has established or plans to establish within his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23701/20]

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

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

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23667/20]

19. 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]

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

21. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the activities of the shared island unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23668/20]

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

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

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the UK Prime Minister. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24047/20]

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

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

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [23637/20]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23927/20]

29. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in the development of the forthcoming plan for dealing with Covid-19. — Paul Murphy. [23685/20]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [23764/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

31. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he has undertaken or will undertake as part of the winter plan to protect capacity in the health service, to ensure maximum possible uptake of the flu vaccine, secure sufficient staffing levels and bed availability, deliver Covid-19, non-Covid-19 and catch-up care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23639/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Health if a commitment will be given to prioritise increased funding for mental health services in County Tipperary and nationwide in Budget 2021 in order to prevent the Covid-19 crisis from turning into a national mental health crisis (details supplied). — Michael Lowry. [24045/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure a proactive and robust testing and tracing regime to support the plan for living with Covid-19; the way in which Ireland compares with the EU and other comparator states such as New Zealand in terms of testing and tracing capacity and performance by tests per capita; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23640/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Health if promised medical card eligibility expansions and reductions in prescription charges made in Budget 2020 will to be commenced in 2020; the reason for the delay; if funding is being made available for same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23641/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

35. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the construction of the new children's hospital; the new estimated date of completion; if the total cost of the hospital will now exceed the figure of €1.73 billion from the independent review; the legal costs arising from the current legal challenge; and the total legal costs to date. — Pa Daly. [16604/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering introducing a self-referral system for Covid-19 testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [23654/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Health if a review or analysis has taken place of the recent lockdown in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23430/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is proposing to address the lack of adequate resourcing of University Hospital Kerry within the South/Southwest Hospital Group; if his officials will examine the reason the hospital is resourced poorly relative to similar grade hospitals elsewhere in Ireland; if he will address the imbalance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23669/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Health when the autism committee will be established (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [22337/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols being put in place in order that patients may be admitted directly to Belmullet Community Hospital having full regard for Covid-19 screening prior to admission in view of the fact they have to be sent to the emergency department of Mayo University Hospital before they can be transferred to Belmullet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23698/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Health the system for providing medical cards to persons on palliative care; if a means test applies; the length of time the application process takes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [23277/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he remains satisfied that the public continue to strictly observe the Covid-19 protocols in respect of hand-sanitisation, social distancing and reduction of interaction; the extent to which an assessment has been done of known breaches which have specifically led to new outbreaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23662/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Finglas primary care centre. — Paul McAuliffe. [22250/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Health when the restrictions in relation to visits to maternity units will be lifted at Cavan General Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23704/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allocate sufficient funding to the HSE to allow the operation of disability services such as the new group for persons with physical and sensory disabilities in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [23656/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be changes to the Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Ireland in relation to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23690/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Children's Hospital; the details on the level of spending to date in 2020 on legal fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [23651/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Health when the independent monitoring body for Sharing the Vision will be established; the details of the membership of the body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23688/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a community nursing and residential care unit at Middleton Community Hospital, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23691/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Health the details of future plans within the St. Vincent's Healthcare Group in-particular St Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire and St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, County Dublin. — Cormac Devlin. [23660/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure that persons who suffered narcolepsy after receiving the pandemrix vaccine receive appropriate compensation without the need for expensive court cases. — Paul Murphy. [23676/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects health and social care services for persons with disabilities to be fully restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23429/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) regarding additional supports to children and adults with disabilities and complex needs that have been impacted by the restrictions that have been in place since March 2020. — Martin Browne. [22356/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of the CSSD at Roscommon Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23275/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Health if the report commissioned by his predecessor into the midwifery led unit in Cavan General Hospital has been completed; if the reason for the initial suggested amalgamation with consultancy led maternity services at the hospital has been explained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [23648/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 50-bed ward block development at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23276/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for removing spectators from the matches of an association (details supplied) notwithstanding the controlled measures to limit the spread of Covid-19 implemented at such matches in line with public health guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23682/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Health if the key indicators relating to Covid-19 are tracked relative to comparable countries such as the UK, Denmark and Austria and the EU as a whole covering such matters as testing rate per hundred thousand, hospital admissions per hundred thousand, reproduction rate of the virus, indicators of levels of social contact and so on; if so, if the indicators will be published on a regular basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [23273/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Health when educational day services for children and adults with special needs will reopen; his plans for the reopening of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [19289/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the services provided at local hospitals, such as Monaghan Hospital in view of the additional pressures other centres will inevitably face in the coming period. — Matt Carthy. [23657/20]

61. 60 To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce medical cards for cancer patients and terminally ill patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23643/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure consistent and regular testing of all healthcare staff in view of the fact that the instance of Covid-19 among health care workers here

is higher than any other country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23665/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the waiting lists for speech and language therapy in County Wexford. — Johnny Mythen. [22357/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the treatment pathway devised for mesh implant survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23650/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the reopening of district hospitals for older persons and palliative care that have been closed to allow staff to be redeployed elsewhere due to Covid-19; his views on whether some of the facilities will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23661/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to fast track the recruitment process for medical professionals throughout the health service; his views on the slow recruitment process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23670/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his intervention to prevent the closure of a nursing home (details supplied) in County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [23672/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to tackle waiting lists and deliver public dental and orthodontic care; his further plans to expand eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23645/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE wig allowance varies on the amount you receive based on where you live in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23649/20]

70. 69 To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to deal with the key recommendations and learnings contained within the publication of the Covid-19 Mayo University investigation report; the Department which will oversee implementing of solutions to the key findings; and the timeline for same. — Alan Dillon. [23724/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to address the waiting times to obtain an appointment to see a rheumatologist in the mid-western areas of the country in view of the fact persons with fibromyalgia are left on long-term waiting lists resulting in low quality life due to pain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23696/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to deal with the mental health crisis which has worsened since the onset of Covid-19 and the cancellation of services. — Sorca Clarke. [23759/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the clearing of the CervicalCheck backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [23653/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with disabilities on the waiting list for assessment for early intervention; and the average waiting time to get an assessment. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [22328/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he can ensure access to services such as elective procedures, mental health services, endoscopy and oncology treatments that have been affected by the Covid-19 crisis including access to services for persons with special needs; if he has in place or in mind a specific action plan to deal with the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23663/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to re-evaluate and relax restrictions on pregnant parents being accompanied by their partners in hospitals before, during and after birth on compassionate grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23644/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Health if he will liaise with the HSE to ensure flexibility for the procurement of catheters from a company (details supplied) as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23699/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Health the new estimated completion date of the national children's hospital in view of the recent stoppage of work; if the estimated cost is now likely to exceed the figure of €1.73 billion that was provided in the independent review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16632/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Health his views on mental health services including psychiatry services in County Louth; his plans for the services; and the resources that have been allocated to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23697/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or the HSE has carried out an analysis into the effects of the ongoing closure of day centres for adults with disabilities; the number of day centres which remain closed since the outbreak of Covid-19 in Ireland; the number of day centres which have reopened to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23687/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deliver on commitments to persons with scoliosis and reduce wait times for care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23646/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure more regular publication of localised statistics on Covid-19 especially in view of the significantly differing incidence of the virus within counties. — James Lawless. [23431/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to reduce CAMHS waiting lists in the Cork north Lee area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23693/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Health if investment in neurological and neurorehabilitation services will be increased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23427/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Health when disability services will resume operation; the additional budget that has been allocated to meet the costs of adhering to public health advice; and the additional allocation to each service provider nationally in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [22335/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure the full reopening of paediatric emergency services at Tallaght Hospital as was promised earlier in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23675/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for an assessment of need in each CHO; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23426/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review being conducted into the midwifery led unit in Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23425/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to advance an inquiry into mesh implants and sodium valproate; his further plans to gather better data to understand the extent of the impact of same; if an expert panel will review the UK report on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23647/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Health the status of publicly funded fertility care as promised in the Programme for Government; the form of supports that will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23278/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Health when disability day services will be fully reintroduced for all those that need it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [23655/20]

92. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce regular testing for Covid-19 of homecare workers in view of the vulnerability of the clients they are caring for through age or disability or both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23658/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons here diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. — Gary Gannon. [23679/20]

94. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow pregnant women attend hospital appointments with their partners; his plans to allow restrictions in relation to same to be lifted in hospitals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23695/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to permanently increase capacity in hospitals; his further plans to increase the current 45 ICU beds in view of the worrying recent increase in the number of Covid-19 infections and in anticipation of another wave of the virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23677/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to increase the update for the flu vaccine the 2020/2021 winter season; if his Department has prepared analysis into the costing of providing the flu vaccine to all citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [23652/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Health when the restrictions in maternity hospitals will be lifted to allow a doula and or birthing partner to support a pregnant woman in labour and delivery. — Sorca Clarke. [23758/20]

98. To ask the Minister for Health if weekly Covid-19 testing will be extended to categories (details supplied) that are essential to the running of the country; if he will report on the plan for track and trace; and the persons that will be targeted in view of the fact prompt test and trace results will be crucial. — Joan Collins. [23683/20]

99. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to reduce the waiting times for assessments of need under the Disability Act 2005 in the Cork north Lee Local health area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [23694/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be given under the capital project in the National Development Plan 2018 - 2027 for phase II of the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Rochestown Avenue, Dún Laoghaire. — Cormac Devlin. [23659/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the opening and operation of day care centres for older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23692/20]

102. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he is undertaking with his Northern Ireland counterpart to intensify an all-Ireland approach to tackling Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23689/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Health the status of prostate screening in view of the steep drop in referrals from general practitioners in spring 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23279/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Health when a commencement order will be given for the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020. — Thomas Gould. [23671/20]

105. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the reimbursement for a Cross-Border Directive operation has not been paid to person (details supplied) a year after the payment was made by the patient. — Joan Collins. [23674/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the roles undertaken by his Departmental officials in meat plants during the Covid-19 period. — Matt Carthy. [24008/20]

107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the Mercosur deal and the way in which it will impact on farming here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24346/20]

108. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a PGI application will be prioritised for naturally reared suckler beef. — Matt Carthy. [24009/20]

109. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the establishment of the proposed national food ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24366/20]

110. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers will be provided with monthly stocking levels in order to calculate the stocking reductions required for BEAM, instead of the practice of providing annual figures from which farmers are unable to calculate the necessary reductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24343/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

111. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the time frame for the implementation of the Mackinnon Report into the review of approval processes for afforestation in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23814/20]

112. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a cross-Departmental taskforce will be established to analyse the meat industry here in view of the role of the sector during the Covid-19 pandemic, the ongoing complaints by farmers regarding the prices offered to them, the allegations in relation to price-fixing and recent revelations regarding the conditions for workers in the sector. — Matt Carthy. [22611/20]

113. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress to date of the beef taskforce; the timeline for the completion of commitments given to the taskforce; the steps he is taking to implement the measures proposed by this Deputy and unanimously adopted by Dáil Éireann on 26 September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23762/20]

114. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the implementation group of the inshore fisheries sector strategy last met; his plans for future meetings to implement the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [23768/20]

115. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the plan by the Ministers for Climate Action and Communication Networks and the Minister for Transport to introduce tariffs on two for one offers in grocery stores; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [24108/20]

116. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the forestry licensing system. — Pa Daly. [24110/20]

117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the concerns that many farmers have on the issuing of tuberculosis herd history risk letters to farmers and the implications of same in terms of GDPR; the impact that such letters have on the value of herds that have passed a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23941/20]

118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made in the provision of interim measures under the present CAP for 2020 and 2021 until a new Common Agriculture Policy is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23965/20]

119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an independent review and sustainability audit will be commissioned of forest business and other activities of Coillte, as recommended in the 2019 report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24007/20]

120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the proposed deepwater quay at Ros a'Mhíl harbour, Connemara, County Galway will be included as part of capital expenditure in the forthcoming stimulus plan. — Mairéad Farrell. [15978/20]

121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he is taking further steps to ensure the viability of the agri-food industry notwithstanding recent indicators in respect of Brexit and the effects of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24034/20]

122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with farmers in relation to concerns regarding the decision to provide personalised herd test history statements and reports. — Niamh Smyth. [23767/20]

123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the analysis his Department has carried out on the potential impacts of the importation of US lobster under the recent limited EU-US trade deal, particularly with regard to lobster fishermen here and native lobster stocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24006/20]

124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the transitional period of the Common Agriculture Policy; the schemes that will remain operational; and his plans regarding convergence and other proposals for the period. — Matt Carthy. [23967/20]

125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific measures being taken to expedite the issuing of felling and afforestation licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23813/20]

126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will apply to the EU for a derogation on the ban of diaquat on behalf of the potato growers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23972/20]

127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he foresees the possibility of expansion of the markets for agri-food exports here with particular reference to the need to compensate for negative developments arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24035/20]

128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding funding for CAP post-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23969/20]

129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports planned to compensate the farming community for losses and the impact that Brexit uncertainty, Sterling volatility and Covid-19 has had on them across all sectors; and if there are additional plans in the event of a no-deal Brexit. — Richard O'Donoghue. [23930/20]

130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to make the Agriculture Appeals Office an entirely independent and discrete body. — Holly Cairns. [24038/20]

131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the implications for animals moving across the Border from Northern Ireland to here and vice versa for slaughter or as carcasses in the context of Brexit; if an all-island approach and a level playing field will continue to apply to each aspect of agricultural production and processing on the island of Ireland; and the actions that have been taken or will be taken by both Governments to ensure full cooperation between farmers on both sides of the Border. — Marian Harkin. [19029/20]

132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry licence applications received each month in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the corresponding figure for the number of licences approved, appealed, granted and refused on appeal, respectively; the number on hand in each category; the specific measures being taken to expedite the process in the interests of all parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23900/20]

133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will reconvene the tuberculosis forum; his views on whether farmers' faith in this forum is being eroded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [23942/20]

134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider a derogation on the ban on the use of diquat on potato crops in view of the fact that ten EU countries including Austria and Denmark have been given a derogation. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [23980/20]

135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a series of submissions by campaigners (details supplied) in relation to the upcoming agriculture appeals (amendment) Bill 2020 will be examined in order to improve the processing and quality of decisions and appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24049/20]

136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the size of the inshore fishing fleet; the number of boats which availed of the tie up scheme; the way in which such funds were paid out through the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [23769/20]

137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the immediate action he is taking to address the backlog of cases in the forestry appeals systems. — Holly Cairns. [24036/20]

138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he was consulted regarding the decision to cease testing in meat factories and food processing plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [24109/20]

139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the intended purpose in issuing bovine tuberculosis herd history herd risk letters to farmers; the cost involved in the process; and his plans to work with farmers to eliminate bovine tuberculosis. — Matt Carthy. [23966/20]

140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the urgent steps he is taking to avert a raw material supply crisis of logs in the timber industry and looming layoffs for harvesters, hauliers, timber mill staff and myriad others that are depending on this resource based industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23964/20]

141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timescale for the completion of discussions on the future funding of CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23970/20]

142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views in relation to correspondence issued by his Department entitled Bovine TB Herd History Risk Statement and Report sent to farmers which references historic trading details and the advice to cull their herds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23971/20]

143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for specific designation EU PGI status for Irish beef; the status of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23763/20]

144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the upgrading of Dinish Pier, Castletownbere, County Cork; the reason construction has stalled; and when the upgrade is expected to be completed. — Holly Cairns. [24040/20]

145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the sheep welfare scheme. — Matt Carthy. [23968/20]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*146. To ask the Taoiseach the plans in place to establish a citizens' assembly in 2021 to discuss the proposal to bring a directly elected mayor to Dublin. — Neale Richmond. [23299/20]

*147. To ask the Taoiseach the measures being taken by the CSO for the preparation of the Census due to Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [23109/20]

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

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the support available to small business that were impacted by recent flooding in Clifden, County Galway; the conditions that apply to such aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24061/20]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason businesses which failed to pay their rates demand for 2019 are able to draw down the restart grant based on the demand figure whereas business which obtained a reduction in their rates demand for 2019 are only able to avail on a restart grant based on the revised figure; his plans to review the anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23397/20]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of full-time staff by job title working in the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission as of 1 September 2020. — Paul McAuliffe. [23725/20]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 89 of 8 September 2019, the outcome of discussions held by the Western Region Enterprise Committee on the job losses at a company (details supplied;) and the specific measures now being taken to support job creation in Ballinasloe, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23878/20]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he plans to convene a meeting of the enterprise agencies, the Department of Social Protection, members of the regional enterprise plan committee, the Ballinasloe Area Community Development, Galway and Roscommon local authorities and other local stakeholders following the announcement of job losses at a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23879/20]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the provision of water and sewerage facilities for the IDA lands at Athenry, County Galway (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23896/20]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to a broadening of the criteria for the business restart grant plus; if a consecutive grant will be rolled out in order that businesses which do not pay rates outside of just bed and breakfasts can apply and access supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23949/20]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a local enterprise office will be funded for Drogheda and east County Meath to assist the largest town in the area to deal with the effects of a possible Brexit scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23975/20]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the investments by IDA Ireland at a property (details supplied) in County Mayo; the planning status of the site; the process to update the status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23984/20]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the strategy used by IDA Ireland as an alternative to site visits as a consequence of Covid-19 restrictions; the impact of Covid-19 restrictions on IDA strategy to date in 2020; and his plans to increase support to IDA Ireland to assist its operations. — Dara Calleary. [23985/20]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if supports have been considered for the self-employed and small businesses that do not qualify for the restart grant or the enterprise support grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24011/20]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if targeted financial supports will be established for small pubs which cannot open or will not be economically viable under the Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions. — Holly Cairns. [24175/20]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24308/20]

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

*161. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the purchase of environmental compliance, that is, statistical transfers from other members states; the anticipated cost in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23751/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the commitment on page 36 of the Programme for Government to end the issuing of new licences for exploration and extraction of gas on the same basis as the recent decision in relation to oil exploration and extraction; the legislation that will be put forward in this regard; and the form it will take. — Bríd Smith. [23788/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the cost of a survey (details supplied); the details of the contractual basis in which the programme operates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23847/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if the €15 million for peatlands rehabilitation includes those already committed allocations; and if not, if it is in addition to same. — Mairéad Farrell. [24015/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if terrestrial television broadcasts will be required to include subtitles. — Holly Cairns. [24180/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the work carried out to date on the Avoca mines remediation project plan; the timeline for future proposals; the value of funding allocated for the purposes of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23262/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the membership of the project board for the Avoca mines remediation project; the way in which the body is constituted; the reporting requirements of the body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23263/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Strategy in view of the fact that broadband speeds here are among the slowest in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23291/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if measures have been considered to encourage phone network providers to waive data roaming costs for Irish persons that were stranded in mainland Europe during the Covid-19 pandemic with no safe way to return home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23292/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the climate action bill promised within the first 100 days of Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23293/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the amount in fines Ireland is likely to face in 2020 and 2021 as a result of not achieving renewable energy and carbon

emissions targets; if these fines will be allocated for in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23349/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the amount spent to date on the north-south interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23350/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the introduction of a new scheme for retrofitting of homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23356/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if his attention has been drawn to the impact that levies on diesel are having on many hauliers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23385/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the details of the work done to date on the Avoca mines remediation project plan; the future proposals and timeline for same; the value of funding allocated for the purposes of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23557/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans for transition of State vehicles to electric; and the funding set aside to enable the transition. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23562/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the secondary uses for Eircode that have been formally considered and deemed appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23567/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to facilitate greater cooperation between Eircode and Loc8 code in the interest of public safety in view of the fact that Loc8 has been used by the National Ambulance Service since 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23568/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the minimum, maximum and median time for new properties to get an Eircode; the implications of this for connection of utility services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23569/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the measures he is taking to reduce single-use plastic particularly in the food and beverage sector; if he will endeavour to have single-use plastics available in compostable form; if reusable face coverings can be encouraged as opposed to disposable ones in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23600/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the amount collected from the PSO levy from electricity customers in each of the years 2010 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23631/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the areas in which the PSO levy collected from electricity customers in 2019 was spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23632/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if there will be no need for increased incineration facilities here in view of his announcement of ambitious new targets to tackle waste and move towards a circular economy, including a shift in focus away from waste disposal and treatment; if, as a result of the new measures, the application for a licence to allow for the incineration of waste at a plant (details supplied) should be refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [23718/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the measures being put in place to ensure that the projected additional €9 billion cost to the electricity sector by 2027 of data centres is fully borne by data centre developers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23776/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to utilise the potential of anaerobic digestion; his further plans to consult with farmers, communities and other stakeholders in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23848/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the action taken on the 2019 recommendation by the Climate Change Advisory Council to seek advice on appropriate target for methane emissions; if that recommendation has been acted; if so, the findings; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [23922/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his views on whether further supplementary plans will be required to ramp up the construction and delivery of offshore wind farms to meet the required energy targets; if guidance is available in terms of the preferred construction options for offshore farms; if so, if they will be made available; the way in which Irish companies can prepare appropriately for future tender processes in the area of offshore wind farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23955/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to provide high-spread broadband to the residents and school at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [23996/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if his attention has been drawn to a scandal (details supplied) in the UK and the recent measures put in place by UK energy regulator Ofgen to protect consumers from unfair business practices in the pre-paid energy sector; and if his attention has been drawn to similar unfair business practices in operation here and the potential need to protect consumers. — Mairéad Farrell. [24016/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24304/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the introduction of legislation to legalise e-scooters on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [23266/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to allow for a return to sport for children in and out of schools in view of the fact that sport has been linked to 55 cases of Covid-19 in August 2020 alone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23298/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of construction of the Northern Ring Road. — Thomas Gould. [23340/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if free travel card holders that are in receipt of a disability allowance payment will be facilitated to book transport tickets online for a Bus Éireann service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23384/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if funds from the active travel measures allocations and the climate change adaptation allocations 2020 can in County Cork, be rolled over to 2021 to allow for council staff and engineers to deal with the recent damage from flood waters. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23470/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding will be allocated for the repair and rebuilding of the road network that was devastated during the recent west County Cork flooding events. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23474/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport when driver tests will resume on a full-time basis in Thurles, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23497/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the conditions attached to the €2.6 million fund awarded to Shannon Heritage in August 2020; the sites this fund will be spent on; and the follow-up inspections that will take place to scrutinise the way in which the funding is spent. — Cathal Crowe. [23519/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps a person (details supplied) should take in relation to a matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23550/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric State vehicles as a percentage of the overall number of vehicles. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23562/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the public funding has been given directly or indirectly to an organisation (details supplied) over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23588/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be made available to local authorities that have yet to complete the 30km residential speed limit review within their administrative areas; and if so, when this funding will be provided. — Cormac Devlin. [23836/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next sports capital programme grant application process will be open; the funding available for the programme in 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23920/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the provision of public transport services on routes that are frequently used by schoolchildren in addition to teachers and staff commuting to schools in view of the fact that the capacity of public transport has decreased due to

Covid-19 and carpooling is not possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [23950/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport when the position of the chief executive officer of an organisation (details supplied) which was extended in 2016 for a four year period and set to expire on 30 September 2020 will be advertised; if not being publicly advertised, the precise reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [23976/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if the terms of the chairman and three board members of an organisation (details supplied) together with the three board vacancies which already exist is set to expire on 30 September 2020; when these positions will be advertised in the media and on the normal public jobs on line platform; if not being publicly advertised, the precise reason for the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [23977/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if there has been an approach by an organisation (details supplied) to seek a further extension to the existing contract of the current CEO; if an extension to the terms of office of the current chairman or board members has been sought; if so, the details of such representations; the person or body that made them; when they were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [23978/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants waiting for a driver test nationwide; the average waiting time for driver tests; the number of driver testers employed by the RSA; if additional testers will be employed to reduce waiting times; the efforts being made to reduce the waiting times in view of the large backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23281/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if a response will issue to a request by a person (details supplied) to review the green list and travel policy in relation to countries which have a lower Covid-19 rate than Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23283/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the plans to maintain social distancing on public transport when usage eventually increases due to schools returning and the gradual return to the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23294/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers boarding at each train station from Dublin to Enfield, County Meath in the past three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23363/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding driver licensing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23369/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some NCT centres will not accept cash and have a policy of taking card only which is causing issues for many motorists. — Brian Stanley. [23373/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if mask wearing in taxis is a mandatory requirement similar to public transport; if not, if it is treated differently; if he will engage with the NTA to clarify the position for taxi operators and passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23389/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding will be allocated for the repair and rebuilding of the roads network that was devastated during the recent west County Cork flooding events. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [23475/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there is such a delay in the processing of the wheelchair accessible vehicle and the electric small public service vehicle grant schemes. — Robert Troy. [23527/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide a further extension to driver licence renewal dates as previously to allow staff to process the large volume of renewals due or overdue in order to ensure drivers are not left without any driver licences while waiting; if he is addressing the issue, in view of the fact group 2 or other drivers must present in person to renew their licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23564/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the mental health supports in place for elite and international athletes that are injured, in recovery and athletes that are in preparation to qualify for the next Olympics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23598/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport when sections 1-68 of Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Act 2014 comes into effect. — Paul McAuliffe. [23722/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) to expedite the renewal of their driver licence due to exceptional circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23757/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reintroduce or increase funding to allow the expansion of the low emissions vehicle toll incentive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23780/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the assistance which can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [23783/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to review the requirement for an email address for a person to renew their motor tax online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23827/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if transport providers will be instructed to accept Leap cards as loading ports on buses in view of the fact some providers are not renewing loading ports due to Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [23875/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Airport Authority has the legal entitlement to charge persons that drop off passengers to the airport; the public benefit that will arise from such a charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [23882/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport when sections 4 and 5 of the Road Traffic Act 2016 will come into force. — Paul Donnelly. [23891/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost in 2021 if the amount of funding for public service obligation increased by 7%. — Paul Donnelly. [23892/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the responsibility of his Department for recording and monitoring passengers entering Ireland; the role his Department plays in the passenger locator form and follow-up calls to passengers; the number and grade of staff allocated for this specific purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23917/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers arriving here on a weekly basis from 1 August 2020 by country, including seaports and airports, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [23918/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons travelling to and from the green list countries on a daily basis since 1 August 2020 by country, including seaports and airports, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [23919/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the substantial waiting lists for driver tests due to the necessary cancellation of service during the Covid-19 pandemic; if he has met with representatives of the RSA to discuss ways in which this can be expedited; and if provision can be made for those that could be classified as urgent in terms of requiring a test. — Steven Matthews. [23925/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers boarding at each of the individual train stations from Dublin to Newbridge train station, County Kildare in the past three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23938/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the nationality of the 26 passengers on board an aircraft (details supplied) that flew from Washington DC and landed in Dublin Airport at approximately 00:49 on 26 June 2020 and that departed Dublin Airport for Benghazi, Libya at 02:10 approximately on 26 June 2020. — Mairéad Farrell. [24017/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and nationality of passengers that were on board an aircraft (details supplied) that travelled from Benghazi, Libya, and refuelled at Dublin Airport at approximately 13:41 on 31 July 2020 on its way to Dulles Airport in Washington DC; and the number and nationality of passengers on board the same aircraft on its return journey from Dulles Airport in Washington DC to Benghazi, Libya with a refuelling stop at Dublin Airport at approximately 03:33 on 2 August 2020. — Mairéad Farrell. [24018/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on the Sallins bypass construction project; the stage each component is at; the projected dates to open the 9A M7 junction, the spur road back into Sallins village and the bypass proper; the reason for recent delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [24058/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will respond to correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to the National Driver Licence Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24133/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the delays in driving tests in each test centre; the amount of time applicants are awaiting a test; and the age profile of applicants in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [24141/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cars that failed the NCT for dipped headlights in June, July, August and to date in September 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [24142/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make additional funding to Bus Éireann to allow leap card loading on buses. — Sean Sherlock. [24147/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding required to fund a nationwide rollout of NFC payments on public transport. — Sean Sherlock. [24152/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Fota Road in Cobh, County Cork; and if funding will be allocated to upgrade same. — Sean Sherlock. [24153/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24313/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered extending the help-to-buy scheme to include non-new builds in rural areas. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [23477/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance if a reply will issue to correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding their role as a retained fire fighter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23526/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if taxi drivers will be transferred to the wage subsidy scheme in view of the fact they have lost 80% of their business and have been removed from the pandemic unemployment payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23605/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance the eligibility of a person that has purchased a site with a derelict home on it which will be demolished in favour of a new build but must pay local property tax on the derelict home and wants to apply for the help-to-buy scheme as a first-time buyer or builder. — Cathal Crowe. [23808/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the potential that some employers may not be fully passing the wage subsidy scheme payment to their employees; the recourse for workers in this situation; and the steps he is taking to stop such practices and support workers that fall victim to it. — Pat Buckley. [23897/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vehicles that have been registered through the VRT system in each month during 2020; the total revenue received in VRT payments in each month in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23957/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of employers on the employment wage subsidy scheme by county. — Sean Sherlock. [24145/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance when a review of the tax bands will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23296/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the review of the employment wage subsidy scheme as it relates to cashflow issues for businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23297/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the filing of income tax returns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23347/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on insurance companies that are unwilling to compensate policy holders that have paid for specific business interruption cover in the event of an outbreak of infectious disease; the actions he has taken in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23364/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to impose further increases in diesel levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23386/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance if the decision will be reviewed to cease the temporary wage subsidy scheme to public houses which remain closed in view of the fact that these employers are not in a position to top up the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23398/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance if the difficulties that householders living close to bodies of water have in getting home insurance cover will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23510/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the stay and spend scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23545/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance if the rate of VAT will be reduced on hospitality services to 5% to help struggling businesses to survive in the foreseeable future; if the full year estimated adjustments as a result of such a measure in the current trading environment will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23576/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if the rate of excise applicable to alcohol sold for consumption on licensed premises will be reduced to help struggling businesses to survive in the foreseeable future; if the full year estimated adjustments as a result of such a measure in the current trading environment will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23577/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a requirement for firms that have been afforded section 110 status under the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 by the Revenue Commissioners to state in their financial statements that they are availing of this tax relief. — Mairéad Farrell. [23601/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to entering further negotiations with the lending banks with regard to a possible extension of mortgage breaks for those that continue to suffer significant drops in salary as a direct result of Covid-19. — Steven Matthews. [23609/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VAT collected from residential electricity customers in each of the years 2015 to 2019; the VAT that was collected from all electricity customers in the same years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23633/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VAT collected from residential gas customers in each of the years 2015 to 2019; the VAT that was collected from all gas customers in the same years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23634/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount collected in carbon tax on residential gas customers in each of the years 2015 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23635/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons presently in receipt of EWSS; if the Government is prepared to re-examine the conditions for eligibility to EWSS in view of the many critical comments regarding the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23723/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the take-up of the TLTRO III by Irish pillar banks individually and collectively; the way in which this compares with the current EU average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23730/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the advice received by his officials regarding the revised help-to-buy scheme announced in the July Stimulus; the projected deadweight cost of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23731/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to Exchequer of removing stamp duty on credit cards; his views on removing stamp duty in view of safety concerns regarding the use of cash as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23732/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance the anticipated savings to the Exchequer in 2021, in tabular form from the ending the Employment and Investment Incentive, the Key Employee Engagement Programme, the Special Assignee Relief Programme and the Foreign Earnings Deduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23733/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the anticipated savings to the Exchequer in 2021 from the ending rent-a-room relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23734/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of fossil fuel subsidies per year since 2016; the anticipated savings to the Exchequer in 2021 from eliminating damaging fossil fuel subsidies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23735/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue accrued or spent from reversing the current applicable tax rate for benefit-in-kind for company cars in order that an increase business kilometres driven results is matched by increased taxation, that is, 0 to 24,000 at 6% and 24,000 to 32,000 at 12% and so on in 2021; the way in which this compares with the existing system in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23736/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated savings to the Exchequer from ending relief to conventional hybrids in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23737/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated impact on the Exchequer in 2021 from the introduction of the WLTP as cited in Tax Strategy Group 2019; the additional revenue accrued or expended as a result of the change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23738/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated saving to the Exchequer in 2021 from reducing the cap on BIK relief for electric cars from €50,000 to €35,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23739/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost or saving to the Exchequer in 2021 from applying alternative tax regime for VRT that would see the number of VRT bands increase from 11 to 14 as set out by the Tax Strategy Group 2020; if he will provide a comparison with the existing VRT system in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23740/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional revenue raised from a reduction in the threshold on the value of Irish property owned to €2 million from €5 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23741/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional revenue raised from a reformed domicile levy of €400,000 per year on Irish domiciled persons that have a worldwide income greater than €1 million, own Irish property greater than €2 million and pay €300,000 or less in Irish income tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23742/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional revenue raised from a doubling of the domicile levy from €200,000 to €400,000 under the existing criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23743/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to revenue of returning the new EWSS to the payment levels and thresholds which previously existed under the TWSS; if he will provide a comparison between returning to the previous TWSS rates and the current EWSS rates in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23744/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance the indicative cost to Exchequer to repurchase a shareholding in a company at percentage rates (details supplied) in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [23747/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to the Exchequer relating to governance and regulation of the financial services industry; the potential estimated revenue accrued from a levy at 0.5% and 1% on turnover for the financial services industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23748/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer in 2020 and 2021 of the e-worker tax relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23749/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to reintroduce the Investment Limited Partnership (Amendment) Bill 2019; when he expects to have it enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23829/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons that entered into a mortgage break with a bank will have their credit rating negatively affected by this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23888/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some insurers are seeking to unfairly take advantage of the benefit-in-kind concession granted to encourage company car fleets to go electric and that some insurers are refusing to recognise no-

claim bonuses accumulated by drivers on their private policies, thereby overcharging for the risk of cover. — Richard Bruton. [23894/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering incentives for households in view of the success of the home renovation incentive for persons to upgrade the energy efficiency of their homes in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24032/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24309/20]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the new timeline to deliver on the recommendations of the OECD for the publication of an Equality Budgeting Statement alongside the Budget; if an Equality Budgeting Statement will be forthcoming in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23729/20]

*290. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe an mbíonn aon dualgas ar Ranna rialtais daoine a earcú ón bpainéal d'Oifigigh Feidhmiúcháin le Gaeilge, seachas leas a bhaint as an ngnáthphainéal d'Oifigigh Feidhmiúcháin; agus cén iarrachtaí atá á ndéanamh aige chun cinntiú go dtiocfaidh méadú ar líon na státseirbhíseach a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23822/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether that for optimum corporate governance all organisations and agencies under the competent authority of the State should adhere to the practice of term limits for key personnel including the positions of CEO, chairperson and board members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [23979/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for a Garda station (details supplied) that is not in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23285/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if works will be carried on a sluice gate system to have it operating properly and to alleviate flooding in the locality (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23284/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to publish the review conducted in 2019 of the European Regional Development Funding in Ireland known as the Crowe Review; his position relating to the management of the funds as to whether he plans centralising European Regional Development Funds in a Department or agency and removing the management authority role from the regional assemblies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23338/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the financial and humanitarian support fund for businesses affected by flooding can be extended to householders and residents that do not have flooding insurance. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23469/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress of flood protection works in Bantry, County Cork. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [23471/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures being taken to ensure that the recent flooding on Bridge Street, Skibbereen, County Cork is not repeated. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [23472/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter regarding a pipe on the land of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23589/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to introduce a more efficient way of declaring a pension payment for those living abroad particularly for those that have a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23629/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the proposed new ground for discrimination based on socioeconomic disadvantaged status as set out in the Programme for Government; his plans to update the People @PER HR strategy to lead on this proposed new ground to protect against discrimination based on socioeconomic disadvantage in the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23750/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress of a well-being budgeting framework; if the framework is set to be included in Budget 2021; if not, the expected timeline for completion and operationalisation of this well-being budget framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23752/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will categorically rule out moratoriums in the public services in 2021, particularly in which staff shortages have been previously identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23753/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review the National Development Plan in terms of project scheduling and prioritisation due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23754/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the past investment both public and private in building and construction in each of the years 2016 to 2019; the projected investment for 2020 to 2024; if he anticipates a drop in private sector investment; his plans to increase public sector investment to meet potential investment shortfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23755/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23756/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 115 of 9 September 2020, the membership of the interdepartmental group on managing coastal change; when it met first; the regularity with which it proposes to meet; when it expects to have a strategy published; and if the group will consider the way in which to offer families alternative homes or compensatory measures if their home becomes uninhabitable in the near future. — Joe O’Brien. [24056/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans in place by the OPW to deal with the recurring flooding problem in Clifden, County Galway; when it is expected that work will be carried out on the ground to reduce the impact of future flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24059/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will publish his Department's review of European Regional Development Funding, that is, the Crowe Report; the position regarding the management of these funds; his plans to remove the administration of the fund from the regional assemblies and centralise it in a Department or agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [24129/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address the regional inequalities and facilitate the administration of regional funds by regional assemblies and not centralise this administration in a Department or agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [24130/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the cost of the flood defence system installed in Bandon, County Cork; if a copy of the Natura 2000 impact statement completed in relation to the project will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24181/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the cost of the flood defence system installed in Skibbereen, County Cork; if a copy of the Natura 2000 impact statement completed in relation to the project will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24182/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be made available for flood defences for Bantry County Cork; 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. — Holly Cairns. [24183/20]

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

*313. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the €500,000 for preparatory works for the upgrade of Inis Oírr pier and breakwater has been confirmed; if so, the items the funding will be spent on; and if it will be used to send the upgrade and breakwater works for the pier out to tender. — Mairéad Farrell. [23355/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans for a school (details supplied) that has now been closed coming up on four years; her further plans on reopening the school to develop and expand the delivery of Irish in the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23423/20]

*315. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta faoi stádas an iarratais (sonraí tugtha) atá ós comhair na Roinne ó Chomhlacht Forbartha Inis Meáin; cén dáta a dhéanfar cinneadh ina thaobh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [23529/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of an application for a community hall (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23584/20]

*317. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil sé i gceist aici aon chomóradh a dhéanamh ar leath-chéad bliain ó bhás duine (sonraí tugtha) i mí Dheireadh Fómhair. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23820/20]

*318. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta an mbíonn aon dualgas ar Ranna rialtais daoine a earcú ón bpainéal d'Oifig Feidhmiúchain le Gaeilge, seachas leas a bhaint as an ngnáthphainéal d'Oifig Feidhmiúcháin; agus cén iarrachtaí atá á ndéanamh aici chun cinntiú go dtiocfaidh méadú ar líon na státseirbhíseach a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23821/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the estimated cost in 2021 of recruiting five additional full-time wildlife inspector grade 1 and five additional full-time wildlife inspector grade 2, respectively in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [23893/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she views certain conditions of the stabilisation package for Gaeltacht Irish colleges as contradicting the stated initiative specifically plans to deduct from the per capita payment students that transferred to 2021 and students that transferred onto online courses in addition to boarding accommodation only receiving 50% of the payment boarding houses will receive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23904/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her views on whether recruitment for all organisations and agencies under the competent authority of the State should carry out all recruitment in an open, transparent and public manner in line with the principles of corporate governance and established protocols which govern public procurement and the recruitment of personnel for positions within public services and State agencies here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [23981/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the financial supports available to artists that may be preparing work or composing pieces for performance in 2021 or 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23989/20]

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

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to implement an online licensing system for the issuing of wildlife licensing permits; the number of permits issued to date to licensed deer hunters for the 2020/2021 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23394/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to ensure the recent flooding of businesses and premises in Bandon, County Cork is not repeated. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23473/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position adopted concerning the EU REACH committee to ban the use of lead ammunition; the details of meetings

held within his Department and between his officials and third parties; the reason an adequate public consultation process was not initiated by him in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23484/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the reasons for delays in issuing deer hunting licences in 2020; the number of applications received and granted at this stage; if he will provide the correspondence, briefings, reports or materials in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23496/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if licences for the capture of hares for the 2020/2021 hare coursing season have been issued; if not, when licences will be issued; his plans to place specific conditions on those licences in view of the incidents of RDH2 found in the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23559/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to implement a national survey of hare and rabbit populations to determine the prevalence of RDH2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23560/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23796/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to apply designations with regard to the EU biodiversity strategy; his further plans to consult with landowners and communities prior to a designation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23889/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the proposed EU restrictions on lead ammunition; the role his Department had in formulating such proposals; if he supports the regulations; the measures he will take to support gun owners that may have to retrofit their shotguns at a significant cost to comply with these regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24105/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider expanding the pyrite and mica defects scheme to counties other than Mayo and Donegal, such as County Clare in cases in which homeowners can demonstrate their homes are affected by the same defective building materials. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23259/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish the terms of reference and the work plan for the new National Coastal Change Management Strategy Steering Group; the membership of the steering group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23260/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if responsibility for Traveller accommodation has been delegated to one of the Ministers of State within his Department; if so, the Minister of State; and the status of the implementation of the recommendations from the report of the Expert Group on Traveller Accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23376/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to carry out a review of the local property tax allocations across the State (details supplied). — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23406/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available to homes in County Clare that have been affected by pyrite; and his plans to extend the pyrite remediation scheme to more affected counties such as County Clare that have identified cases of pyrite in family homes. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23407/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the report he has requested from the RTB in relation to the eviction on Berkeley Road, Dublin 7 will be published; if so, the date it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23432/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons evicted since the blanket ban on evictions was lifted in August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23433/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Departmental reports that are pending publication; the titles of the reports; the dates he anticipates the publication of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23434/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if legislation will be introduced to require local authorities to publish minutes of pre-planning consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23435/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if provision will be made to enable community cooperatives to apply to the Housing Finance Agency for finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23437/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 561 of 30 July 2020, the way in which adjacent to the functional area is defined; if it is the high watermark, the low water mark or another measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23446/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 9 October 2019, if consideration has been given as to the way in which local authorities can implement the provisions outlined by section 84(5) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 for such families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23447/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the local authority rates waiver to a minimum of 12 months for tourism businesses. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23476/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the RTB will resume oral hearings; if a party to a dispute can refuse to have a dispute hearing online or via teleconference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23478/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process in relation to the renewal of the national coursing licence; if there is a consultation process and timeframe; and his views on the matter. — John McGuinness. [23500/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the delays in the processing of deer hunting licences for the 2020/2021 season will be addressed; if he will consider extending licences for persons that had a deer licence in the 2019/2020 season in the meantime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23514/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the building of affordable houses in Galway city and county will be approved; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23801/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tree preservation orders issued by the four Dublin local authorities in each of the years 2015 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [23835/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options open to residents that are being charged excessive ground rent by the landlord or owner of their house especially in such instances in which the ground rent is due to expire in 2029 yet the resident is being charged €30,000 as in the case of a person (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [23837/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he has and will bring forward to assist apartment owners and multi-unit developments that are or have experienced building defects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [23838/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a submission made by Cork County Council on the taking in charge of a wastewater treatment plant in Castlemagner, County Cork. — Michael Moynihan. [23945/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Residential Tenancies Board has not a role to play in helping students and their families attempting to receive refunds from student accommodation providers for the unused months of lockdown; the avenues available to students and parents in such a situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23987/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position regarding the ban on eviction; the steps being taken to protect tenants and prevent an increase in homelessness during the Covid-19 emergency period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24024/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that a tenant can take to protect themselves if they feel that their landlord is putting them under pressure, for example, constant phone calls and texts and calling to the house, to abandon a tenancy, for example, to force an illegal eviction; if there are protections in place for vulnerable tenants such as single parents with children and persons with mental health difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24025/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the pyrite remediation scheme extends to properties in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24042/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if homeowners in counties not included in the pyrite remediation scheme qualify for financial assistance to defray the costs of testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24043/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if homeowners that are the third legal owners of a dwelling qualify in principle for assistance under the pyrite remediation scheme; if not, if the scheme is planned for first-hand legal owners only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24044/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which and when the financial assistance scheme for the remediation of damaged dwellings due to the use of defective concrete blocks such as those established in counties Mayo, Donegal and Limerick and the pyrite remediation scheme will be made available to homeowners in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [24116/20]

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

*360. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he will take to ensure the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. — Patricia Ryan. [23517/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he will take to protect the Northern Ireland Protocol in the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement. — Patricia Ryan. [23518/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the working holiday application of a person (details supplied) will be progressed as a matter of urgency. — Cathal Crowe. [23956/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has resumed processing foreign birth registrations which was ceased due to Covid-19; if not, when processing will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23261/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps taken in response to the withdrawal of Poland from the Istanbul Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23300/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland is taking to reinforce the commitment to the rule of law throughout the EU in view of the worrying developments in some member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23301/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether European Union member states that do not respect the rule of law should be banned from receiving aid from the EU Coronavirus recovery fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23302/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland is taking to promote democracy and the rule of law in Hungary following revelations from an organisation (details supplied) that Hungary is no longer a democratic state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23303/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has voiced concerns regarding the ongoing violence and unrest in the United States of America over previous months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23304/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of missions undertaken since the establishment of the 2018 election observation roster; the location of each mission; the persons from the roster that were assigned to each mission; the number of the observers that are resident in Ireland versus the rest of the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23443/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount spent on election observation since the 2018 roster was established; the cost of airline tickets and fees and allowances paid to the selected observers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23444/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that will be taken by the European Union should the United Kingdom breach the terms of the withdrawal agreement and in particular, the protocol on Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23616/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps taken by Ireland at EU level to express opposition to the ongoing harassment and arrest of opposition leaders in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23617/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when both the Cork and Dublin passport offices will reopen to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23951/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to assist refugees affected by the fire in the Moria refugee camp on Lesbos, Greece; and if he will raise the issue at the EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 21 September 2020. — Joe O'Brien. [23991/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24310/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*376. To ask the Minister for Defence the contributions by Ireland to PESCO since joining in 2017, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23305/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Defence the involvement by Ireland in EU Common Security and Defence Policy missions over the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23326/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Permanent Defence Forces as of 31 August 2020; the ranks across the three services and the gender breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23328/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces as of 31 August 2020 with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23329/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits to the Permanent Defence Forces to date in 2020 with regard to all three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23330/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits to the Reserve Defence Forces to date in 2020 with regard to all three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23331/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will engage with an association (details supplied) to ensure the implementation of the high-level implementation plan as part of the Public Service Pay Commission Recommendations from 2020 which was promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23516/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24306/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*384. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Bus Éireann buses servicing a school run (details supplied); the number of pick ups along the route; and when those that do not have a service will be able to avail of one. — Duncan Smith. [23503/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education if the distinction between concessionary and eligible students in relation to school transport will be removed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23511/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention and that of NPHET and the HSE has been drawn to the fact that the exchange of teenage school students from other European states continues to be facilitated by secondary schools here despite Covid-19 restrictions on travel and household gatherings; if they have approved that secondary schools should continue the exchange program; the number of students associated with the program; and the measures her Department, NPHET and the HSE have taken to reduce the risk of travel related infection from the international exchange program. — Paul Murphy. [23546/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education the guidelines and requirements Bus Éireann is bound by when providing school transport with regard to distance to pick up points; the routes deemed acceptable; the alteration of services provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23846/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education when Bus Éireann will commence refunding unsuccessful school transport ticket applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24010/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education if there will be a review of the prohibition of persons over 70 years of age to drive a school bus; if she will consider the absence of legislation on health

checks for public service drivers as a contributor to the rule; if the matter will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24033/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education the status of measures being put in place to improve pay and conditions for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23268/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education the additional immediate supports that will be provided for the students of a school (details supplied) while a building is being sourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23269/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the public health protocols that are applicable to private service providers of the school transport system; if the services can operate at full capacity in order to transport pupils to and from school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23271/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of opening an ASD unit in a primary school. — Thomas Gould. [23342/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of opening an ASD unit in a secondary school. — Thomas Gould. [23343/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for school transport by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23346/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make available a place in a special school for a child (details supplied) which would meet the child's additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23360/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education when a place on a school bus will be provided for persons (details supplied); and if the issues associated with the places and service will be resolved as soon as possible. — John McGuinness. [23374/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for urgent funding to replace or repair a leaking roof over several classrooms; if Covid-19 funding will also be provided to cover another area in the school to accommodate classes; and if same will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [23375/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport for three pupils attending the ASD unit at a school (details supplied) will be approved immediately; and the reason for the delay. — John McGuinness. [23424/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she has taken to ensure that the texts studied at second-level are inclusive of Travellers and persons of colour; if advice has been sought from Travellers, persons of colour and other minority groups on the content of the curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23436/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made on the Programme for Government commitment to develop inclusive and age-appropriate RSE and SPHE curricula across primary and post-primary levels including an inclusive programme on LGBTI+ relationships and making

appropriate legislative changes if necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23441/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education when an allowance for a person (details supplied) will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23460/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline regarding the construction of a new build for a school (details supplied); and if funding is in place for the project. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23466/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide funding for remedial and long-term works to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23482/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to pupils (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23506/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to a pupil (details supplied) in view of the fact they are a medical card holder, 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. [23507/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish a supply teacher panel for the north-west of Connemara, County Galway; her further plans for teacher absences for the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23530/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the algorithm used to calculate students grades did not respect the teachers assessment of students grades, particularly in private colleges in which students have a much closer relationship with teachers thereby giving teachers a better understanding of the students abilities; the reason grind schools have had their grades reduced more than other schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23542/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education if students that transferred to a different school after their junior certificate had their junior certificate grades assessed as part of their leaving certificate grades calculation in view of the fact that this cohort of students are being treated unfairly and differently to the rest of the students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23543/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the playing pitches associated with a school (details supplied) are up for sale; if so, the attempt being made to purchase the lands in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23549/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken for children of highly vulnerable parents or grandparents that still have to attend school, potentially endangering their vulnerable parent or grandparent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23570/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications for school bus transport refused by county for the school terms 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23572/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications for concessionary tickets on the school bus transport scheme refused by county for the school terms 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23573/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education the number of concessionary tickets granted tickets on the school bus transport scheme by county for the school terms 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23574/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to carry out a review of the school bus transport scheme in view of recent flaws identified in the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23575/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23586/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education the communications she has had with Bus Éireann regarding school transport provision over the past two months; and if she is satisfied with the response from Bus Éireann to her concerns. — Alan Kelly. [23594/20]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the provision of a permanent building for a school (details supplied) in County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23610/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the relocation of a school (details supplied); if it is the only school being proposed for the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23613/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that must be taken by students that wish to sit the leaving certificate examination later in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23618/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education if additional SNA positions will be provided to a school (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [23712/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23728/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if guidance and information has been provided to parents that have decided to homeschool their children due to Covid-19; if so, if she will provide a copy of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [23779/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 6 of 30 July 2020, if the school appealed the reduction of staff ratio allocated for the 2020/2021 school year; the outcome of the appeal; the additional resources allocated to help the school deal with class sizes of 35 from different years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23789/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education the number and locations of schools that faced a reduction of staff ratios for this coming school term; the number that appealed the decision; and the number of successful appeals. — Bríd Smith. [23790/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education if clear guidelines have been given in writing to each post-primary school in circumstances in which a pupil in a post-primary school has medical certification that they cannot wear a face covering, they are exempted from doing so and that they can continue to attend school as normal with the arrangements for hand hygiene and so on and no particular special arrangements for physical distance required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23797/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department was in contact with a school (details supplied) regarding a situation that has arisen in which a pupil is not been allowed attend classes as they cannot wear a face covering and in circumstances in which medical evidence has been supplied; the response of the school to this contact; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23798/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education the policy in relation to school bus placement (details supplied); and if there is a rule that students must attend their nearest school as per the guidelines being mentioned by Bus Éireann. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23817/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education the reason Bus Éireann continues to take full payment from applicants that reside outside the six-kilometre radius until they know that they can offer a place on the service (details supplied). — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23818/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education the reason it is not policy for schools to make parents aware of the school bus transport arrangements when they accept students into their schools. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23819/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the provision of a new school building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for same; the status of the application; and if the application will be prioritised. — Steven Matthews. [23832/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education the role of the school inspectorate in view of the fact that formal inspections have paused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23853/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education if the public health HSE or his Department have the mobile contacts for principals in primary and post-primary schools nationwide in the event of contact tracing taking place when schools are closed that is at the weekend. — Gary Gannon. [23854/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education when schools were first contacted and informed that they had to have a summary of key information to assist public health HSE in its public health risk assessment. — Gary Gannon. [23855/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education the specific guidance plan for buses which service schools and persons with special education needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23858/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education the status the development of a Gaelcampus at a location (details supplied). — Ciarán Cannon. [23867/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the construction of a major extension to a school (details supplied). — Ciarán Cannon. [23868/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of a new school for a school (details supplied). — Ciarán Cannon. [23869/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of a new school for a school (details supplied). — Ciarán Cannon. [23870/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of a new school for a school (details supplied). — Ciarán Cannon. [23871/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to pupils (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23884/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education her plans in relation to upgrading the school transport service and allowing persons from within a parish to attend their local parish school rather than having to go to the nearest school which may be outside the parish; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23899/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which secondary school transport for special needs schools will be delivered specifically in terms of face coverings, social distancing, mixing of different isolation groups and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23924/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education if a school bus route can be changed following contact with Bus Éireann school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [23932/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education when guidelines will be issued regarding the practical aspects of geography (details supplied) including fieldwork; if funding will be set aside for schools to purchase equipment for the purpose of fieldwork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23935/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education when a school transport grant payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23943/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new school transport concession in which parents can claim back an allowance for dropping their children to school; the criteria of the scheme; the process for applying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23944/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to the possible delays to a school (details supplied) transferring to its new premises; if this matter can be expedited in view of the severe disruption that delays will have in terms of the school not being in a position to transfer during the summer months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23959/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education the planning position in regard to the new post-primary school for south Drogheda, County Louth; if she will provide other relevant updates on the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23960/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposed LMETB headquarters in Drogheda, County Louth; the reason for the unacceptable delays to the commencement of this vital project for the town of Drogheda; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23961/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education if a DEIS review has been completed; if so, the outcome; if the review will benefit schools in the County Louth and east County Meath area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23974/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of students (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [23982/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she has considered an open-window policy at all times in schools in order to increase ventilation in an attempt to decrease the spread of Covid-19 in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [23988/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will have a permanent building; if a detailed schedule for the work will be provided; the date on which planning permission for the building will be submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [23990/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education the preparation that has been undertaken to facilitate urgent same day Covid-19 tests for teachers to allow for the continuity of care of children, the building of relationships and in order to ease anxiety of both children and teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [23995/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education if additional transport can be provided for post-primary pupils attending college (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23999/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary school buses contracted for the provision of school transport for the 2020/2021 academic year; the number of these buses now running at 50% capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24012/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education if the necessary resources will be provided to Bus Éireann allow it to urgently roll out the 50% reduction in post-primary school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24014/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education the position on face covering exemptions for secondary school students; the circumstances in which a student may be exempted from wearing a face covering; the medical evidence the parents must provide to secure and an exemption in which there is an appeals process in place if the school refuses an exemption; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24026/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education the redress or opportunity for a review for a student (details supplied) whose school awarded grades for the 2020 leaving certificate which were significantly reduced by her Department, thus affecting their chances of obtaining the course of their choice through the CAO system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24041/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education the instructions provided by her Department to schools in relation to outdoor breaks for students under the Covid-19 response plan for safe reopening of primary and special schools particularly in the event of inclement weather; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [24057/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education the number of extra coaches and vehicles and the associated additional seating capacity obtained by her Department for school transport up to 11 September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24111/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education if she or her officials have met with LocalLink or other community-based transport initiatives in relation to resolving the school transport situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24112/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 268 of 23 June 2020, if a school (details supplied) in County Mayo has applied for DEIS status. — Dara Calleary. [24119/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of funding provided for the construction of the new school in Baymayne, Dublin 13; when construction works will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [24120/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement she has had with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on the school building budget for capital works. — Sean Sherlock. [24143/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which predicted grades were accepted by her Department for the leaving certificate applied from persons that are not accepted as teachers. — Holly Cairns. [24176/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which inspectors from her Department can inspect the teaching practices in YouthReach centres in a classroom of resource staff and grade them against the criteria of teachers in view of the fact they are not recognised within the role. — Holly Cairns. [24177/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by her Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24307/20]

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

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the bereavement grant of €850 that was abolished in 2014 will be restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23512/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the anticipated cost to the Exchequer in 2021 of a waiver of waiting days on social welfare payments by category of payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23745/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to assist those over 50 years of age that have found themselves unemployed due to the Covid-19 pandemic especially

those that were self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23936/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the design implementation and the evaluation of the universal basic income pilot committed to as part of the request to the Low Pay Commission to examine universal basic income committed to under the Programme for Government. — Willie O’Dea. [23939/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the disability allowance assessment criteria for those living with myalgic encephalomyelitis is not representative of the WHO classified neurological disorder myalgic encephalomyelitis (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24081/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a reply will issue to correspondence from a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [24132/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the time frame for personal public service number applications; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23327/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a backdated pandemic unemployment payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [23339/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if payments for disability allowance will remain fortnightly. — Sean Sherlock. [23344/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a PPSN by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23361/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason those in receipt of farm assist payments are excluded from receiving the enterprise support grant in order to assist in returning an off-farm business after Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23388/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department reviewed the supports and payments that have been made available to persons out of work in the music industry; her plans for the industry going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23404/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of eligible staff that can apply for the higher executive officer competition in her Department. — Claire Kerrane. [23450/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff that applied for the promotion to higher executive officer in her Department. — Claire Kerrane. [23451/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff by grade (details supplied) that applied for the competition for promotion to HEO. — Claire Kerrane. [23452/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of HEO vacancies in her Department; and the locations and business units the vacancies are in. — Claire Kerrane. [23453/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of members of staff it takes to run the competition for higher executive officer. — Claire Kerrane. [23454/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of running the competition for higher executive officer. — Claire Kerrane. [23455/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when interviews will take place after the application date closes for the promotion to higher executive officer. — Claire Kerrane. [23456/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons on the interview panel for higher executive officer; if interviews will be done by video link or in person for the position; and if the interviewers will be internal staff or external. — Claire Kerrane. [23457/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the age range (details supplied) of applicants for the position of higher executive officer; and the number of applicants under each age range. — Claire Kerrane. [23458/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of working days' notice candidates will be given of their interview date for the higher executive officer competition. — Claire Kerrane. [23459/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to workers that may lose work due to possible future localised lockdowns when the pandemic unemployment payment is due to cease for new applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23461/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the advice provided to a company (details supplied) in respect of its employees being entitled to short time work or jobseeker's benefit for hours they are not working; the way in which the payments relate to the employee wage subsidy scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [23485/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to increase the amount of income disregarded with regard to the farm assist scheme from 30% to 40%, 50%, 60% and 70%, respectively. — Matt Carthy. [23486/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the maximum weekly personal rate to a farmer under the farm assist scheme to €250, €300 and €350. — Matt Carthy. [23487/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons receiving payments under the fish assist scheme in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in bands of €0 to €50, €51 to €100, €101 to €150 and €150 plus, respectively in tabular form. — Matt Carthy. [23488/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a payment will be made to those over the age of 66 that are still working but are currently losing out on income to make up the difference between the old age pension and the pandemic unemployment payment. — Cathal Crowe. [23499/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the directive her Department has given to a company (details supplied) to sign casual dockets for its employees that are not getting their full 35 hours per week. — Duncan Smith. [23524/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Claire Kerrane. [23539/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of previous incomes in each of the three bands of payment under the pandemic unemployment payment. — Claire Kerrane. [23540/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the sectoral breakdown of those currently receiving the pandemic unemployment payment. — Claire Kerrane. [23541/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for an overpayment amounting to €5,063 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23565/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23582/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the commission on pensions will be established; the terms of reference and membership of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23587/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23602/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a series of matters in relation to taxi drivers will be addressed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23605/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a social welfare appeal by a person (details supplied) is taking so long to be decided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [23607/20]

*508. 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. [23716/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assistance she can provide regarding an application for back to education allowance for a person (details supplied); if the particular circumstances and urgent nature of the application will be taken into account; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23773/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if staff of a company (details supplied) in the case that they met the conditions of the scheme, were eligible to claim short time work support whilst under the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23786/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if staff of a company (details supplied) in the case that they met the conditions of the scheme, were eligible to claim short time work support whilst under the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23787/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason social welfare offices cannot deal with payment arrears that have arisen regarding the emergency Covid-19 pandemic payments until after April 2021 when the payment officially ceases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23831/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the situation regarding the pandemic unemployment payment in cases in which workers are due to be made redundant or let go after the deadline to apply for the payment and are unable to register for it on time. — Cathal Crowe. [23840/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the pension rights of community employment supervisors; when she will be implementing the LRC recommendation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23905/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider making exemptions for those on Covid-19 payment schemes that wish to carry out courses with bodies such as Solas in Shannon or with FÁS, that have been told that due to the fact they must be available for work, they cannot undertake these courses. — Cathal Crowe. [23933/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an employer can refuse to sign a UP14 form for an employee applying for jobseeker's allowance for unpaid days that is in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme. — Paul Donnelly. [23948/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if changes can be made to ensure that telecommunications assistance can be enhanced in order that applicants with queries concerning rent supplement allowance can be supported as efficiently and as expeditiously as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23953/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial supports available to islanders travelling to hospitals to access cancer treatment and associated overnight stays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [23998/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to those in receipt of jobseeker's allowance that must complete a course in advance of commencing employment (details supplied); her views on whether required pre-employment course costs are often prohibitive to those that want to work but cannot due to the fact they are unable to fund the necessary course; her plans to provide funding to ensure such costs do not remain as barriers to employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24023/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will receive support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24031/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the support available to householders whose houses were flooded to support them in the aftermath of the recent floods in Clifden, County Galway; the means assessment and conditions that apply to aid given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24060/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing persons in receipt of the disability allowance to go back to weekly payments if it is their preference (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [24121/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if workers in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme can apply retrospectively for social welfare entitlements in view of the clarification statement issued on 9 September 2020 in relation to social welfare entitlements and the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24138/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending paid maternity to 12 months. — Sean Sherlock. [24148/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it will be ensured that means testing for the back to education allowance includes childcare costs. — Holly Cairns. [24178/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it will be ensured that means testing for back to education allowance includes mortgage payment costs. — Holly Cairns. [24179/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial assistance available to persons affected by severe flooding in the Skibbereen, Bantry and Bandon areas of County Cork during August 2020; the way in which such supports can be accessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24184/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial assistance available to persons affected by severe flooding in County Cork during August 2020; the way in which such supports can be accessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24185/20]

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

*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will review the funding mechanism for family resource centres and other types of facilities with the view of ring-fencing long-term funding to ensure the services can continue to operate into the future (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23420/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children in northern areas of Dublin waiting to be allocated a social worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23442/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if capital funding is available for community childcare facilities to improve facilities such as access to toilets in order that they can continue to offer their full range of services such as breakfast clubs and afterschool care (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [23490/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the supports he will consider for villages such as Kilmihil, County Clare, in which there is significant demand for a breakfast club and after-school club for children whose parents are struggling to find childcare. — Cathal Crowe. [23628/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost

in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24302/20]

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

*534. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a college (details supplied) is on the list of colleges eligible for funding for the Government Assistance Fund for students to assist them with laptops and other forms of technology; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23286/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific provisions she is putting in place in conjunction with third-level colleges for CAO applicants that sat their leaving certificate examination in a year prior to 2020 to ensure that they have an equal opportunity to access a college place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23399/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider reducing third-level tuition fees in view of the fact that the majority of courses will be taught through blended learning and in many cases exclusively online for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23520/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if SUSI legislation will be reviewed regarding the criteria for independent students; the reason persons over 23 years of age are being assessed under their parents' income levels in cases in which they can prove independence for some years; and her views on whether there should be a process that allows the appeal of the status of a person from mature dependent to fully independent (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23579/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a postgraduate student (details supplied) will be considered as an independent student and therefore entitled to a SUSI grant. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23580/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of leaving certificate students that received their first preference choice of course in 2020 in comparison to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23612/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if measures can be introduced to ensure that students that sat the leaving certificate in 2019 or earlier are not subjected to the obvious unfairness caused by grade inflation in the 2020 leaving certificate results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23619/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a review can be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23709/20]

*542. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the process in place for students that deferred their CAO application until 2020; the way in which they will be dealt with under the standardised grade system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [23834/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to take action to assist students and their families that are trying to receive refunds for rent paid for student accommodation that was not used from mid-March 2020 due to the lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23986/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a third-level institution will further extend the date for submitting a driver licence for a student (details supplied) for a paramedic studies courses in which the delay in test dates is outside the control of the applicant and due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24000/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will share the legal advice he has received that has led to him deciding not to ring-fence places for CAO applicants that sat the leaving certificate before 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23498/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if funding for laptops will be extended to include a college (details supplied); if the college can avail of other Covid-19-related funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [23501/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if earnings for 2020 will be taken into account when assessing eligibility for SUSI grants in view of the substantial reduction in income many persons have suffered as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23581/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the financial supports and or increased funding that has been made available to the further and higher education to deal with the knock-on impact of Covid-19; the increased places in third-level to help prospective students excluding planned investments that were already in place to improve or expand further and higher education to deal with demographic changes in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23592/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter regarding accusations of serious misconduct alleged against students and staff at Maynooth University (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23603/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans in place to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in third-level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23620/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the criteria used in accessing the laptop grant scheme; and the reason certain colleges are not included in the scheme although some of their students are receiving grants from SUSI and BTEA. — Johnny Mythen. [23703/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a decision not to award an eligible student (details supplied) a place on the HEAR CAO programme will reviewed based on the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23705/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships that have been furloughed; the number that have been made redundant as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23717/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the exclusion of students of Carlow College the second oldest Higher Education Institution in Ireland from his Department's recently announced laptop scheme and additional mental health services; and his views on same. — Malcolm Noonan. [23726/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will request that the universities provide a fee waiver or other financial support for the students in the doctorate in clinical psychology programme that were unable to complete their required clinical placements due to HSE Covid-19 redeployments and as a result may be liable for an additional year of doctorate fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23794/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of third-level students that receive each level of SUSI support such as full maintenance grants, full fees, 50% fees and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23842/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if SUSI will alter the process of classifying students at their first point of entry to an approved post-leaving certificate course or an approved higher education course in view of the fact it disadvantages students that move out of the family home that is become independent unless they take a break from pursuing their education for five years; his views on the solution required for students negatively affected in 2020 as a result of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23856/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are special allocations or preferences given to persons with specific or special needs such as autism in the application for on-campus student accommodation in University of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23921/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the public health advice and justification for students living on-campus to not be allowed visitors in their residence for the duration of the 2020/2021 academic year; his views on whether it is fair to expect students to pay the full amount for accommodation in view of the fact they are being asked to live under such restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24013/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which he plans to provide sufficient places on third-level courses for the commencement of the 2020/2021 academic year for persons that sat the leaving certificate in summer 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24055/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding a report (details supplied) which stated that 17,000 students will be able to avail of free laptops; when they can apply; the process for applying; and when the first student will receive a laptop. — Mark Ward. [24065/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24117/20]

*563. 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 Cork Institute of Technology students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24186/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by his Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24311/20]

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

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Garda station at Freshford, County Kilkenny is being disposed of by public tender. — John McGuinness. [23502/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason Ireland has not signed the Lanzarote Convention to date; when Ireland will sign the convention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23561/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she has taken to introduce equality legislation prohibiting discrimination on grounds of socioeconomic disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23625/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Justice when the white paper on direction provision will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23626/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Justice when the direct provision portfolio will be moved to the Department of Children, Disability, Equality and Integration; if the International Protection Accommodation Service and other relevant agencies will be moved to the Department; her views on the impact the move will have on the day to day administration of the service and relevant agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23264/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Justice the options available for public representatives to address urgent matters regarding direct provision centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [23265/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23352/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Civil Debt (Procedures) Act 2015 will be enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23362/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to propose amendments to the Personal Insolvency Act 2012; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23367/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [23368/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for post-nuptial citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); the status of the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23392/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Justice if a search warrant sought by An Garda Síochána can be signed by a peace commissioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23400/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Justice if a search warrant sought by An Garda Síochána can be signed by a commissioner for oaths; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23401/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of persons working in direct provision centres that have received training on LGBT+ issues in line with indicator 2.4.8(f) of the National Standard for Direct Provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23438/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of direct provision centres that have leaflets and posters on LGBT+ services in line with indicator 9.1.6 of the National Standard for Direct Provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23439/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Justice if the public consultation on hate speech and hate crime will be published; if so, the date it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23440/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider amending legislation to toughen penalties for dog theft; the other measures which are currently being considered to act as an effective deterrent.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23467/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount paid to each direct provision service provider in 2019; the number of residents at each direct provision centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23513/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23554/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application is likely to be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23556/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23563/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made towards Ireland signing up to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and the associated establishment of the national

preventive mechanism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23585/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice if extra resources will be provided to the Garda College in Templemore in 2021. — Alan Kelly. [23596/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of the join family visa applications in the case of persons (details supplied); when the applications will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23611/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice when all parts of the Judicial Council Act 2019 will be commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23614/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice when a statutory inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) will be commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23615/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Expert Group on Direct Provision will be publishing its recommendations; if there is a timeline in place for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23715/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that in the last few weeks a large amount of fireworks are being set off in north Dublin which is a cause of great disturbance to householders; if she will request An Garda Síochána to take appropriate measures to deal with the problem; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23727/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects all sections of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 to be commenced, in particular Part 8; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23771/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice the requirements for not-for-profit organisations to obtain a public dancing licence; the minimum and maximum length of time such a licence may last; and if they have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. — Sean Sherlock. [23782/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be secured for a new Garda operational course will happen in quarter 4 of 2020. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [23791/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new recruitment campaign for the Garda band will happen in quarter 4 of 2020. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [23792/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí within the Carlow Kilkenny Garda division that have successfully completed the competency-based driving levels 3, 4 and 5 courses in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [23793/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí by division from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23805/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to amend the law on assisted dying or assisted suicide or physician-assisted suicide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23806/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice if the community policing forums will be re-established in central areas of Dublin; and if meetings of the forums will be supported to resume in a safe manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23857/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of foreign nationals that were refused leave to land in I airports here between March and August 2020 by gender, nationality and the country to which they were deported to in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [23863/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of foreign nationals that spent time in a prison here after being refused leave to land at an airport between March and August 2020 by the location in which they were jailed, nationality and gender in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [23864/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice his views on the delays in opening the immigration facility at Dublin Airport and the continued use of jails here to accommodate immigrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23865/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice if the criteria and process used by border officials when deciding whether or not to let a person into the country will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23866/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the steps she has taken to set up a public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) which was agreed to by a vote in Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23877/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person that has entered Ireland on a volunteer visa can apply for a more permanent visa whilst in the country in which they would be allowed to remain legally but also allowed to work in Ireland. — Robert Troy. [23885/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget for the Courts Service capital building and refurbishment programme increased by 12%. — Paul Donnelly. [23890/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress on the refurbishment of the existing courthouse in Tuam, County Galway which is on the Court Services programme; when the building will be brought back into use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23898/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of overseas passengers arriving through Dublin Airport since 1 August 2020; the level of compliance in filling out the passenger locator form; the number of forms that were correctly completed; the number of follow-up calls made to passengers; the number of successful follow-up calls completed in each of the past six weeks in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23912/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Justice the responsibility of her Department for recording and monitoring passengers entering Ireland; the role her Department plays in the passenger locator form and follow-up calls to passengers; the number and grade of staff allocated for this specific purpose; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23913/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Justice the process to be followed or appropriate section to be contacted in the case of a person (details supplied); the action that needs to be taken by the person in these circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23934/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to visa applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23940/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Justice when there will be further graduations of probationer gardaí from the Garda College Templemore for the remainder of 2020. — Mairéad Farrell. [24021/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to the Cavan-Monaghan division as of 31 December 2019 and 7 September 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24051/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be provided for a Garda mountain bike training course in quarter four 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24052/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convicted sex offenders that will be released in the next 12 months under the current remission system having completed their sentences; the number of these that have engaged in a treatment programme to date that are scheduled for release within 12 months and that she anticipates will have participated in such a programme prior to release; the nature of the programmes concerned; and the qualifications and training of those that provide such programmes. — Denis Naughten. [24063/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of sex offenders released from prison in 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of these prisoners that participated in the Building Better Lives programme; the corresponding participation rates; her plans to implement the recommendation of her Department's 2009 review of the management of sex offenders, which recommends that sex offenders should not be eligible for early release if they fail to participate in such courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24064/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons born here that have been deported as per the Constitution Act 2004 since its enactment in tabular form; the grounds for deportation; the countries the persons have been deported to; the age of the persons at the time of deportation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24066/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convictions that took place in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020 under the Criminal Justice Act 2006 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24113/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and value of fireworks seized by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, both nationally and within Dublin city; the number of persons prosecuted for possession of illegal fireworks during the same period, both nationally and within Dublin city; the amounts spent by her Department on advertising campaigns relating to fireworks in each of the years 2016 to 2019; the funding allocated by her Department for advertising campaigns relating to fireworks in 2020; the date her Department plans to launch an advertising campaign relating to fireworks in advance of Hallowe'en 2020; and if she will consider bringing forward the launch date of a planned advertising campaign regarding fireworks to include the entirety of October 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [24146/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by her Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage

terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24312/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for an autism assessment from initial referral to acceptance by the early years intervention team, from acceptance by the early intervention team to start of assessment, from the start to end of assessment and from the end of assessment or diagnosis to start of actual intervention, respectively by county in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [23495/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislation to increase the income limit on medical cards will commence (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [23538/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department provides supports or services for families or individuals experiencing parental alienation syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23803/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours funded across County Tipperary and nationwide; the specific care packages that are receiving funding; the number of hours allocated to each care recipient and each care worker; the way in which the figure compares to the number of hours funded in 2019; if his attention has been drawn to the chronic shortage of home help hours available and the impact on persons and their families; and his planned incentives to encourage more persons to work in the homecare sector. — Michael Lowry. [24046/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to advance an inquiry into mesh implants and sodium valproate; his further plans to gather better data to understand the extent of the impact of same; if an expert panel will review the UK report on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23642/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 test centres in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; his plans to open additional centres; his further plans to relocate existing centres; if so, the details of same; the days on which existing centres operate in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23272/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to remove the restrictions that deny fathers and partners the right to be present with a woman at her antenatal scans and appointments and to be able to provide support throughout the entirety of the labour and beyond one hour after the birth of the baby for the duration of the hospital stay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23282/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the transfer of the National Maternity Hospital from Holles Street to St. Vincent's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23287/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the increase in income threshold for those over 70 years of age to access medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23288/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that will be implemented to support those whose mental health has suffered as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23289/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to clear the backlog of cancer screening checks that have built up due to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23290/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Michael Moynihan. [23306/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Michael Moynihan. [23307/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Michael Moynihan. [23308/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Michael Moynihan. [23309/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or latest date available; the number on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23310/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or latest date available; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23311/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided as of 31 August 2020 or latest date available by CHO area in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23312/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability as of 31 August 2020, by LHO in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23313/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available that were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005, by LHO area in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23314/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and more than 65 years of age, respectively by category in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23315/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list by each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and more than 18 years of age by category in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23316/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list by each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 years and more than 18 years of age by category in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23317/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list by each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and more than 18 years of age by category in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23318/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list by each local health area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and more than 65 years of age by category in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23319/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Michael Moynihan. [23320/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Michael Moynihan. [23321/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — Michael Moynihan. [23322/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2020. — Michael Moynihan. [23323/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the way in which the number compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons on the waiting list for home

support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively. — Michael Moynihan. [23324/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 31 August 2020 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme; and the length of time waiting by LHO area in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [23325/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health if doctors can charge for blood tests for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23333/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been consideration of releasing suicide figures on a county basis in order for NGOs and charities working in this field to target support and respond to geographic trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23334/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a facility (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [23337/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health when prescription charges will be reduced for medical card holders and persons over 70 years of age as per measures announced in Budget 2020; the reason for the delay in the implementation of the budgetary measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23345/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day care centres for persons with intellectual disabilities that have reopened in County Tipperary since their closure due to Covid-19; and the number that are due to reopen in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [23348/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23353/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be referred for treatment under the treatment purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23354/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place for those that do not drive or have access to a car to travel to Covid-19 test centres for testing; the way in which such provisions can be accessed in a timely fashion for those that require them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [23366/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an out-of-hours doctor service in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23370/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if a reassessment of eligibility for a medical card can be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23371/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23372/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been told they must wait another two years for an eye test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23381/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that dentists in Portlaoise, County Laois are refusing to take medical card patients even though they are already patients and as a result there are no dental services for public patients in Portlaoise; the efforts being made to address same; and the location public patients should go to. — Brian Stanley. [23382/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the future plans for Shannon Doc offices across the mid-west region of counties Limerick, Clare and Tipperary in view of ongoing concerns for the future of the network of Shannon Doc offices. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23383/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if a minor ailments service will be instituted in community pharmacies here similar to the system which operates in Northern Ireland in order to alleviate pressure on general practitioners and the health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23387/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health if the reduction in the drugs payment scheme is going ahead in September 2020 as announced in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [23390/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health when diabetes reviews of hospitals and prairie care settings resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23393/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the motorised transport grant; when it will be reopened to applicants; if there is an alternative scheme being prepared; when it can be expected to be open to applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23395/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the mobility allowance; if and when it will be reopened to applicants; if there is an alternative scheme being prepared; when it can be expected to be open to applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23396/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health if all new diagnoses of hepatitis C here are immediately being referred to the highly successful treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [23402/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether Ireland is on track to eliminate hepatitis C by 2030 as per the WHO commitment given by Ireland. — Joe O'Brien. [23403/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the vacant roles within the diabetes services in the mid-west UHL Group to be filled to elevate the backlog in appointments and care for diabetes suffers in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23408/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to review the funding model for counselling services being run by family resource centres across County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23409/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of youths and adults awaiting counselling services across the mid-west over and under 18 years of age and waiting 3, 6 and more than 12 months by county in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23410/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting BreastCheck screening services in the mid-west by county in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23411/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the supports he plans to put in place to ensure adequate resources are made available that when BreastCheck screening recommends that the backlog of checks will be dealt with quickly. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23412/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health when the UHL group will be receiving funding to hire additional dietitians for diabetic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23413/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health when there will there be a diabetes self-management education programme available in the mid-west. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23414/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health when we can expect UHL to have adequate diabetes nurse specialists in their adult diabetes service as per the recommendations of the National Survey of Diabetes Care Delivery in Acute Hospitals 2018. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23415/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health when there will be Insulin pump therapy offered to adults with type 1 diabetes in the mid-west (details supplied). — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23416/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to offer diabetes self-management education courses to the adult sufferers of diabetes in the mid-west. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23417/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the mid-west awaiting eye appointment waiting lists in the mid-west by county; and the length of time they have been waiting 3, 6 and more than 12 months, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23418/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if patients attending for procedures to public and private hospitals have to take a Covid-19 test before they are admitted; if the patient will be expected to pay for the test (details supplied); and if so, the cost of the test. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23419/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to a request by a person (details supplied) to review the green list and travel policy in relation to countries which have a lower Covid-19 rate than Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergal O'Dowd. [23449/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the policy and public health rationale that warrants the continued exclusion of partners from supporting expectant mothers through labour and the post-birth period in maternity hospitals; if he plans to review this policy in view of the evidence that supports the presence of partners during this process from an emotional and psychological point of view; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23463/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has not provided a Covid-19 testing centre in Drogheda, County Louth; if the HSE will review this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23464/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide a total for the number of Covid-19 tests undertaken at the testing centre in Dundalk, County Louth since the centre was established; the number of tests carried out to date at the centre on those referred that have an address in Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23465/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the position to be employed by dance schools under the public health guidelines in respect of the numbers that can be accommodated in classes and other pertinent information or clarification that can be provided to this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23483/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to cases in relation to the drug duogynon (details supplied); and the research undertaken by his Department in relation to the use of this drug. — Kathleen Funchion. [23491/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff redeployed to deal with Covid-19 by county in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [23492/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health when staff redeployed due to Covid-19 will return to normal duties. — Kathleen Funchion. [23493/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the impact on assessment of needs process due to the redeployment of HSE staff. — Kathleen Funchion. [23494/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the restrictions on partners attending maternity and labour wards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23504/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health when a training centre (details supplied) is expected to reopen; the reason it has not reopened to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23508/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed extension of free general practitioner care for persons aged 6 and 7 years of age will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23509/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in County Kildare; the areas covered by the nurses; the number of nurses per district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [23515/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health when urgent psychology services and occupational therapy services will be made available to a person (details supplied) who has applied for an assessment of need in January 2020; if their case can be urgently considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23521/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests conducted to the end of August 2020; the number and percentage which were positive; the estimated number and percentage of false positives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23522/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the contingency being made to provide Covid-19 tests promptly to persons without access to cars; if those without cars and are symptomatic are being advised to take public transport to test centres; the number of test appointments rejected in cases in

which the person selected cannot travel to test centre as the reason; and if he will examine a case (details supplied) in which testing was delayed by a number of days due to no access to a car. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23523/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the annual funding provided to a mental health charity (details supplied) in County Kildare since its inception; his plans to fund the charity in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [23525/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the problems Covid-19 restrictions are causing to service users attending an association (details supplied) that are now unable to share buses and taxis and the pressure on funding this has placed on services; if he will commit to additional funding to support the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [23528/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health if the latest restriction on groups of 15 outdoors will be clarified with regard to caravan parks in which families are only allowed use their own caravans, campers or tents and in which no clubhouse or other group facilities are open and all other public health and distancing advice is observed; and if such caravan parks can open and remain in compliance with current restrictions. — Paul Murphy. [23547/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health if a method of hospital to general practitioner communication (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the communication model will be introduced nationwide across the healthcare sector in view of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23351/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a matter in relation to a speech and language assessment for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23548/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health when the medical cannabis access programme will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23551/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the budgetary constraints stated by his Department as the reason for the delay in the roll out of the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23552/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if a date has been established for the commencement of the medicinal access programme; the concerns and obstacles to the roll out of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [23553/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the outdoor group size permitted under Covid-19 regulations of 14 September 2020 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [23555/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health when the promised reduction in prescription fees for persons over 70 years of age will be introduced. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23578/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health when the publication of a pricing review of the National Treatment Purchase Fund which was due to be published in 2017 can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23583/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the PCR Covid-19 test; if he has received reports on the test since he became Minister; and if so, the details of same. — Alan Kelly. [23590/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health if he has made appointments to NPHET since he became Minister; if so, the persons appointed; the dates they were appointed; and the way in which he signed off on these appointments. — Alan Kelly. [23593/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the status for those working in contact tracing in University College Dublin regarding the offering of pay and contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23595/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that died by suicide in 2019 by age, gender and CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23606/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult speech and language therapists operating in County Wicklow; and the services available to adults in need of such care in cases in which access to a therapist is not available. — Steven Matthews. [23608/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has stopped providing the median age of those that died with or of Covid-19 since 12 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23621/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the ICU capacity in hospitals; the extent to which this has been increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23622/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women availing of cervical screening since 1 March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23623/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health when the statutory tribunal established for the purpose of assessing claims against the State arising from its negligence in the provision of cervical screening shall be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23624/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting a long time for an appointment; when they will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23627/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health if a series of matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to medical scientists will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23630/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol for arranging a test for a person that does not have access to a car to drive themselves; if there is a backlog or delay in handling such tests; and if he is satisfied that there is a satisfactory clearing house for persons experiencing difficulties in this regard. — Richard Bruton. [23706/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the cath lab at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [23707/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure if a child on a waiting list for a psychology appointment turns 18 years of age before they receive treatment; if they join another list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23708/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health if the extension of general practitioner only cards to those up to 8 years of age is going ahead in September 2020 as originally planned. — Richard Bruton. [23710/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if the increased means test for those over 70 years of age has been implemented. — Richard Bruton. [23711/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health if clarity can be provided with regard to the most recent Covid-19 regulations and the way in which they apply to holiday caravan parks (details supplied); and if a collection of mobile homes in a designated caravan site constitutes a gathering; and if this activity can continue in circumstances in which all other precautions are observed. — Steven Matthews. [23713/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will consider the pre-Budget submission from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23714/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria that is used to determine if a minor and or child requires a test for Covid-19; if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23719/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing numbers for the HSE Pest Control Services in CHO9; and if there are vacancies awaiting to be filled. — Paul McAuliffe. [23721/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health workers in employment in terms of whole-time equivalents and by profession; the way in which this has increased in view of Covid-19 in terms of whole-time equivalents and by profession; his plans for permanently allocating the funding to increase capacity across the health service; the number and category of whole-time equivalents he will fund as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16791/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health if a thorough plan will be outlined for the reopening of day services for those with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22333/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase public investment in public health and medical research in view of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22647/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the status of phase one of the pilot scheme for personalised budgets; if the uptake for the pilot scheme has been properly advertised to ensure there is a sufficient mix of applications nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22431/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in supplying the required equipment to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [22430/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reduce waiting times for an assessment of needs in County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [22375/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health if it is mandatory for HIQA inspections of nursing homes to include infection inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15756/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the number of protected disclosures made by HIQA employees in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of staff that made protected disclosures that are working on a full-time basis with HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [15757/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed increase in the medical card income limits for those aged 70 and over will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23772/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health when an application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23795/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health if guidelines in relation to visits to nursing homes will be amended to allow visits by families, subject to wearing personal protective equipment, particularly in cases in which there are patients that due to illness are speech and visually challenged, in view of the fact that isolation from family can cause deterioration in the patient and mental health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23800/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE provides supports or services for parental alienation syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23802/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health when legislation amending and updating the fair deal scheme will be brought to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [23804/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has been notified of significant adverse outcomes including hospitalisation in women that were prescribed mifepristone and misoprostol in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Carol Nolan. [23807/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health when the order will be signed to allow the proposed increase in the weekly gross medical card income limits for those over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [23809/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate the mobility allowance and the motorised transport grant which has been closed to new applicants since 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23810/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to further streamline Covid-19 testing and to increase its capacity to reduce the number of days of schools missed by schoolchildren and work days by their parents and guardians that currently will be forced to isolate for 2 to 5 days; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the inconvenience to families will result in some parents not getting their children tested due to the amount of time off school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23811/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health when each of the primary care services such as x-ray, chiropody services and physiotherapy services at Belmullet Community Hospital that were ceased in response to the Covid-19 outbreak will be restarted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23823/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols being put in place in order that patients may be admitted directly to Belmullet Community Hospital having full regard for Covid-19 screening prior to admission in view of the fact they have to be sent to the emergency department of Mayo University Hospital before they can be transferred to Belmullet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23824/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23825/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health if NPHET will consider changing the 50% capacity on post-primary school buses in view of increasing evidence that students are being left on the side of the road; if he will consider a review of the capacity on private coaches for third-level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [23826/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of persons permitted to attend weddings and civil ceremonies if the venues allow for full adherence to the Covid-19 guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23830/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health if dancing classes are permitted to recommence in circumstances in which there are small groups or the capacity to be socially distant exists during a class. — Cathal Crowe. [23833/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the deployment of speech and language therapists and other allied health professionals by the HSE for Covid-19 testing; the steps being taken to provide a plan for staffing test centres that does not rely on redeployment of essential health professionals; when such a plan will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23839/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed reduction in prescription charges will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [23841/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update travel restrictions for persons coming into Ireland from the UK. — Jackie Cahill. [23849/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans extending the opening hours for primary health centres to elevate demand for acute accident and emergency hospital settings and address the trolley crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [23850/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for reopening general practitioner clinics for routine medical assessment for patients that require a medical examination and have tested negative for Covid-19. — Alan Dillon. [23851/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to deal with the key recommendations and learnings contained within the publication of the Covid-19 Mayo University investigation report; and the Department which will oversee implementing of solutions to the key findings; and the timeline for same. — Alan Dillon. [23852/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the reason NPHET is blocking the release of the risk register under a freedom of information request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23859/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the reason NPHET is refusing to make publicly available the risk register under a freedom of information request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23860/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of meetings of NPHET and the research subgroup of the Expert Advisory Group has taken place since the 12 June 2020. — Gary Gannon. [23861/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health when the minutes of meetings for NPHET and the research subgroup of the Expert Advisory Group since the 12 June 2020 will be published. — Gary Gannon. [23862/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of an independent inquiry to investigate the historical licensing and use of sodium valproate here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [23872/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the number of families that have received consultations with the genetics service in Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin to establish if their child or children have been affected by exposure to sodium valproate in utero; the number of diagnoses of foetal anticonvulsant syndrome, foetal valproate spectrum disorder and foetal valproate syndrome which have been recorded as a result of these consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [23873/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place for families with a positive diagnosis of foetal anticonvulsant syndrome to access care pathways and community supports which were developed by the valproate response project team by the HSE in 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [23874/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health his policy with regard to the care of persons with special needs in particular the apparent change in the level of care to be provided under service level agreements between the HSE and care institutions (details supplied); and the steps he will take to ensure that day services reopen five days a week and that there is a full resumption of transport and respite services. — Paul Murphy. [23880/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time radiographers working in Letterkenny University Hospital in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [23883/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to assess the current restrictions on partners being present during the entirety of childbirth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23886/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for home help hours will be increased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23887/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health when the RD TRC is scheduled to meet in 2020; the frequency with which he expects the committee to meet in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [23895/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the timelines for assessment of medicines referred to the RD TRC; when recommendations will be made on referred therapies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [23906/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the publication of a new national rare diseases plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [23907/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overseas passengers arriving through Dublin Airport since 1 August 2020; the level of compliance in filling out the passenger locator form; the number of forms that were correctly completed; the number of follow-up calls made to passengers; the number of successful follow-up calls completed in each of the past six weeks in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23914/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the responsibility of his Department for recording and monitoring passengers entering Ireland; the role his Department plays in the passenger locator form and follow-up calls to passengers; the number and grade of staff allocated for this specific purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [23915/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [23923/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health if services (details supplied) are considered as serving a public health function similar to 12 steps and SMART recovery meetings. — Thomas Gould. [23929/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults in each LHO area awaiting a mental health services appointment at the end of August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23937/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health if the mobility allowance scheme will reopen to new applicants; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [23947/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to lessen the restrictions in maternity hospitals on persons that can be in the birthing room during labour in view of restrictions in other parts of society easing significantly. — Cathal Crowe. [23954/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the CNU project on the Dublin Road, Drogheda, County Louth; the details of the most recent specification brief on the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23958/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the progression of the 50-bed new St. Joseph’s Hospital in Ardee, County Louth; if he will provide other relevant details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23962/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed Dundalk primary care centre; if a site has been secured; if so, the full list of services that will be provided on site; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23963/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health when the implementation of the €10 cap on hospital car park charges will be introduced to the Lourdes Hospital car parks in Drogheda, County Louth (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23973/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of Covid-19 tests in which the swab taken to lab result time exceeded 48, 72, 96 and 120 hours, respectively in July and August 2020, by community and hospital settings nationwide and specifically in the South/Southwest Hospital Group. — Neasa Hourigan. [23983/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health if dance classes can have more than six participants if they have the space to socially distance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [23992/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update travel restrictions for persons coming here from the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23993/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE failed to input to the expert group on tobacco of the EU Commission regarding breaches of the ban on menthol cigarettes when the issue was discussed by the group in June 2020; the reason menthol flavoured tobacco products remain on shelves when the HSE has the power to remove them; the status of the investigation by the HSE into these breaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23994/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to provide care for post-Covid-19 patients that may suffer ongoing fatigue or develop post-viral fatigue syndrome and if unable to get the correct advice and support may go on to develop myalgic encephalomyelitis; and if appropriate care is being provided for those at risk. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [23997/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the reason respite services have not resumed in a facility (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24001/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports available to islanders travelling to hospitals and overnight stays to access cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24002/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an orthopaedic appointment at Letterkenny University Hospital; if they are on the urgent or routine list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24003/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an outpatient gynaecology appointment; if the referral is routine or urgent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24004/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for hip replacement surgery at Letterkenny University Hospital, County Donegal in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [24005/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the paediatric cardiology network in University Hospital Galway has been developed to date in 2020. — Mairéad Farrell. [24019/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of derogations from requirements to self-isolate for contacts of confirmed cases that have been granted or given within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [24022/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health the direction given to staff in public hospitals in respect of face coverings and social distancing for staff and patients; and the system in place for ensuring compliance with the advice. — Róisín Shortall. [24027/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in respect of putting the wearing of face coverings on a statutory basis for staff and customers in retail settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24028/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the new agreement with the private hospital sector in respect of the provision of capacity and services to cater for pressures arising from Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24029/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health if arrangements will be made for Covid-19 case numbers by electoral division on a weekly basis; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24030/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health if he has spoken formally with the Director General of the WHO since 1 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24053/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2021 of recruiting 120 extra paramedics. — Matt Carthy. [24054/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health when the changes under Budget 2020 to reduce the maximum expenditure of €124 on prescription drugs will be reduced to €114 in view of the fact that this reduction was to come into effect on 1 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24062/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health the financial support in place for persons with multiple sclerosis to obtain dual control cars for medical and safety reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24067/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health if myalgic encephalomyelitis (details supplied) is accepted as an illness which can lead to disability; if a person with the condition can expect their application for support to be processed by the disability service in a CHO; his views on whether processing such an application under older persons is discriminatory; the code now assigned to the condition to ensure the current criteria for disability services is made public in view of recent changes to the National Ability Supports System; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24068/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health if the disability section of the HSE website will be updated to provide more detailed information on management and supports to include policies or guidance relating to disability services for those living independently in their own homes and provide links to accessible information in plain and easy English versions which describe each specific service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24069/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the data collected by his Department, the National Ability Supports System and the HSE in relation to those living with myalgic encephalomyelitis (details supplied) and used as a data set to support the decision making process in relation to the supports and services needed in acute and community care and to inform key performance indicators is accurate and representative of the 0.2-0.4% population prevalence of persons with the condition in adults and children across all severities of mild, moderate, severe and very severe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24070/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health if the Disability Inclusion Strategy 2016-2021 is fully inclusive and representative of the issues faced by the 18 to 65 years of age demographic that have acquired a disability and live in their own homes in view of the recommendation of the Culliton and O'Malley report of July 2018 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24071/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the HSE fulfils the commitment of the National Healthcare Charter in relation to persons living with myalgic encephalomyelitis (details supplied) in view of the experience of those living with the condition that meet staff across the spectrum of health services whose training either pre or post-qualification does not include the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24072/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to identify a paediatric and adult champion for myalgic encephalomyelitis (details supplied) in each hospital group and CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24073/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the HSE is adequately fulfilling the standard of quality healthcare committed to in view of records from a freedom of information request (details supplied) which indicate that there is no home or ownership of myalgic encephalomyelitis in the clinical operations of the HSE; if he will direct the HSE to identify individual healthcare staff with a particular interest in ME as referred to in the freedom of information records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24074/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health the diagnostic criteria the HSE and Children's Health Ireland used consistently adult services and paediatric services to elicit a differential diagnosis of myalgic encephalomyelitis (details supplied); if the HSE and Children's Health Ireland have not currently instructed staff to follow a specific set of diagnostic criteria, if he will instruct them to adopt the International Consensus Criteria 2011 and the 2012 primer for adults and the paediatric primer Rowe et. Al. 2017 until the work of the national HSE ME working group has been completed and adopted in practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24075/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 270 of 10 July 2019, the evidence Children's Health Ireland relies on to adopt graded exercise therapy and cognitive behavioural therapy as treatments for children with myalgic encephalomyelitis; if HSE paediatricians follow the same treatment pathways, that is, supervised graded exercise programmes and cognitive behavioural therapy are commonly used to treat children with CFS; the risk of harm to children subjected to these treatments in view of findings (details supplied) and other associated research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24076/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Children's Health Ireland chooses to use the term CFS rather than myalgic encephalomyelitis (details supplied); the decision making process which resulted in this decision; the WHO classification associated with the term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24077/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ascertain if a HSE service or member of staff recommends graded exercise therapy and cognitive behavioural therapy as treatments for adults with myalgic encephalomyelitis; his views on the risk of harm to those subjected to these treatments in view of findings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24078/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health the diagnostic criteria that will be used to differentiate between long-tail Covid-19, that is, those exhibiting a post-Covid-19 syndrome and those with myalgic encephalomyelitis in view of the fact that SARS and MERS outbreaks resulted in some persons having slow recovery and of those a sub-group went on to fulfil diagnostic criteria for ME; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24079/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the NICE statement July 2020 in relation to post-Covid-19 management and the associated guidance on pacing and conserving energy; his views on whether a statement regarding graded exercise therapy should be issued to healthcare professionals warning of the risks of the therapy and the appropriate management techniques for those living with myalgic encephalomyelitis with specific guidance to differentiate between those moderately and severely affected in view of the fact that the management techniques for those with myalgic encephalomyelitis include pacing and conserving energy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24080/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the knowledge relating to research into myalgic encephalomyelitis, the physiological presentation and treatment and management options is held by those living with ME and not by an identifiable HSE or children's health expert or responsible group that can be approached for informed guidance and support, supported by biomedical research; if he will consider the impact on those that have limited function in their lives due to ME that are using that limited function to bring change; the reason this situation has not been addressed in view of the repeated signalling that those with ME are inadequately served by the health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24082/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health the training healthcare providers currently make available to qualified staff in view of a recent EU ruling (details supplied); the training available to trainees in all healthcare disciplines; the steps being taken to identify the current lack of training; his plans to address the training needs; his plans to raise awareness among health professionals; his plans to raise the awareness of the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24083/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health the action taken to gain an understanding of the impact of the poor knowledge amongst healthcare providers on persons living with myalgic encephalomyelitis in view of a recent EU ruling (details supplied); the data currently available; the funding provided for same by the HSE, the HRB and other public bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24084/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health the funding the State, the HSE and the HRB have provided since 1 January 2015 for research into myalgic encephalomyelitis, that is, biomedical, socio-economic, the experience of those living with ME and disability related to ME in view of a recent EU ruling (details supplied); his plans to address the resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24085/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the data available on disability related to myalgic encephalomyelitis in view of a recent EU ruling (details supplied); the action taken to gain an understanding of the impact the poor knowledge amongst healthcare providers has had on the

understanding of and the provision for the level of disability of persons living with myalgic encephalomyelitis by the HSE, the HRB and other public bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24086/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting scoliosis procedures; his plans to overhaul waiting lists in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24087/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which cancer patients continue to receive appropriate treatment in time; the number on waiting lists for such treatment; his plans to meet their requirements in the short term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24088/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in dealing with all waiting lists for various procedures in public hospitals nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24089/20]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the provision of the Naas General Hospital extension of facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24090/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital beds available to the public hospital sector; the number in the private sector; the extent to which both can combine to provide the required accommodation for the various categories of patients awaiting treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24091/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he has identified the areas of the most serious pressure for facilities throughout the public hospital sector; his plans and proposals to address inadequacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24092/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he plans to improve facilities and staff numbers available for homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24093/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts at all levels awaiting to be filled throughout the public health sector in hospitals and community care; the extent to which numbers have been augmented in the past year to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24094/20]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital consultant posts awaiting to be filled; the number of such posts already filled in the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24095/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he plans to facilitate ready access to mental health services in respect of children and adults in all areas nationwide without exception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24096/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he can foresee the restoration of support services for all children with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24097/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which consideration is being given to the provision of alternative community-based health facilities or accommodation at St. Bridget's Hospital, Crookslings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24098/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which BreastCheck, CervicalCheck and other health services are being restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24099/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied at the extent to which the public and the private sector have combined their efforts to deal with the Covid-19 virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24100/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which heart and lung transplants have continued throughout the Covid-19 crisis; the degree to which he foresees the need for changes in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24101/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which the time taken to process medical cards is being reduced; if cancer patients continue to receive special treatment in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24102/20]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he envisages the availability of adequate resources to meet the full requirements of his Department arising from normal running costs in addition to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24103/20]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the ongoing progress in relation to the construction of the National Children's Hospital; the extent to which progress is in line with previously identified targets; if costs have similarly remained as anticipated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24104/20]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have availed of cancer screening at Letterkenny University Hospital in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24114/20]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health if he will order an urgent independent review of all departments and specialities at Letterkenny University Hospital following the recent findings of the independent review into the gynaecological department at the hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24115/20]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the needs of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [24118/20]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the Covid-19 testing and tracing regime; the structures and leadership of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24122/20]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing requirements for meeting 100,000 Covid-19 swabs and tests per week; the associated cost related to each staffing category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24123/20]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing and laboratory requirements for conducting and evaluating 100,000 Covid-19 tests per week; the associated cost related to each staffing category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24124/20]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels related to the Covid-19 testing and tracing regime; the number employed directly for this purpose; the number seconded; the areas from which they are seconded from; the agency staff and associated costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24125/20]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will need to be taken to deliver 100,000 Covid-19 swabs and tests per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24126/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Covid-19 contact tracing regime; the number employed for same; the number seconded from elsewhere; the areas from which they are seconded from; his plans to recruit and train contact tracers; the estimated number of contact tracers required; the associated costs in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24127/20]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests conducted, evaluated, results delivered and contacts traced in each of the weeks since the beginning of March 2020 to the end of the second week of September 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24128/20]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health when restrictions will be eased at maternity hospitals to allow the birth partners of expectant mothers to attend ante-natal appointments and early labour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [24139/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health the number of student nurses currently working or that will be assigned to work in each hospital; the institution of education of each; and if they will receive payment for this work in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [24140/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health if he has signed the commencement order of higher thresholds for medical cards for persons over 70 years of age. — Sean Sherlock. [24144/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting occupational therapy in each CHO by age and length of time waiting for assessment in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [24149/20]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding he will make available to disability service providers; and the organisations he has received detailed additional budgetary needs from in tabular form with their additional budget lines. — Sean Sherlock. [24150/20]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health his views on redefining the age brackets when reporting Covid-19 cases in children and young persons based on categories (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24167/20]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reimburse all type 1 diabetics using FreeStyle Libre devices similar to the scheme previously approved for children and young adults. — Holly Cairns. [24168/20]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health if free general practitioner cards for under 8s will be extended during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Holly Cairns. [24169/20]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health if a CAMHS unit will be established in east County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [24170/20]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide x-ray or dexa services in the new HSE centre in Bandon, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [24171/20]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health the details of capital investment in building residential services for persons with disabilities. — Holly Cairns. [24172/20]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health if SI No. 326 of 2020 - Health Act 1947 (Section 31A – Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 13.(1)(c) will be amended in view of confusion on the requirement to make a record of the substantial meal or meals ordered by each member of a party of persons and each sole person permitted which is creating an excessive administrative burden on small businesses. — Holly Cairns. [24173/20]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the previous three-day diagnostic angiogram service at University Hospital Waterford which was being provided by the mobile cath lab now removed from the hospital; the extent of the present angiogram waiting list; the proposed resumption of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24187/20]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which waiting lists for cataract treatment are being reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24198/20]

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

*867. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications made to the register of sellers and suppliers and the register of premises by county. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23379/20]

*868. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he will take to ensure that there is not a conflict between the requirements contained in recent letters being sent to farmers regarding TB and their requirements pursuant to the beef genomics scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24344/20]

*869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he will take to address the backlog in applications for planting permits and felling licences in the forestry section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24345/20]

*870. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which €5 billion Brexit Reserve Fund will be distributed within the EU and within Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24367/20]

*871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the nature of complaints made to his Department which caused an investigation into a pig farm owned by a person (details supplied); if information in relation to the case will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [23280/20]

*872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an appeal by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23332/20]

*873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position in relation to a TAMS payment for a person (details supplied); when it will issue to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [23335/20]

*874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the online sales of dogs is regulated; if this will be reviewed in view of the recent increase in dog thefts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23445/20]

*875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will work with farmers to ensure that participants in the beef data genomics programme will not face penalties due to not having sufficient four or five-star animals in their herd; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23479/20]

*876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the compensation provided to farmers for blanket bog land under their control; his plans to provide additional supports to those with land designations relating to the EU Habitats Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23480/20]

*877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to increase the upper limit ceiling in the pig and poultry investment scheme under TAMS II; if so, the new upper limit ceiling being considered; when such changes will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23481/20]

*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cow and calf pairs per applicant on which payments were made under the BEEP scheme in 2019, by county in tabular form. — Matt Carthy. [23489/20]

*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the CAP allocation made available to Ireland in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23531/20]

*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of the CAP allocation paid to farmers in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23532/20]

*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the items the balance of the CAP was spent on; the names, addresses and amounts paid to entities; the justification for the payments; the reason they received an allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23533/20]

*882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the allocation for his Department; the amount claimed by his Department, that is staff payroll costs, staff subsistence costs and other costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23534/20]

*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of the total penalties imposed by his Department on farmers in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23535/20]

*884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if meat processors received a CAP allocation; if so, the name and amount paid to each; the justification for each payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23536/20]

*885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount returned to the EU by his Department; the justification proffered by his Department for the refund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23537/20]

*886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is a backlog in felling licences leading to the importation of the raw material for pallets while thousands of pallets are burned at Halloween each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23571/20]

*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for a new agri-environmental scheme or an extension of the GLAS scheme at the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23597/20]

*888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 488 of 19 November 2019, the status of the review of harbour charges for fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23775/20]

*889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a moratorium will be put on the collection of outstanding harbour fees; if a waiver on all harbour dues will be put in place for fishermen that are struggling due to the Covid-19 crisis similar to the commercial rates wavier; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23778/20]

*890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has received a complaint regarding an unannounced inspection on a farm (details supplied) in which the farmer claims that health guidelines and protocols were not followed and that there was a breach of GDPR; the process that will be followed to investigate this complaint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23799/20]

*891. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding a folio (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23816/20]

*892. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [23881/20]

*893. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of sheep imported in 2018 and 2019 in view of the fact that there is a significant difference in the CSO figures and figures supplied by his Department through the EU Trade Control and Export System; if measures (details supplied) will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [23901/20]

*894. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for writing to farmers identifying animals in the herd that are at high risk of contracting tuberculosis and requesting their destruction. — Niall Collins. [23908/20]

*895. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the methodology used to identify animals that are deemed to be at high risk of contracting tuberculosis. — Niall Collins. [23909/20]

*896. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to review the practice of writing to farmers requesting the destruction of animals identifying as high risk of contracting tuberculosis. — Niall Collins. [23910/20]

*897. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of animals slaughtered under the tuberculosis eradication programme deemed to have the disease post-mortem. — Niall Collins. [23911/20]

*898. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the outcome of the ANC review in County Donegal; the townlands excluded; and the reason each was excluded. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24050/20]

*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review a case (details supplied); if the person has recourse in the case; if a late application can be accepted under the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24134/20]

*900. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the Common Agricultural Policy. — Sean Sherlock. [24154/20]

*901. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when new legislation on forestry will be brought forward. — Sean Sherlock. [24155/20]

*902. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the food ombudsman will be set up; when farmers will feel the effects in terms of prices for produce; and if he has a strategy for the interim period. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24156/20]

*903. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to regularise the seaweed harvesting industry in a manner that protects traditional techniques of harvesting and supports the individual that harvests seaweed in this manner. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24157/20]

*904. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Teagasc is classified as a non-profit body; and if so, if the criteria for the classification will be provided. — Holly Cairns. [24160/20]

*905. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific welfare standards being set as a condition for future funding for the greyhound sector from the Horse and Greyhound Fund as outlined in the Programme for Government; if time limits will be set for the standards to be reached; and if an independent body will assess the welfare standards. — Holly Cairns. [24161/20]

*906. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the project of establishing a traceability system for racing greyhounds has been put out to tender (details supplied); and if so, the stage the establishment of the system is at. — Holly Cairns. [24162/20]

*907. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the crisis in the forestry industry due to the backlog of cases in the forestry appeals systems. — Holly Cairns. [24163/20]

*908. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on immediately reconvening the tuberculosis forum; and if he will chair the process. — Holly Cairns. [24164/20]

*909. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to facilitate persons in Ireland participating in the public consultation European Commission on rural development – long-term vision for rural areas. — Holly Cairns. [24165/20]

*910. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on his recent meeting with an association (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24166/20]

*911. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of EMFF funding for Ireland per year during the current programme since 2014; the amount of unspent moneys returned to the EMFF in each year; the percentage that goes solely to the fishing sector on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24188/20]

*912. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current membership of the Celtic Sea Herring Advisory Committee; the representation of the membership of the committee in relation to the proportional size of the fleet; when the committee last met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24189/20]

*913. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an impact study has been carried out to examine the financial implications for Ireland's fishers of the EU decision to remove tariffs on the imports of US lobster; the supports that can be put in place to mitigate these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24190/20]

*914. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions his Department has taken with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to ensure that all stakeholders and partners are consulted and are involved in the process to establish marine protected areas in Irish fishing waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24191/20]

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

*915. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when a grant application (details supplied) will be adjudicated on and paid out. — Dara Calleary. [23358/20]

*916. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if there will be another round of the stability fund for community and voluntary, charity and social enterprises. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [23468/20]

*917. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of dog breeding establishments licensed in each county in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23377/20]

*918. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of breeding bitches licensed in each dog breeding establishment in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23378/20]

*919. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the progress to date and or the schedule for ensuring robust and consistent enforcement of the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 as per the Programme for Government. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23380/20]

*920. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the supports her Department has made and plans to make available for community groups and organisations that have lost significant amounts of revenue during Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23421/20]

*921. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the supports she can offer a company (details supplied) to navigate over this period coming out of Covid-19. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23422/20]

*922. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when further tranches of the stability fund will be released; and if community radio stations will be able to seek funding under the scheme. — Cathal Crowe. [23505/20]

*923. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of an application for a car park by a school (details supplied); when a decision is likely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23544/20]

*924. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget for the community facilities scheme increased by 40%. — Mairéad Farrell. [24020/20]

*925. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if funding unspent in an initiative (details supplied) will be reallocated to other measures such as community facilities with LEADER; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24131/20]

*926. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the Mobile Broadband Taskforce; and if she has met with same. — Sean Sherlock. [24151/20]

*927. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of Exchequer funded projects over €1 billion overseen by her Department; the expected rise in cost in both numerical amount and percentage terms in tabular form, and delays as result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24305/20]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the establishment of a social dialogue unit in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [23765/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to establish a unit in his Department to coordinate social dialogue. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23928/20]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [23766/20]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to elected representatives in the Northern Ireland Assembly following recent statements and actions by the UK Prime Minister on Brexit. — Sorca Clarke. [24107/20]