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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the working groups or initiatives he has established or plans to establish within his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23701/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22355/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if the Cabinet Committee on Education has met to date in September 2020. — Alan Kelly. [22380/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23667/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the activities of the shared island unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23668/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the UK Prime Minister. — Alan Kelly. [22379/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the UK Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [22608/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the UK Prime Minister. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24047/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee which deals with housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22649/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [22652/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [23637/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23927/20]

13. 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]

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

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the establishment of a social dialogue unit in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [23765/20]

16. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to establish a unit in his Department to coordinate social dialogue. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23928/20]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [23766/20]

18. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there supports are available for students that have to undertake placement in healthcare settings nursing, midwifery and medical students and as a result of Covid-19 guidelines have had to give up paid employment for the duration of their placements; and if they will avail of the Covid-19 unemployment supports for the length of time they are unable to work. — Martin Browne. [24206/20]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports and grants available to a construction business taking on new apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [24258/20]

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

*21. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if the photovoltaic pilot grant scheme will be continued (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [24266/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*22. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is receipt of a funding request from a local authority (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [24224/20]

*23. To ask the Minister for Transport if Limerick City Council will be granted an additional three month extension in regard to the July stimulus funding provided to it by the NTA for €10 million which has to be allocated by November 2020. — Willie O’Dea. [24278/20]

*24. To ask the Minister for Transport if plans will be put in place to allow a person (details supplied) who passed their driver theory test in March 2020 but did not receive their licence until July to sit a driver test earlier than the prescribed six months after the licence issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24210/20]

*25. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the steps taken to legislate for e-scooters in accordance with the Programme for Government; his plans to recognise the role e-scooters play as part of Ireland’s sustainable transport mix year; if a second stakeholder consultation will be brought forward by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24265/20]

*26. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the funding for the proposed Narrow Water bridge between counties Louth Down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [24355/20]

*27. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Ardee bypass project with the associated key timelines and relevant information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [24356/20]

*28. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for legislation on electronic scooters and bicycles. — Eoghan Murphy. [24362/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*29. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the uptake of the wage subsidy scheme; the number of refusals; the reasons for refusals; the number of successful appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24229/20]

*30. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures in place to counteract cross-Border smuggling and illicit trade in products such as tobacco, alcohol and fuel products and to ensure smugglers do not take advantage of the green lane corridors established during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24264/20]

*31. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons with annual income levels by category (details supplied) in the most recent year for which full data is available in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [24213/20]

*32. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons with annual income levels by category (details supplied) that received tax relief on their personal income for contributions to a pension in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [24214/20]

*33. To ask the Minister for Finance the gross amount of tax relief provided for pension contributions in each of the past five years for which full figures are available in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [24215/20]

*34. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that could be raised from the imposition of an emergency 3% Covid-19 tax on the total assets of natural persons, whatever the

legal form of tenure, of €1 million and over, rising to a 5% tax on assets of €10 million and over. — Paul Murphy. [24295/20]

*35. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that could be raised from the imposition of an emergency 3% Covid-19 tax on the assets of investment funds and holding companies. — Paul Murphy. [24296/20]

*36. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that could be raised from the imposition of an emergency 3% Covid-19 tax on the market value of all property transfers by legal persons. — Paul Murphy. [24297/20]

*37. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that could be raised from the imposition of an emergency 2% Covid-19 tax on the market value of property transfers by natural persons of €1 million and over. — Paul Murphy. [24298/20]

*38. To ask the Minister for Finance the workers eligible for a tax credit for a work uniform; if childcare providers qualify for this tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24352/20]

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

*39. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to extend the Covid-19-related pension abatement waiver for HSE rehires beyond 30 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24216/20]

*40. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a difference in spending figures between the July Stimulus plan and the Budget 2020 economic and fiscal outlook. — Mairéad Farrell. [24274/20]

*41. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be made available for the Blackpool flood relief scheme in view of the fact that the work required is outstanding for a number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24372/20]

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

*42. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the restart plus grant will be extended to bed and breakfast operators that have deferred their opening until 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24218/20]

*43. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the budget allocation for the Creative Ireland programme in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24237/20]

*44. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if a limited number of spectators will be allowed at sporting events in line with local evaluation of the number that can be safely allowed to attend including for games involving children and young persons. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24257/20]

*45. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will bring forward the distribution of funding for swimming pools announced as part of the July Stimulus Package to avoid permanent closure of distressed pools (details supplied). — Eoghan Murphy. [24358/20]

*46. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will consider seeking community suggestions and providing grants for cultural and social events that are not screen based in order to avoid the dangers of excessive screen time and encourage outdoor activities during the winter. — Eoghan Murphy. [24359/20]

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

*47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is considerable concern among licensed deer hunters and expert groups such as an organisation (details supplied) over the delay in issuing permits under section 29 of the Wildlife Acts for the 2020/2021 open season for deer (details supplied); the number of applications processed to date; the number outstanding; the expected timeline to process the applications; his plans to address the delays caused by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24250/20]

*48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that expert groups such as an organisation (details supplied) have made recommendations to address the backlog under section 29 of the Wildlife Acts for the 2020/2021 open season for deer in line with other Departments such as the Department of Transport extension of NCT certificates and driver licences; if his attention has been further drawn to a detailed recommendation which was made in December 2015 regarding the implementation of an online licensing system by the Irish Deer Management Forum to streamline and bring Ireland into line with other countries regarding the issuing of wildlife licensing permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24251/20]

*49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will meet an organisation (details supplied) to discuss the issues relating to the delays and proposed solutions to avoid future delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24252/20]

*50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans and timelines he in mind with regard to the holding of a referendum on the public ownership of water. — John Lahart. [24204/20]

*51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to intervene and protect the national monument at 40 Herbert Park by preservation order as a monument the preservation of which is a matter of national importance now threatened with demolition. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24225/20]

*52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the DPG scheme is a separate funding stream to the housing adaptation grant funding; the way in which the criteria for the two grants differ; if he will clarify what is covered by the DPG grant and the application criteria for the grant; the amount of funding local authorities can apply for under the DPG funding stream; and when Louth County Council last applied for funding under the scheme. — Imelda Munster. [24232/20]

*53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of call-outs from the fire brigade in relation to the illegal use of fireworks in each of the past five years by area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24247/20]

*54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider classifying 40 Herbert Park, the home of 1916 veteran Michael Joseph O’Rahilly known as The O’Rahilly, as a national monument. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24275/20]

*55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the weather warning issued to Galway County Council in relation to the severe rainfall in the Connemara area on 1 and 2 September 2020; the time the weather warning was issued and to whom; the status of the weather warning; the analysis undertaken to establish the reason for the flooding, in particular the impact of the conversion of upstream land from bog to sitka spruce plantations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24280/20]

*56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the funding for disabled person’s grants has been amalgamated with housing adaptation grants. — Imelda Munster. [24285/20]

*57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the allocation by each local authority for housing adaptation grant for people with a disability in each of the years 2013 to 2020; and the amount each local authority drew down in each year from the allocation for the purposes of the grant. — Imelda Munster. [24286/20]

*58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if membership of the retained fire service is a breach of the Civil Service Code of Standards and Behaviour. — Neasa Hourigan. [24299/20]

*59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the promoters of a development (details supplied) in Warrenpoint, County Down were obliged to notify Louth County Council of this development under transnational planning regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24368/20]

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

*60. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the processing of foreign birth registrations which was ceased due to Covid-19 has resumed; and if not, when processing will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [24269/20]

*61. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussion he has had with his British counterpart in relation to the Withdrawal Agreement with particular reference to the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24431/20]

*62. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions he has had with parties in the Northern Ireland Executive in relation to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24432/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*63. To ask the Minister for Defence if the commission on the Defence Forces will be ready by the end of 2020 as agreed in the Programme for Partnership Government; if he will provide a detailed timeline for its establishment and work and the details of its membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24389/20]

*64. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to recruit an additional full-time clinical psychologist for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24236/20]

*65. To ask the Minister for Defence his strategy to increase funding for the salaries of members of the Defence Forces. — Emer Higgins. [24276/20]

*66. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has concerns regarding the recruitment and retention of trained medical personnel for the Defence Forces. — Eoghan Murphy. [24364/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*67. To ask the Minister for Education when refunds will issue to parents that applied and paid for concessionary school transport tickets in circumstances in which no seats are available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24226/20]

*68. To ask the Minister for Education the basis of appeal of grades in the leaving certificate; if the deviation of the results of a school from a pattern in previous years can be a basis for appeal; if there is consideration being given to reserving some of the extra college places for late entry for persons that choose to sit the exam in November 2020 rather than accept calculated grades; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [24205/20]

*69. To ask the Minister for Education the guidelines for the teaching of the practical aspects of geography including field work; when she plans to publish guidelines relating to the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24217/20]

*70. To ask the Minister for Education if a review will be carried out regarding the provision of a bus escort for a child (details supplied) travelling to and from school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24231/20]

*71. To ask the Minister for Education if the 70 years of age limit will be reviewed for drivers in circumstances in which appropriate medical evidence supports this and if necessary on a self-indemnification basis by the drivers in view of the requirement for additional buses to provide socially distant school transport to secondary schools. — Michael Creed. [24235/20]

*72. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in County Carlow receiving an ancillary services grant in tabular form. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24253/20]

*73. To ask the Minister for Education the number of requests received for additional special needs assistants from schools in County Carlow; and the number of requests that have been approved. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24254/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and secondary schools in County Carlow without hot water facilities; and the steps taken to rectify such issues in view of the fact children have returned to school. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24255/20]

*75. To ask the Minister for Education the qualifying criteria for schools to be eligible to receive the minor works grant; the schools in receipt of the grant in County Carlow; the reason schools were denied a grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24256/20]

*76. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of installing portacabins for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 school year by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [24267/20]

*77. To ask the Minister for Education if provisions are being made in cases of children in direct provision and the potential interruption to their education if there are further outbreaks of Covid-19 in centres in view of the fact that if there is an outbreak the child must be removed from school. — Steven Matthews. [24287/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for Education if it is now policy for high functioning students with autism not to be integrated into mainstream classes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24290/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the new school transport allowance which is payable to parents of children that are eligible for school transport but do not use this school transport due to Covid-19 concerns; when this allowance will be payable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24294/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request Bus Éireann to permit late post-primary school transport applicants to take up spare seats that currently exist on school services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24351/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request Bus Éireann to factor five concessionary applicants that did not secure seats on a post-primary school transport route (details supplied) in County Kerry when rolling out the 50% capacity on this route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24353/20]

*82. To ask the Minister for Education if she will add CPR and first aid to the senior school curriculum. — Eoghan Murphy. [24360/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the tendering, constructing and opening of the new school on Harcourt Terrace, Dublin 2. — Eoghan Murphy. [24361/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for Education the statistical standardisation process used for leaving certificate results in 2020; if she will publish the data used in the standardisation process and the algorithm used; if she will address concerns expressed that some schools with a historically high level of better grades did not perform as well in leaving certificate 2020 in order to ensure that socio-economic status was not taken into account in other schools when assigning calculated grades; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24387/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for Education if a site has been selected for a school (details supplied); when planning will be sought for the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24391/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new school development (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24392/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce an appeals system for the 2020 leaving certificate students which allows the calculated grades given to be challenged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24399/20]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties reported by a school (details supplied) in getting increased broadband capacity; if funding is available for this and other schools to expand such capacity; if there is a delay caused by a tendering process; and if there are multiple schools affected or if the issue is particular to an individual school. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [24401/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education when a tender (details supplied) will be published on e-tenders. — Sean Sherlock. [24404/20]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education if parents can access the new allowance for driving their children to school if in receipt of a concessionary bus ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24430/20]

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

*91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has requested the Low Pay Commission to examine universal basic income; the current plans for the design, implementation and evaluation of a universal basic income project; the way in which external bodies and individuals can contribute to the design, implementation and evaluation of this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24357/20]

*92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has met or plans to meet with meat factory owners to address the concerns that have come to light due to Covid-19 regarding pay and living conditions of workers in their business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [24330/20]

*93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the closing date of 17 September 2020 for pandemic unemployment payment applications will be extended to allow seasonal workers that may need to reapply after the summer period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24219/20]

*94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was awarded a pandemic unemployment payment and then subsequently had it withdrawn; the reason subsequent requests for information by this Deputy to the pandemic unemployment payment team have been declined; if there is an ongoing examination of the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24249/20]

*95. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the different social insurance benefits payees of each of the different PRSI class are entitled to in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24259/20]

*96. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the anomalies affecting a number of Aer Lingus employees (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [24268/20]

*97. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the benefits workers are entitled to claim when they are not working but are still on their employers books and their employer is in receipt of the employment wage subsidy scheme; and the related hours and wage thresholds. — Paul Murphy. [24283/20]

*98. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the benefits workers on reduced working hours are entitled to claim when their employer is in receipt of the employment wage subsidy scheme; and the related hours and wage thresholds. — Paul Murphy. [24284/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current HEO vacancies within her Department; the location and business units of such vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24293/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the need for some persons that work physically demanding jobs to retire at 65 years of age; and if she is examining the needs of the workers in this regard. — Martin Browne. [24375/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24383/20]

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

*102. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if additional supports for foster parents are available (details supplied); his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [24207/20]

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

*103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the approach he will take to equalise the position of students that sat their leaving certificate in 2019 and deferred their CAO application until 2020 in view of both grade and course inflation arising from the Covid-19 and the leaving certificate of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [24239/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department predicts a decline in the number of students travelling to abroad to study at third-level; the estimated increase in students accepting CAO offers as a result of a predicted decline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24369/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of new university places made available as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24388/20]

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

*106. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24203/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24209/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of entitlement to residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24212/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases in which naturalisation has been granted using section 16(a) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24230/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí that are part of Operation Tombola in relation to the use of illegal fireworks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24240/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has recently reviewed the legislative provisions in relation to the illegal use of fireworks; if such a review is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24241/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Justice the formal or informal arrangements for cooperation between An Garda Síochána and the PSNI in relation to the use of illegal fireworks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24242/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Justice if regulatory checks are carried out of licensed sellers and importers of fireworks to ensure that fireworks are sold only in line with legislative provisions; the number of such checks in each of the past five years; the number of breaches found; the number of those that hold licences for the sale of fireworks here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24243/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of reports received by An Garda Síochána in relation to the use of illegal fireworks in each of the past six months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24244/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of seizures of illegal fireworks in each of the past five years; the number prosecuted in each year; the number of convictions in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24245/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Justice the resources allocated to the public safety campaign in relation to illegal fireworks conducted by her Department in each of the past five years; the number of schools, youth or community organisations that have been visited in each year as part of the campaign; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24246/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of UNHCR resettlement proposals that were received to date in 2020; the number of final decisions that have been made; the number of persons

that have been granted permission to come here; the number of proposals yet to receive a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [24378/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Justice if refugees from other war-stricken countries such as Libya are being considered for UNHCR resettlement here, particularly those with relatives residing here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [24379/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on a matter regarding an additional three weeks of parental leave (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24426/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*120. To ask the Minister for Health if communication was made between him or his office, with the Minister of State Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and National Drugs Strategy on the topic of 12 Steps and other recovery support meetings prior to 1 September 2020. — Thomas Gould. [24220/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision was taken to regard addiction recovery support meetings as an essential service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [24221/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health if a publication date for the 2019 end of year review of Supporting Recovery, Reducing Harm has been published. — Thomas Gould. [24222/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the mid-term review of Supporting Recovery, Reducing Harm. — Thomas Gould. [24223/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health if a doctor will be assigned to carry out assessments at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [24228/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to locate a Covid-19 testing centre in Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [24233/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to locate additional Covid-19 testing centres in County Louth or in east County Meath; if so, the locations in which the test centres will be based; and when they are expected to commence operations. — Imelda Munster. [24234/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget for Portlaoise Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24238/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reverse the decision by his predecessor to alter the model of care for abortion provision (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24248/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health when pharmacies will receive the PPE, in particular surgical masks, that was promised by the HSE to keep pharmacy staff and their vulnerable customers safe from the potential risk of catching or spreading Covid-19 infection in the course of their working day in the pharmacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24261/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health if a 14-day view of Covid-19 cases will be published by electoral division regularly (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [24262/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all Covid-19 cases for the most recent 14 day period available by South Dublin County Council electoral division. — Emer Higgins. [24263/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make changes to the restrictions policy in allowing birthing partners to attend the births with new mothers in addition to appointments leading up to that in University Maternity Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [24271/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE have ceased testing staff for Covid-19 at a company (details supplied) despite the fact that a number of night shift workers previously tested positive thus leaving day shift workers potentially exposed to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [24272/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available for a community group (details supplied) to set up a visitation, phone call service for isolated and elderly persons in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24277/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health if the newborn bloodspot screening test will be expanded from identifying eight rare treatable illnesses to 40 which is the current practice in Italy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24291/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health when pharmacies will receive the surgical masks that the HSE agreed with a union (details supplied) will be supplied in order to keep pharmacy staff safe from the potential risk of catching or spreading Covid-19 infection in the pharmacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24292/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a fund available to finance long-term care for a person (details supplied) with an intellectual disability in a facility in the UK in which residents of the facility from countries outside the UK require funding from their Government in order to be resident; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [24303/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the urgent need for same-day Covid-19 testing for teachers to enable schools to remain and to allow for the continuity of care for children by teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [24350/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the availability the health Service has for Covid-19 testing with rapid results; and if this rapid testing could be used to screen partners of expectant mothers in order to attend pre-natal scans and births. — Eoghan Murphy. [24363/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests taken in a location (details supplied) to date; the positivity rate at this location; the number of persons that failed to show up for tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24371/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspectors from the Health Service Executive, Health and Safety Authority and Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine deployed to monitor whether pubs are adhering to the Covid-19 guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24374/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider fast-tracking Covid-19 tests for school children and teachers to enable quick tests and results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [24376/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reintroduce full disability care services including respite care in special needs facilities (details supplied); the measures taken to give additional support to families caring for persons with disabilities that cannot access full disability care services due to Covid-19; if transport services for persons with disabilities to disability care facilities will be fully resumed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [24377/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the National Drugs Strategy 2017-2025 in 2019. — Thomas Gould. [24382/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health when the CT scanner at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe will be replaced; the number of times that it has not been functioning in the past 12 months; the period of time on each occasion; the alternatives presently in place at the hospital for CT scans; the cost of the alternative in the past 12 months; when the present scanner was installed; the date the warranty expired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24384/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health the location and number of CT scanners which are due to be replaced within the public health system by replacement priority; the date the warranty expired on each machine; the most recent date when each machine broke down; the period of time it was out of operation; the number of other CT scanners in each facility listed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24385/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons and waiting times for an urgent and non-urgent CT scan at each public hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24386/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health when the development of the new 50-bed long-stay facility at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24390/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department, in conjunction with NPHEH will consider revising or removing current Covid-19 restrictions at maternity hospitals that prevent spouses and partners from attending scans and other ante-natal appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24400/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health if the practice within emergency department units for next of kin or a chosen person to act on behalf of patients will be reinstated (details supplied); if a timeframe will be given for the reinstatement of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [24403/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied) from the Health and Safety Authority regarding a business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24428/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a response from the HSA (details supplied) to a business; if he will provide further advise requested by the venue hosting the business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24429/20]

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

*153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the concerns of agricultural merchants will be addressed that fear that their ability to prescribe and dispense veterinary medicines will be adversely impacted by the introduction of EU regulations in this area; if he will consider seeking a derogation on the matter from the EU regulatory authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24211/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if mandatory testing of Connemara ponies and cross breeds will be introduced to eliminate the threat of hoof wall separation disease. — Cathal Crowe. [24260/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of fallen animals notified to his Department in each year since 2016; the role of his Department in monitoring the emergency slaughter of these animals; the number of fallen animals that enter the human food chain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [24354/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the information previously submitted and accepted showing grazing rights for a 2019 basic payment scheme application by a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry is not sufficient for the 2020 basic payment scheme application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24370/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce the Forestry Appeals Bill; the main provisions of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [24380/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his priorities for improving the breeding and production of sports horses within Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [24381/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to make contingency plans to meet new exigencies arising from the ongoing situation of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24405/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he receives opportunities for economic growth arising from further development of agri-business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24406/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he expects further economic beneficial opportunities to arise from the further development of the dairy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24408/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects to be in a position to maximise opportunities for the dairy and beef sectors while being mindful of the need to meet carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24409/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he foresees marketing to play an even more significant part in the sale of Irish lamb, beef, pig meat, dairy and poultry products at home and abroad having particular regard to challenges arising from world

trade or Brexit development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24410/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied of the ability of the agri-business sector to develop alongside the need to meet carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24411/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he is engaging with agri-producers with a view to ameliorating concerns about viability and below-cost selling in the sector; the extent to which he is engaging with producers, processors and supermarkets with a view to achieving an equilibrium that is fair, positive and opportunity-creating for those in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24412/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the bovine TB eradication programme continues satisfactorily; whether the industry is getting closer to elimination of the disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24413/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which various contributory factors have been identified in outbreaks of bovine TB nationwide; the extent to which the performance here compares with all other jurisdictions throughout Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24414/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he expects markets for agricultural exports to grow throughout the EU or elsewhere with particular reference to the need to replace ground lost arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24415/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which continued emphasis is placed on animal health, husbandry and processing with a view to ensuring that the highest possible standards prevail and that Irish products retain pride of place on world markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24416/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which farm incomes have fluctuated over the past ten years; the way in which fluctuations have been manifested itself in terms of impact on farm family incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24417/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he continues to explore ways and means to maximise the value of products from the agricultural sector with particular reference to achievement of the highest possible standards leading to market advantage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24418/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures contemplated to minimise the impact of Brexit on the agricultural sector here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24419/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the equine industry might be negatively impacted by Brexit; the measures in place or anticipated to address such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24420/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he sees opportunities to develop the fishing industry in the various areas throughout the country that are primarily dependant on the industry in terms of employment opportunities; his plans for the future maximisation of opportunities for such communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24422/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the food sector in general and the artisan food sector in particular have been negatively impacted by Covid-19; the degree to which he expects to be in a position to identify such issues and assist in their resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24424/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he continues to monitor and engage with the various bodies involved in the fishing industry with particular reference to challenges arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24425/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter regarding forestry applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24427/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has met with the banking sector or farmers organisations regarding the interest rates being charged by banks here on farm related finance and loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [24331/20]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 17 MEÁN FÓMHAIR, 2020
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 2020**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of organisations which applied for the community and voluntary stability fund; the number of applications granted; if the fund is still open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24195/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to increase the funding of the Leader Action Group in County Clare to assist in the economic recovery of the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [24315/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the stage of progress regarding her plans to develop the pier on Inis Óírr. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24347/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to address the increased isolation many persons in rural Ireland are facing as the country enters the first winter with Covid-19; her further plans to develop systems in the locations in order that the vulnerable can maintain contact with others; if she has plans to provide in-home supports for

persons that will need company and other supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [24434/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if she will consider introducing a code of standardisation of road and pathway signage that must be used by community groups and local residence associations in view of the many different signs and sign design across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24438/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to investigate the provision of air services to Inishbofin Island; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24201/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if her Department considered setting up rural information pods and lectures in the community in relation to facilitating adult learning within the rural environment in relation to issues such as jobseeking, heritage, the environment and sustainability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24439/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the details of the grants awarded in County Clare under the Covid-19 town and village renewal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [24316/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to increase digital infrastructure and connectivity in County Wexford in view of the increased number of persons working from home due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Johnny Mythen. [24327/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if the €500,000 for preparatory works for the upgrade of Inis Oírr pier and breakwater has been officially confirmed by her Department; the items the funding will be spent on; and if it will be used to put the upgrade and breakwater for the pier out to tender in view of the fact the pier development was promised in 2015. — Mairéad Farrell. [24441/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if specific measures will be introduced to assist in the upgrading of vacant premises to provide living accommodation in smaller towns and villages in rural communities in view of the fact such investment could contribute substantially to the regeneration of these communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24334/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the steps being taken by her Department to provide additional funding to both enhance existing hubs in view of the fact that remote working is now becoming the new normal for persons both in the public and private sectors, and that this is likely to be the norm for some time; if funding for additional hubs across rural Ireland will be provided; if this will be a vital step; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24435/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the projects in receipt of funding through the town and village renewal scheme 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24396/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to improve connectivity and infrastructure for rural areas in County Cork particularly those that recently moved into the city boundary under the boundary changes. — Thomas Gould. [24332/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the roll out of broadband connection points in counties Longford and Westmeath. — Joe Flaherty. [16074/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the new rural development policy; when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24324/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the steps being taken in relation to the commitment in the Programme for Partnership Government to ensure that organisations (details supplied) are properly resourced especially in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Patrick Costello. [24318/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of Ireland's town partnership as recommended by the Town Centre Living Initiative, Six Pilot Towns: Synthesis Report; if the partnership has been established; if so, the membership and duties of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24394/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of Pobal applications for community groups finalised and processed since February 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24196/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the supports in relation to capital funding for non-local authority community centres for health and safety and fire prevention works. — Paul Donnelly. [24337/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of each of the recommendations of the CEDRA report; the number of recommendations implemented in full, in part and not at all, respectively; the anticipated date by which each of the outstanding recommendations will be implemented in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24398/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to ensure maximum positive impact on the community, rural development and the islands aspect of her portfolio with particular reference to the maximisation of employment opportunities throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24328/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the mission statement in respect of her portfolio; the degree to which she expects to expand and enhance opportunities and quality of life for persons in their respective locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24329/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if the role that Leader companies can play in supporting small rural businesses to overcome the challenges posed by Covid-19 has been explored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24193/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if the Tidy Towns Competition will be allowed proceed in 2021 under social distancing regulations. — Sean Sherlock. [24445/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if she has met with the Mobile Broadband Taskforce since her appointment as Minister. — Sean Sherlock. [24446/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the stage the Interdepartmental Committee on Island Development is at; the next steps and the way in which she plans to progress the work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24322/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to progress the national policy for the islands; the status of the islands policy; the findings of the consultation process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24395/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when the 300 high-speed internet hubs announced under the National Broadband Plan on 19 November 2019 will be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24192/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the funding that will be allocated to youth and community centre facilities which are working within reduced incomes due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24338/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the roll out of broadband connection points in counties Carlow and Kilkenny. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [16079/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the local improvement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24197/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the schemes under her Department that can allocate funding to community organisations, including clubs (details supplied) to develop ancillary services such as car parking; and her plans to provide additional schemes and funding in this regard. — Matt Carthy. [24317/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the roll out of broadband connection points in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [16083/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the steps taken to advance the commitment in the Programme for Government to improve connectivity and access for rural dwellers to work, study, social activities and public services while reducing car dependence. — Holly Cairns. [24320/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if she will expand the 2020 town and village renewal scheme outline for accelerated measure in response to Covid-19 to enable more communities to avail of this funding. — Holly Cairns. [24321/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to reinstate the CLÁR measure for group water schemes that existed under CLÁR from its inception until 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24202/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the timetable for the Programme for Partnership Government commitment to introduce a number of projects similar in approach to community development projects. — Patrick Costello. [24319/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the membership of the interdepartmental committee devising the national policy for the islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24397/20]