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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [25166/20]

8. 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]

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

10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25001/20]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Covid-19 Oversight Group; the terms of reference for group; and if a list of the standing membership will be provided. — Alan Kelly. [25395/20]

12. To ask the Taoiseach the role of his Department in the development of the forthcoming plan for dealing with Covid-19. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25609/20]

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

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

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet committee on the Environment and Climate Change. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25393/20]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee which addresses Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [25606/20]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25610/20]

19. 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]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagements with political leaders in Northern Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [25028/20]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for a new Citizens Assembly in 2021. — Alan Kelly. [25030/20]

22. To ask the Taoiseach the financial and staff resources that will be made available to the shared island unit. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25179/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

23. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of plans to legislate for the State pension age increase to be deferred and remain at 66 years of age; the time frame for the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25248/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be restored to the full rate for those workers in the entertainment industry. — Sean Sherlock. [25247/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider moving towards linking social welfare rates with the minimum essential standard of living to ensure that all households relying on social welfare supports receive an amount that is adequate to meet their needs; the steps she will take in Budget 2021 in relation to the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25249/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to calls from the live events sector to reinstate the pandemic unemployment payment at the full rate per week for these workers in view of the fact the sector is closed and dramatically reduced under public health advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25023/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the prevalence of energy poverty here, the increased energy costs faced by families due to more time being spent at home in recent months and rising energy costs; the steps she will take to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25250/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

28. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered the long-term sustainability of services provided by community employment schemes (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [24342/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to assist those under 25 years of age that are unemployed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in particular those that have recently graduated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [25209/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid out by her Department in rent supplement each month from January 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25104/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will engage with the private bus operators and the National Transport Authority with a view to applying the free travel scheme on all publicly licensed bus routes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25065/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of data compliance of the public services card. — Sean Sherlock. [25009/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing discretion on the 18.5 hours per week employment exemption under the carer's allowance scheme in circumstances in which it has no impact on the level of care provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25004/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the means threshold for the carer's allowance scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25005/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an extension to time limits for workers on community employment schemes in community organisations in rural areas will be applied to retrospectively replace time lost in suspended jobs under public health restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24300/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she expects the backdated pandemic unemployment payments to be paid to all recipients that incorrectly had their pandemic unemployment payments reduced. — Paul McAuliffe. [25006/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the processing of applications for various social welfare payments can be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25025/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if provisions will be made for artists and other freelance workers that may acquire work intermittently but have lost their steady income flow to remain on the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [25018/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports in place for parents if their children are sent home from school due of Covid-19 and that have to miss work to care for them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25080/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a slightly more liberal attitude can be taken in the determination of applications for exceptional needs payments in view of the economic circumstances arising from the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25024/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the budget has been agreed for the introduction of the State pension transition payment. — Sean Sherlock. [25008/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process for a husband and wife to separate their social welfare payments from their spouse; if the husband and wife have to agree; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25081/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce a total contributions approach in relation to the assessment of a person's contributory pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25066/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the situation facing employees of a company (details supplied) waiting on payments from her Department following a hold put on their applications; when these employees should expect to receive payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25170/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of places approved nationwide for community employment schemes; the number of participants on such schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25012/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons waiting for a public services card in order to access their entitlements, including the free travel card; the number of persons that turned 66 years of age that became entitled to the free travel card since March 2020 that cannot access the card as they were not SAFE registered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25034/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to expand the back to education allowance course eligibility due to Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [25010/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to acknowledge the burden of care undertaken by full-time carers throughout the pandemic and on an ongoing basis in view of the continued closure of many supports such as daycare centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [25019/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the CSO report on Enforced Deprivation published on 2 September 2020; her views on the findings of the report;

the steps she plans to take to tackle deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25031/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the report carried out by external consultants to review all current contracted public employment services has been shared with her; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25032/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of her plans to extend JobPath beyond the end of 2020; if contracts with providers Turas Nua and Seetec will be extended beyond 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25103/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the seasonal workers that were not in employment by 13 March 2020 remain excluded from the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment in view the fact that the date for applications has been extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [25163/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which talks between her Department and a company (details supplied) in relation to access to jobseeker's benefit came about; the outcome of the talks; if workers will receive backdated payments in cases in which they were on reduced days while in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25035/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will continue for third-level students after they enrol for college and university in view of the fact they will still have lost their jobs due to the pandemic; if so, if this will affect a grant they may be receiving; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [22607/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement she has had with the Revenue Commissioners in determining a person's eligibility and pay rates for the pandemic unemployment payment. — Sean Sherlock. [25011/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the local community employment scheme will be extended to supervisors; and the discretion to extend schemes or to extend the tenures of persons working on the schemes on the basis of need. — Sean Sherlock. [25007/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the resources in the sections of client identity services and child benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25171/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if full-time carers that use carers leave from their employer can go on to access carer's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25105/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on workers at a company (details supplied) not being able to receive their full social protection entitlements due to the fact the company will not sign their dockets for the days they are not working; her further views on negotiations that have taken place between her Department and the company; her views on the appropriateness of such negotiations; her further views on the impact this has had on workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [25095/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the changes in eligibility for community employment schemes will be clarified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [25208/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

61. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the actions he will take to remove the barriers blocking the growth of rooftop solar panels here including the lack of a long-term payment system for excess electricity sold back to the grid, the rollout of smart meters and planning issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25603/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans on the fast-tracking of the Nation Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [25252/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the estimated cost of undergrounding the North-South Interconnector compared to the current plan; the date on which the cost comparisons were calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25604/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the way in which he plans to grow the number of community owned renewable energy projects in view of the recently approved results of the RESS auction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25605/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

65. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the electric vehicle strategy promised in the Programme for Government that will ensure that charging infrastructure stays ahead of demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24987/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will report on the implementation of electric vehicle charging points nationwide since funding was announced in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25148/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the expected progress that will be made with the rollout of the National Broadband in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25015/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the proposed green new deal as part of the climate action (amendment) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24995/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if a more definitive timeline can be provided for the rollout of high-speed broadband in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [25109/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the engagement he has had to date with the North Atlantic Seaboard Climate Action Regional Office particularly in relation to climate adaptation at local level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25145/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the introduction of a new scheme for retrofitting of homes as of September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24994/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the recent representations he has received on the need to underground the north-south interconnector in view of the recent decision in Northern Ireland to grant planning permission for the north-south interconnector, including representations from elected representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25172/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the extent to which progress is being made towards the reduction of emissions in line with EU and international targets without negative impact on the agri-food sector; if it is possible at this stage to identify enhanced progress in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25026/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the actions he has taken to date to implement the recommendations of the Report. by the Just Transition Commissioner. — Barry Cowen. [25132/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will establish an interdepartmental working group on climate action and biodiversity issues with the effect of coordinating and integrating nature-based solution into climate action policy across relevant Departments including but not limited to the heritage brief within the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the forestry and marine brief within the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and other relevant agencies and bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25147/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the way in which he plans to poverty-proof and disability-proof new climate action legislation going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25149/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the engagement he has had in relation to the National Broadband Plan in seeking to accelerate its rollout as committed to under Balanced Regional Development in the Programme for Partnership Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24326/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his objectives in bringing the quality and standard of communication networks here up to best international standards with particular reference to high-speed broadband and mobile telephone coverage and quality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25027/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of premises surveyed to date within the amber area by county as part of the national fibre network rollout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25161/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if his attention has been drawn to instances in which the rollout of broadband by Eir is stopping just yards away from a person's house yet they cannot access it; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that they are being given no indication as to when they can expect to be connected to the service; his views on addressing the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [25107/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when the Climate Action Council will undertake a comprehensive review of the climate mitigation potential of forests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25144/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the areas in County Cork which will be connected first in view of recent announcements regarding the rollout of the National Broadband Plan. — Michael Moynihan. [25128/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the planned improvements to rural broadband in County Kerry. — Pa Daly. [24991/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his views on suggestions that a microgrant scheme will be set up to allow rural households that do not have access to fibre broadband to invest in alternatives; if his attention has been drawn to the disparity that exists between the areas that have access to good broadband and those that do not given the increase in working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [25108/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he plans to continue to issue prospecting and mining licences for minerals in or near Natura 2000 sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25014/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if his Department plans to engage with communities in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath along the route of the proposed North South Interconnector; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is widespread opposition to the proposal to put the transmission cables overground in the event of the project proceeding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25143/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if funding to local authorities will be ring-fenced for the employment of key climate action staff on county councils; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25150/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans in relation to enhancing connectivity in view of the large number of the workforce now working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24997/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to accelerate the National Broadband Plan to schools in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [24989/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if the planned climate action (amendment) Bill will include a ban on fracked gas and oil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24996/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the rollout of rural broadband in west County Cork to deal with the hundreds of black spot areas that do not have adequate broadband. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [24998/20]

92. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the rollout of the National Broadband Plan in County Cork; the areas which will be connected first within the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [25126/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of new connections to homes and businesses that will be completed in 2020 in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively by the National Broadband Plan. — Brian Stanley. [25000/20]

94. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to fast-track the delivery of the national broadband plan in line with the commitment in the Programme for Government; the cost implication this will have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [25173/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans for the demolition of two ESB midlands stations located at Shannonbridge, County Offaly and Lanesborough, County Longford; the reason the repurposing of the plants will not take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [25131/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to increase the availability of public charging points for electric cars nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25146/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the timetable for the roll-out of broadband in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; the details of alternative provisions that have been put in place to facilitate students and persons having to work from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25106/20]

98. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of plans included in the recently published Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [25174/20]

99. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the areas of County Cavan which will have broadband infrastructure upgraded in 2020 in view of recent reports that the county is to be prioritised for the rollout of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25037/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of homes and businesses in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively that will be connected to high speed broadband by the National Broadband Plan in 2020. — Brian Stanley. [24999/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of additional jobs which will be supported in the midlands through the funding provided in the July Stimulus for retrofitting. — Joe Flaherty. [25130/20]

102. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he will report on the cross-Departmental micro generation working group set up under action 30 of the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25151/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the rollout of the National Broadband Strategy in north County Dublin as of September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24993/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to accelerate the National Broadband Plan to facilitate remote working in homes and business in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [24990/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*105. To ask the Taoiseach the number of self-employed persons here. — Louise O'Reilly. [25259/20]

*106. To ask the Taoiseach the number of sole-traders here. — Louise O'Reilly. [25260/20]

*107. To ask the Taoiseach the number of small and medium enterprises here in which the definition of an SME is a business that employs between 10 and 250 persons. — Louise O'Reilly. [25263/20]

*108. To ask the Taoiseach the number of microbusinesses here in which the definition of a microbusiness is a business that employs fewer than 10 persons. — Louise O'Reilly. [25264/20]

*109. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons on the live register for more than three and more than six months. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25525/20]

*110. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach an scaipfear leagan dhá theangach, Gaeilge agus Béarla, go chomhuaineach ar gach teaghlach sa Stát, den phlean nua náisiúnta Covid-19 a foilsíodh ar an 15ú Meán Fómhair; agus cen uair a dhéanfar sin. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25647/20]

*111. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to reform Seanad Éireann within the lifetime of the 33rd Dáil. — Holly Cairns. [24690/20]

*112. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department or bodies working on behalf of his Department are monitoring social media for those that criticise Government policy. — Holly Cairns. [24691/20]

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

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons employed by the IDA by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24812/20]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures he is planning to support the hotel and hospitality industry which are at imminent risk of a further 100,000 job losses and hotel closures unless restrictions limiting events to six persons are lifted immediately; the steps he will take to improve liquidity of such businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24823/20]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget allocation for Director of Corporate Enforcement increased by 33%. — Martin Browne. [24921/20]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the address of an employer (details supplied) can be amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24942/20]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his further plans to engage with the liquidators appointed to a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [25052/20]

*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the contingency plans in place for the extension of validity for workplace employment permits in cases in which they are due to expire in the short-term and persons with expired workplace permits are not permitted to work; the way in which renewals can be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25089/20]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the options open to a person (details supplied) in cases in which they have an employment permit which is due to expire in the short-term in view of the fact that persons with expired workplace permits are not permitted to work; the way in which a renewal can be facilitated in cases in which the person remains able to fulfil the conditions of issuance; the steps that are taken in cases in which the permit expires and they are no longer permitted to work past the valid date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25090/20]

*120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason phase one of the restart grant scheme which was advertised nationwide to run until 31 August 2020 was subsequently changed and a closure date of 22 July 2020 applied (details supplied) consequently meaning countless businesses which had applied or awaiting to apply had lost out on grants; if he was responsible for the changing of the date; and the reason the decision was taken. — Louise O'Reilly. [25257/20]

*121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the appeals process, established due to the changing of the date for applications of phase one of the restart grant scheme, will conclude; the amount that has been set aside for successful appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25258/20]

*122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will meet with an association (details supplied) regarding the crisis facing the sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [25278/20]

*123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the value of regional aid granted under the regional aid guidelines in each of the past seven years; the value

by county or lowest possible NUTS level over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25279/20]

*124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when funding will be issued to local authorities to allow them to distribute the restart grant plus scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [25292/20]

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 156 of 15 September 2020, if the IDA has submitted a revised planning permission application to Mayo County Council; if not, the reason therefor in the context of previous assurances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25297/20]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of increasing funding to InterTradeIreland by 50%. — Louise O'Reilly. [25312/20]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of increasing funding to Enterprise Ireland by 10%. — Louise O'Reilly. [25314/20]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of trebling the young entrepreneur fund. — Louise O'Reilly. [25315/20]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take to ensure that workers with enhanced redundancy payments are provided for by way of collective agreement will be treated as a preferential creditor in cases of insolvency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25335/20]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to support and safeguard the jobs of 35,000 persons that have been locked out of their employment in the entertainment sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25374/20]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if measures will be put in place to ensure that persons born here post-2005 that are not Irish, UK, EEA or Swiss nationals will not need to apply for work permits or other authorisations to work here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25388/20]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the 40% restart grant plus top up for pubs, bars and nightclubs that remain closed will be paid; if extra provisions will be put in place for Dublin wet pubs which have to remain closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [25390/20]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason Dublin wet pubs are on level 5 of the new Covid-19 roadmap while other sectors in Dublin remain on level 2. — Paul Donnelly. [25410/20]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will engage with workers in a company (details supplied) regarding their current situation and their treatment by their employer. — Louise O'Reilly. [25458/20]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if dedicated sector-specific supports will be provided to the forestry sector in view of the impact of Covid-19 on the sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [25461/20]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will engage with the trade fairs and exhibitions sector in order to work out a way for the sector to reopen in a safe and controlled manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25465/20]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a workplace accident which resulted in the tragic death of a person (details supplied) was reported to the Health and Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25473/20]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of the operation of the employment permit scheme; and the number of employment permits by category including general permit and skills shortage permits that have been issued since 2010 to or on behalf of or following an application from a third party such as an employment agency that is not the employer involved or the employee. — Bríd Smith. [25597/20]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of general employment permits issued since 2010 to the meat processing sector. — Bríd Smith. [25598/20]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employment permits issued since 2010 to persons that are registered in a different EU state and not paying PRSI here or paying funds into the social insurance fund here. — Bríd Smith. [25599/20]

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

*141. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the steps he has taken to ensure a speedy roll-out of the National Broadband Plan to ensure persons in rural Ireland can work from home. — Mattie McGrath. [25305/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if research has been carried out into the potential job creation both direct and indirect in the anaerobic and biogas systems industry for both small and larger scale operations; if he will provide details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25417/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the position regarding the classification of agricultural waste plastic in view of the costs and restrictions on export imposed by an office (details supplied) as a result of hiping agricultural films and plastics as amber; his plans to investigate the possibility of reclassifying agricultural waste plastic from amber to green as is the case in several other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25450/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the position regarding the agricultural waste plastic levy with respect to independent contractors (details supplied); if he is satisfied that the current arrangement ensures parity within the industry for all collectors; his plans to investigate the possibility of amending the current arrangement to ensure

that the funds raised through the levy follow the plastic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25451/20]

*145. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Líonraí Cumarsáide an bhfuil sé ar an eolas go bhfuil athdhearadh déanta ar shuíomh idirlín RTÉ gan comhéadan a bheith ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge; agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aige cás na Gaeilge i dtaobh an tsuímh a phlé le RTÉ. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24723/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the steps he is taking to speed up the process of applications for the warmer homes scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that homeowners in County Galway that are in receipt of fuel allowance and that applied for the scheme in October 2019 were informed in September 2020 that it will take two years before a surveyor is appointed; his plans to allocate resources to clear the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24740/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of correspondence from this Deputy to him (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [24746/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the estimated cost of bringing waste collection services back into public ownership. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24798/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if Adelaide Street, Dún Laoghaire will be brought into the State intervention area to provide high speed broadband (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24852/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if fibre broadband will be put in place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24904/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when broadband will be rolled out in Kiladoran, Delvin, County Westmeath (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [24909/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if further details will be provided in relation to the €100 million in additional funding for the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland announced as part of the July stimulus for 2021; if the amount is additional funding; if not, if it will include an underspend from 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24912/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland will not permit warmer home scheme contractors to carry out essential external insulation works for applicants over 70 years of age (details supplied) that are willing to vacate their houses for the duration of the works; if a review of the policy will be initiated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24953/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his plans to reintroduce a grant to help defray the cost of disposing of incontinence products for persons with lifelong medical incontinence. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24979/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when a family (details supplied) will be provided with a fibre broadband connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25098/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of an ESRI report regarding fuel poverty due to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25152/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his views on introducing ecocide as criminal offence in legislation. — Holly Cairns. [25202/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his views on the fact that the Irish State is working with other countries towards ecocide becoming a recognised crime in international law through the relevant EU and UN bodies. — Holly Cairns. [25203/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the number of electric vehicle charging points by capacity installed in each county to date since funding was announced in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25213/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the progress being made on implementing the National Broadband Plan, with a particular emphasis on the roll-out of same in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [24365/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the priority areas identified in County Cork for roll out of the National Broadband Plan. — Thomas Gould. [24333/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the estimated cost of the National Broadband Plan in 2020. — Brian Stanley. [16801/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the status of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan including promised properties, delivered properties and the timeline for each by county in tabular form. — Mattie McGrath. [25306/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the estimated cost of increasing SEAI funding for supports to businesses for microgeneration and energy retrofitting, respectively by 50%. — Louise O'Reilly. [25316/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the evidence base for prioritising the buy-one-get-one-free offers measure in relation to the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25355/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his views on the positive environmental impacts that would result from returning waste management to local authority control; if such a move will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25356/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if Ireland has submitted its long-term strategy on greenhouse gas emission reduction to the EU following public consultation; if so, if he will provide the submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25419/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if anaerobic and biogas systems form part of the carbon reduction plan as part of Ireland's obligations under the European Green Deal and in the formulation of future energy planning in the setting of targets and priorities for energy transition; if so, if financial supports will be made available to farmers and industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25420/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if the expanded smoky coal ban will apply to Rush, County Dublin. — Louise O'Reilly. [25462/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks when the next auction under the renewable energy support scheme will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25481/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the percentage of renewable energy projects that have been successful under the recent RESS auction; his plans to support and incentivise more investment in renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25482/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he plans to make grid connection for renewable energy projects more accessible and affordable; his further plans for renewable projects to share grid connection assets in which technically possible to make connection to the grid more efficient and viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25484/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if a company (details supplied) will receive assistance with the provision of broadband in view of the effect it is having on its business and potential expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25486/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the action he has taken to date or plans to take to accelerate compliance with emission-reduction targets while at the same time ensuring that the agri-food sector is not damaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25535/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the extent to which he expects to move towards accelerating the programme of emission-reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25536/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the extent to which he expects to reduce dependency on fossil fuels in the next five years by way of renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25538/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the ten steps most likely to achieve the greatest progress in achieving climate action targets; the time frame within which he plans or expects to meet such targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25539/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the extent to which the communications system nationally is adequately developed in line with the need to compete internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25540/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he is satisfied that the current or proposed provisions are sufficient to ensure the efficacy of the communications networks here with particular reference to the need to enable the business sector to compete at an international level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25541/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks his mission statement for the development of the range and quality of the mobile telephone system here in line with modern expectations and international standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25542/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the extent to which he expects to modernise and increase the capacity and quality of the telecommunications system in all areas nationally in the course of the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25543/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the mission statement he has set for his Department in terms of addressing the most important issues in the communication networks sector over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25544/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the steps he plans to take to reduce dependency on plastic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25545/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the expected progress in the delivery of nationwide high speed, high quality broadband over the next five years; the way in which this will contribute to the creation of job opportunities in both rural and urban Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25546/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if he is satisfied that carbon emissions throughout the EU are measured equally with a view to ensuring that the more developed countries in the EU do not have the advantage over expanding economies such as Ireland with a view to an evenly spread advantage or disadvantage throughout the EU and noting in particular the relatively low rate of heavy carbon emitting industry here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25547/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the extent to which the provision of broadband in all areas nationally is progressing; if he anticipates the provision of services to the blank spaces between services within a reasonable time with particular reference to National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25548/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks the way in which the cost of producing electricity here compares with other countries throughout Europe with particular reference to maintaining competitiveness throughout industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25549/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Climate Action and Communication Networks if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of the matter regarding the National Broadband Plan. — Niamh Smyth. [25577/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of halving all public transport fares and for providing free public transport to all persons in full-time education. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24756/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of constructing one covered bike shelter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24910/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cycling officers employed in local authorities nationwide; the estimated cost of employing one cycling officer for one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24911/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the total spend on roads in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24913/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the road projects that were funded in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24914/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of licensed State-owned vehicles on the NVDF in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of hybrid and electric vehicles in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25288/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the methodology used to calculate road collisions; if it includes data from An Garda Síochána and insurance companies; if other data is included; if near misses are included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25479/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated annual yield for motor tax projected for 2021; the yield in each of the past five years; the way in which the funds were allocated; and his plans for allocation of the funds in 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25652/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the current level of driver tests being carried out per week compared to this time in 2019; when normal testing levels will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24692/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport when the feasibility study on the proposed Julianstown bypass, County Meath will commence; when the process will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24694/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a number of incidents nationally involving cars that have been sold to underaged, unlicensed and uninsured drivers and the harm that is being done nationwide due to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [24778/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to restore the CIÉ subvention to 2008 levels. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24796/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of organisations which wrote to either him or his predecessors or the National Transport Authority in support of the implementation of the

Greater Dublin Area Cycling Network of the National Transport Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24828/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if capacity of the travel agent industry to survive the Covid-19 crisis has been assessed; and if a special range of supports will be developed in view of the particular circumstances of the sector. — Richard Bruton. [24900/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport when Kishogue rail station will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24946/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a reply from the motor tax office. — Paul Donnelly. [24955/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that Irish Rail communicates the methods used in its MCA matrices to residents affected by the DART+ upgrade in Dublin West in an accessible format such as a printed leaflet before the end of the month to ensure that residents have time to review the documents before the submission deadline on 7 October 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [24975/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the houses that will be affected as per the DART+ public consultation pack in MCA 1, Section 3.1 Noise and Vibration and 3.2 Air Quality and Climate (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [24976/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail will provide all documentation (details supplied) related to the creation of two documents used for the DART+ public consultation in Dublin West. — Paul Donnelly. [24977/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the location of a commemorative plaque (details supplied) which was removed from Gormanston train station; the date on which it will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25091/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if the wearing of helmets by cyclists will be made compulsory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25094/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated in relation to a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25153/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the advice given by the National Transport Authority to his Department or other Departments on the issue of taxi drivers and the impact of Covid-19 on their work practices and income and their need to return to work; and the date the advice was received. — Paul McAuliffe. [25160/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of individual service cancellations on PSO funded Bus Éireann services scheduled to have operated from Sligo bus depot since 1 March 2020; the estimated number of passengers affected by these cancellations; the steps Bus Éireann plans to take to reduce the number of service cancellations at the depot; the number of service disruptions as a result of mechanical failures at same depot since March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [25222/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to help save jobs in the travel agents industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25330/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if TII is in receipt of correspondence from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to a project (details supplied); the engagement of TII with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and with his Department in relation to the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25399/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will fill the number of vacancies on the board of the Road Safety Authority. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25403/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual departmental funding allocated to the Dublin bikes rental scheme and other similar public rental schemes operating in counties Cork and Galway since the inception of each scheme. — Patrick Costello. [25404/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are departmental plans to open up new public rental schemes. — Patrick Costello. [25405/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of future allocated departmental budget to the Dublin bike rental scheme. — Patrick Costello. [25406/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the departmental funding provided or allocated for the expansion of the Dublin bikes scheme as laid out in the Dublin bikes Strategic Planning Framework 2011-2016 document. — Patrick Costello. [25407/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered making the wearing of helmets by cyclists mandatory; and his plans to update legislation regarding cycling in view of the big uptake in use and the hazard posed by some practices on the roads at present. — Richard Bruton. [25418/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be an extension to the National Transport Authority’s rules compelling taxi drivers to replace their cars after either 10 or 15 years in view of the current crisis facing the taxi sector and the fact that many drivers will be unable to afford to purchase a new vehicle; and if not, if there be will supports for taxi drivers that have to purchase a new vehicle. — Louise O’Reilly. [25463/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will be legislating for the use of electronic scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [25464/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a roads project in County Kildare (details supplied); the timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25494/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to concerns by persons (detail supplied) in relation to the deadline for filing company annual returns and income tax returns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [24797/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will seek to reduce tourism VAT to 9% in order to support the hotel and hospitality industry which is at imminent risk of a further 100,000 job losses

and hotel closures unless restrictions limiting events to six persons are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24823/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the payment of the temporary wage subsidy scheme with particular reference to the way in which it applies to workers of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24849/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the help-to-buy scheme application made by a person (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [24893/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if full or partially demolished and rebuilt homes meet the criteria of the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24894/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance if the employment wage subsidy scheme will be reinstated at the full rate per week for the highly skilled staff and businesses working in the live events sector that are anxious to return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24906/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which claims for employment wage subsidy scheme by employees of an airline (details supplied) are being processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24950/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance when an outstanding renal travel payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25040/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance if a matter (details supplied) regarding the employment wage subsidy scheme will be adjusted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25293/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of primary medical certificates to date; and his plans to expand the remit of persons eligible to receive the assistance. — Cathal Crowe. [25372/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the changes he plans to the tax code to incentivise investment in renewable energy projects and making land use available for such projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25483/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35 and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of the employment wage subsidy scheme in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [25646/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the upcoming changes in banking charges by a majority State-owned bank; if he has had discussions on these charge changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [24763/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons employed in live action film making as PAYE workers and self-employed in each of the years 2012 to 2019; the income earned for both categories in the period; the net income tax paid for each of those categories for each of the years; and the tax foregone in deductions, allowances and reliefs for each of the categories in each of the years in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24800/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to relax the income tax returns and CRO deadline, respectively to ensure no business is penalised for a late submission during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24811/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered extending the loan moratorium and forbearance initiatives for businesses that are unable to meet current debt obligations. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [24846/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if the extension of employment wage subsidy scheme to proprietors and executive directors of small businesses will be considered. — Richard Bruton. [24901/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance if the process for claiming tax credits when working from home will be simplified by automatically providing a tax credit or part thereof for each day a person works from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24945/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional revenue that would be raised by increasing the 2% stamp duty charged on residential property deals worth more than €1 million to 17% in line with the rate in the UK; his views on the appraisal by the Tax Strategy Group that the current rate is low; the action he plans to take in Budget 2021 to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25121/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional revenue that would be raised by ending the current BIK rate for non-electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25123/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the most up to date figures for the number of jobs created by the Irish Strategic Investment Fund in its commercial partnerships; and the locations in which the jobs were created by companies obtaining such investment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25246/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of workers on the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [25262/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance if additional Covid-19 supports are being considered for sectors whose revenue throughout the period of the new Covid-19 Roadmap are likely to be impacted to a far greater extent than 30% which has featured to date in the design of supports of general application. — Richard Bruton. [25269/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount collected in 2019 from pub licence fees. — Louise O’Reilly. [25276/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance the capital gain tax yield is broken down by type of asset (details supplied) over the past five years in tabular form; the estimated yield for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25340/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the demographic breakdown, age, income, location of those that pay capital gains tax by type of assets (details supplied) for the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25341/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to fast track finance for SMEs to enable them to reopen to the levels required to reintegrate staff and reduce figures nationally of those in receipt

of pandemic unemployment payment; his further plans to address the issues being experienced by SMEs, and in particular publicans, by which they are being refused credit by lending institutions due to a lack of repayment capacity with no consideration being afforded to the fact that many still cannot trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25449/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of restoring tax relief for trade union subscriptions. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25504/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance the size of the national debt. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25517/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of interest that will be paid on the national debt in 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25518/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated primary Exchequer surplus for 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25521/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue collected through vehicle registration tax in 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25522/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax that was forgone due to the knowledge box in the latest available figures. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25524/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount collected in stamp duty charged on the purchase of stocks and marketable securities of incorporated companies here in 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25560/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance the most recent figures for total household wealth and the property and financial assets less all liabilities. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25562/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance the most up to date figures for the amount paid out annually in motor insurance claims by each insurance company. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25563/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to date in 2020 of tax reliefs and exemptions available to property developers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25564/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to date in 2020 of the tax reliefs and exemptions available to property owners. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25566/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to date in 2020 of the tax reliefs and exemptions available to landowners. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25567/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that could be raised by imposing a 2% public health levy on the profits of private human health and pharmaceutical companies here including nursing homes and homecare agencies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25569/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of abolishing the local property tax. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25570/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the volume of commercial trade that took place in shares here in 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25571/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the volume of commercial trade that took place in derivatives here in 2019. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25573/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount expected to be raised by the universal social charge in 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25574/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount expected to be raised by the universal social charge from tax units paying more than €90,000. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25575/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance if the employment wage subsidy scheme will be reinstated at the full rate per week for workers in the live performance and events sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25587/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of revenue which would be generated by imposing €600 per year tax on all second homes, a €1,000 per year tax on all third or fourth homes and a €1,500 per year tax on all fifth or subsequent homes. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25591/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of tax revenue which would be generated by applying a 12.5% minimum effective tax rate on total gross profits before deductions, allowances or reliefs. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25594/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of workers in receipt of the employment subsidy scheme; the number of workers that received a top-up payment from their employer; the breakdown of the levels and top-ups provided by employers; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that employer top-ups have risen as a response to the reduction in the employment subsidies provided by the State. — Bríd Smith. [25595/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance when he will publish a list of the companies that availed of the wage subsidy scheme; the amounts given to the companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25596/20]

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

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps being taken to protect staff working in open plan offices in Departments; if the advice is for staff to remain working from home if possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25049/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the provisions for workers that have left or were in their final year of service in the public sector when the Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act 2018 was passed to continue working in their positions; if workers aged 66 years of age and that were still working in their positions when this legislation was enacted can continue working in line with the new age limits in the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24716/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has conducted a review of the employment practices and interview processes of the civil service in relation to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24733/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the programmes in place to provide beginner, intermediate and advanced Irish language training for staff in the civil and public service in view of the commitment in the Programme for Government to increase the use of the Irish language in the civil and public service; if beginner level classes are available to all civil servants at all grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24753/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number and percentage of civil servants that are from Traveller, Black Irish and non-Irish citizen backgrounds; his plans to increase diversity in the civil service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24754/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the provisions being made to facilitate the remote working policy in State bodies as set out in the Programme for Government. — Patrick Costello. [24755/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated full year cost of repealing the FEMPI legislation. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24803/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated full year cost of paying all employed public sector staff on the pre-2011 pay grade. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24804/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 111 of 9 September 2020, the reason the flood defence system installed in 2014 failed in the Clifden area of County Galway on 1 and 2 September 2020; if the location was identified by Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme as a flood risk; if so, if the details of same will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24827/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter regarding section 52 of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and other Provisions) Act 2012 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [24892/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost in 2021 of recruiting two additional Assistant Legal Advisor at Assistant Principal Officer for the Office of the Ombudsman. — Martin Browne. [24919/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost to increase funding to the Workplace Relations Commission by 50%. — Louise O'Reilly. [25311/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount generated in lottery ticket sales for the bi-weekly draw in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [25346/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount generated by scratch card sales in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [25347/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount donated to charities from money derived from lotto and scratch card sales in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [25348/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to exercise his power under section 8 (11)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 to introduce regulations concerning management and maintenance of records held by freedom of information bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25378/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a drain. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25474/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when refurbishment works for the Garda water unit at Athlone Garda station will be completed; and the estimated cost of the project. — Sorca Clarke. [25637/20]

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

*292. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to publish specific guidelines for the leisure, health and fitness sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24813/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to have the tourism trade back up and running safely by March 2021. — Emer Higgins. [25471/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the progress of the Arts and Culture Recovery Taskforce. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24845/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the hardship and distress the Covid-19 restrictions have caused to those previously working in the live events sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24906/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will consider granting funding to the live events sector proportionate to the funds allocated to the Arts Council in 2020 in recognition of the fact that the sector accounts for 90% of all tickets sold here; if the critical lack of grant funding to the sector will be acknowledged; if a commitment will be given to a ringfenced fund for businesses in the sector that can remain viable until restrictions are lifted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24907/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if a voice will be given to the commercial live events sector in the recently announced task force in order to represent the substantial needs of the live events community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24908/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the 100 spectators and patrons allowed at outdoor sporting events includes players and management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24971/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if choirs can resume indoor rehearsals with appropriate and robust social distancing in place. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [25075/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if representation by the commercial live events sector will be ensured on the taskforce for the recovery of the arts and culture in view of the fact this subsection of workers are the least likely to return to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25188/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will give urgent consideration to the issues (details supplied) raised regarding a sector that has been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic; if adequate financial support will be provided to enable this sector reopen to the safest extent possible and protect employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25212/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if her Department is working on the design of initiatives to support the various elements of the events sector which are unlikely return to generating more than a fraction of former revenue at any point in the new Covid-19 Roadmap; and the options under consideration. — Richard Bruton. [25267/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to grant funding to the live events sector (details supplied); if the sector will be considered when appointing persons to the Arts and Culture Recovery Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [25268/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the reason she has not met with an association (details supplied) in view of ongoing requests for a meeting from the body; and if she will meet directly with the association. — Louise O’Reilly. [25277/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the names of those sitting on the Taskforce for the Night-time Economy; the number of meetings held to date; the dates of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [25299/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if he will address the matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25318/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of the July stimulus; the way in which she has assisted the recovery of the arts and entertainment sector; her plans to expand the recovery taskforce to include more industry representation from the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25375/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when she expects her full Ministerial briefing paper to be available and published on her Department’s website. — Imelda Munster. [25408/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when the new applications will open for the next round of sports capital funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [25432/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will introduce a grants scheme for local football clubs to cover ongoing running and administrative expenses in view of the fact that their capacity to raise funds during the Covid-19 pandemic is very limited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25445/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if funding of €500,000 will be urgently made available to a centre (details supplied) in order to complete vital work needed to progress the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25453/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount drawn down by the three main sports from the special Covid-19 assistance fund as announced in July 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25487/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount paid out to sporting groups from the special fund as announced in July 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25488/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount allocated to promote the tourism potential of County Kildare following the recent lockdown; the organisations that received funding; the amount received by each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25489/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount allocated to promote the tourism potential of County Laois from following the recent lockdown; the organisations that received funding; the amount received by each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25490/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount allocated to promote the tourism potential of County Offaly following the recent lockdown; the organisations that received funding; the amount received by each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25491/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she has had discussions with other Departments on assisting professional tour guides during the Covid-19 pandemic; if consideration has been given to an assistance package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25492/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount of aid allocated to tourist information centres within the past six months by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25501/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if clarity will be provided for caravan and camping ground owners and their patrons regarding the Covid-19 regulations on numbers gathering outside as it pertains to their premises. — Sorca Clarke. [25634/20]

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

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will seek to extend the local authority commercial rates waiver scheme in order to support the hotel and hospitality industry which is at imminent risk of a further 100,000 job losses and hotel closures unless restrictions limiting events to six persons are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24823/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter regarding the deadline for heritage grants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [24986/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of a full year commercial rates waiver for businesses in the hospitality, tourism, leisure and retail excluding supermarkets sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25261/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the promised waiver of commercial rates for a six-month period for wet pubs will be enacted; and if the period will be extended for Dublin pubs that remain closed. — Paul Donnelly. [25391/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to streamlining the planning process for building anaerobic and biogas systems facilities in addition to required briefing of planning officials regarding these facilities in view of the fact that Ireland is expected to miss its EU non-emissions trading system reduction of 30% down from 2005 by 2030 and the proven benefits of such systems in achieving reductions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25421/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up to date position with the development of the Barrow Blueway project in south County Kildare and County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25498/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated to heritage sites and centres over the past six months by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25502/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost of rent support payments in lieu of local authority housing made in the past five years to date; the potential for the replacement of such expenditure with directly built local authority houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25551/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of a commercial rates waiver for three months for businesses in the hospitality, tourism, leisure, and retail excluding supermarkets sectors. — Louise O'Reilly. [25785/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to include persons that did not previously register their domestic wastewater system to be included in the grant assistance available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24710/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grant assistance available for works (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24711/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the 2020 to 2021 hare coursing licences. — Cathal Crowe. [24731/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of deep retrofitting all local authority and social housing stock to the highest standard by unit; and the cost of installing solar panels in the same housing stock. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24751/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage her plans to amend building regulations to provide for a requirement for all new public buildings and separately private commercial developments over a certain size to include changing places facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24773/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the mica scheme will be rolled out as per the regulation signed by him and the Minister for Finance; if the scheme as agreed for counties Donegal and Mayo will not be included in the new working group focusing on defective Celtic tigers home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [24784/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the spend in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and the projected spend for 2019 and 2020 on leasing, HAP and RAS agreements between local authorities and landlords by authority and type of agreement; and the number of the arrangements that are direct transfers from rent allowance arrangements. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24802/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the period a planning authority has to inform members of the public that made observations in relation to a Part 8 planning application of the planning decision made. — Alan Kelly. [24820/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total capital assistance scheme allocation in 2019; the number of bed spaces provided under the allocation; and the average capital cost per bed space. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24862/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding allocation under the capital assistance scheme for accommodation for victims of domestic violence in 2019; the number of bed spaces provided; and the average capital cost per bed space. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24863/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the agency which takes responsibility for the dredging and clearing rivers of fallen trees, debris and so on after the recent storms, particularly close to bridges to ensure that flooding is prevented where possible ahead of the winter season; and if sufficient funding will be afforded to local authorities to carry out the work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24918/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the terms of the grant for improving private water supply to homes will be reviewed with regard to the need for a house to be in existence for seven years, in view of the fact it excludes new build dwellings which are

unable to connect to the Irish Water public supply or group water schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25072/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied) in relation to a preservation order on lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25100/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if changes will need to be made to environmental impact assessment legislation in view of the European Court of Judgement decision on the planning permission by a company (details supplied) in County Kerry. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25124/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the significant delay in HAP processing times across local authorities and the impact this is having on households, many at risk of homelessness, accessing private rental accommodation; and if he will seek a report on the problem from the shared service provider for HAP applications in Limerick City and County Council to establish the extent of the problem and the steps that can be taken to remedy this situation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25125/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if eligibility of the second time buyers will be considered in scenarios (details supplied) in order to apply for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25136/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons that lost their first home due to the breakdown of a relationship and that are in negative equity will be considered eligible as potential second time buyers for the new affordable housing scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25137/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the tenant purchase scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25138/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the income limits for eligibility for social housing support. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25139/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the initiatives that will be established to encourage more young persons to register to vote. — Thomas Gould. [25141/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to resolve the issue of persons in rented accommodation finding it difficult to re-register on the electoral register in view of the frequency of lease changes. — Thomas Gould. [25142/20]

*350. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cén fáth nár freagraíodh ceist pharlaiminte uimhir 23796/20 as Gaeilge mar a cheanglaítear le hAcht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, 2003; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Brendan Griffin. [25271/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if her attention has been drawn to the widespread concerns regarding the affordability of the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; if he will amend the scheme to make it a 100% State-funded grant as was the case with the pyrite resolution scheme; and the reason the affected families in counties Donegal and Mayo have

not been offered the same conditions as families in County Dublin and north Leinster. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [25272/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of each type of void being provided under the 2020 voids stimulus programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25337/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the definition of a homeless void; the way the definition was formulated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25338/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a requirement to register public and private, rights of way with the PRAI by December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25339/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the long term supports that will be provided to local authorities with Covid-19 related budget deficits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25343/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount each local authority will receive from his Department over the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25344/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001 will be complete; if the contents of the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25379/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a decision has been made regarding the issuing of licences for hare coursing; if the decision is in line with Departmental advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25425/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff in a local authority (details supplied); the staff numbers from 2008 to 2020, in tabular form. — Michael Ring. [25434/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps taken to combat the increasingly regular issue of overflowing waste from sewage treatment plants leading to the closure of swimming at beaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25438/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units delivered in an area (details supplied) over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [25455/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next review of housing assistance payments will take place for County Meath in view of the fact the current limits were introduced on 1 March 2017 and since then the cost of renting private rented accommodation has increased significantly leaving many persons on the HAP scheme struggling to pay the shortfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [25565/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the consultation by a company (details supplied) with planners to increase the number of private homes to be developed on the publicly owned O'Devaney Gardens site Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25579/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the suspension period from the housing list will be reduced from one year to six months to those that refuse an offer of a council house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25585/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a list of reasonable grounds will be published for a person can refuse a council house to prevent them from being suspended from the housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25586/20]

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

*366. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if foreign aid or assistance will be provided to the plight of the Moria refugee camp in Greece; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24923/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts being made to bring an end to the long-running conflict in Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24926/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the average wait time for applications in the foreign births register section; the timeline for the citizenship application of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [24985/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views in relation to reports of the plight of the Uighur population in north western China; if he plans to take action to deal with the situation; if a ban on the importation of products from countries which have been produced by forced labour will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25096/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the strict conditions which must be satisfied before permission to overfly the territory of the State may be granted; the thorough and robust procedures that are in place led by his Department with a view to ensuring that the conditions for securing permission for foreign military aircraft to overfly the State are clearly understood and properly applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25116/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the role of the Defence Forces in cases in which foreign military aircraft overfly the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25117/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the level of support that will be provided for those affected by the recent floods in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [25159/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the supports, if any, that are being provided by Ireland to those affected by the fire at the Moria camp on the Greek island of Lesbos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [25217/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to provide emergency aid to prevent loss of life and illness and to support the evacuation of all of those made homeless by the fires at the Moria camp in Greece; if he will work with other European countries to reform immigration policies to prevent further violation of human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25334/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised concerns for the safety of Palestinian prisoners that are vulnerable to Covid-19, with the Israeli authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25336/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider initiating a proactive communication and engagement strategy with the Irish community globally in order to stay in touch at a time when Irish abroad are not in a position to come home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [25454/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*377. To ask the Minister for Defence if he is responsible for drafting the terms of reference for the proposed commission on the future of defence; the time frame for the proposed consultation process that will be undertaken prior to the finalisation of the terms of reference of the commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24810/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Defence if a new general service recruitment campaign for the Air Corps will commence before the end of 2020. — Martin Browne. [24920/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Defence if the review requested by his predecessor into the case of a person (details supplied) by the Attorney General has commenced; and if so, when is it likely to report in view of the fact the then acting Minister expected the report within three months. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24933/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Defence if a Naval Service patrol to be carried out by the LÉ Niamh was cancelled due to a crew shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25204/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide details of cancelled Naval Service patrols and activities between 1 January 2015 and 1 August 2020, including the reason for the cancellation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25205/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Defence when the review into Defence Force technicians pay and grading will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25342/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will reconsider the awarding of distinguished service medals or military medals for gallantry to the men of A Company, 35th Infantry Battalion that engaged and survived the 1961 Siege of Jadotville in the Congolese province of Katanga; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25493/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Defence the percentage of female recruits in the Defence Forces that progress to the upper ranks of Army, Naval Service and Air Corps. — Sorca Clarke. [25622/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which the Civil Defence made a successful application under dormant accounts for €1 million for vehicles in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [25623/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Defence if the refurbishment works on the catering facilities at Custume Barracks, Athlone are fully completed. — Sorca Clarke. [25624/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*387. To ask the Minister for Education if the need for an ASD unit in the Kiltiernan, County Dublin will be examined in order that families do not have to send their children to school at a great distance to ensure they receive the education they require; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24779/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education the systems her Department put in place to ensure that in circumstances in which a student has received a large downgrade, that this downgrade is fair; the options available to the students that will not progress to their chosen course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24791/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the current issue of school buses affecting persons in rural areas (details supplied); and if discretion will be shown in these situations. — Martin Browne. [24879/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to some parents not living on the school bus routes being left to pay over €1,000 for private bus providers to get children to schools less than ten miles away; and her plans to address this issue. — Martin Browne. [24880/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education the process to be followed by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25050/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education if she is considering allowing families relying on the Covid-19 payment to access free school transport for the academic year 2020/2021 in view of the fact that the current payment regime is causing great difficulty for many families particularly in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25235/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the leaving certificate class of 2020 are by no means the only leaving certificate students that will be directly affected by loss of class time and alterations and non-completion of their curriculum (details supplied); her further views on whether the incoming sixth class due to take their exams in 2021 will also be directly affected; the measures being taken by her Department to alleviate the concerns of the incoming sixth class students; her plans to return these students to a fully-functional educational environment in which they can complete all aspects of their subjects be it oral or written; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24701/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education the stage plans are at for a new school building for a school (details supplied); the proposed time frame for the build; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [24704/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education if there will be more seats awarded on the bus from Dromahair to a school (details supplied) for those that have registered and paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24705/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the leaving certificate standardisation process allows a student to be downgraded in several subjects resulting in a considerable reduction in points and losing out in college offers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24715/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the standardisation of grades was used in the leaving certificate grading in 2020 when a student has no option to have a paper rechecked as would have been done in previous years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24717/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education the appeals process for 2020 if a student is not happy with a downgraded result and requests an appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24718/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education if she will immediately put in place an appeals process for those persons whose teacher predicated grades were downgraded by her Department and which resulted in them losing out on first choice college places; if her attention has been drawn to the huge anger and disappointment felt by many students and their families in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24724/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education the supports and provisions being given to current sixth year students in view of the hardship they experienced during school shutdown and the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [24732/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the school bus service in the Jerpoint, Thomastown, County Kilkenny has been discontinued without notice to parents (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [24741/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education if a minibus will be provided for primary school children in Knockmoylan, Ballyhale, County Kilkenny (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [24742/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the school hours of a child (details supplied) have been reduced. — Kathleen Funchion. [24745/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify that the right not to attend religious instruction can be availed of by students in primary and second-level schools and that they can have appropriate supervision or alternative classes outside of that religious instruction class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24752/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education the measures in place to ensure appropriate ventilation in schools; the person or body that has responsibility for inspecting schools to ensure compliance with standards around Covid-19 including ventilation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [24765/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education the measures in place to address Covid-19 clusters that emerge in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [24766/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown on the autism spectrum disorder units in primary schools in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24769/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education the resources and funding provided to primary schools to allow them to expand their ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24770/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish more ASD units in primary schools in the Kilternan, County Dublin area in view of the fact that many parents have no ASD units within the catchment areas of their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24771/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education the actions that will be taken to support parents and children with autism that are suffering due to the lack of ASD units in primary schools throughout Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24772/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria by which the independent appeals scrutineers will be judging appeals from leaving certificate students for 2020 in the absence of exam scripts. — Patrick Costello. [24785/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education the measures in place for the leaving certificate 2021 (details supplied); and if a framework is in place for allowances in the leaving certificate 2021. — Martin Browne. [24786/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education if an assistive technology application by a student (details supplied) will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [24788/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full year cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio to 18:1 by paying all staff on the pre-2011 pay scale. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24805/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio from 1:27 to 1:22. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24806/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of increasing special education provision by 15% on the 2018 level. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24807/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education the options students have in relation to the downgrading of their marks; and if she will advise the options available to students now. — Kathleen Funchion. [24815/20]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education the specific scientific evidence relied on to implement the mandatory wearing of masks in schools; the special arrangements in place for students that may have special needs such as those that are hard of hearing and are finding it increasingly difficult to learn in view of the inability to lip-read due to the wearing of masks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24821/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the weight being borne in school bags by primary and secondary pupils (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24825/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education if the school transport scheme family portal was closed by Bus Éireann as a result of a direct instruction from her or her Department; if Bus Éireann has been instructed by her Department not to respond to school transport scheme queries by telephone or by email; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24835/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary pupils that have applied for but have not been provided with school transport by county in tabular form; the number of pupils continuing in education that are not new applicants to the school transport scheme; her plans to find a quick resolution to the lack of transport being currently provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24836/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of children (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of bus tickets for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24838/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teacher predicted leaving certificate grades which were downgraded in the standardisation process by more than 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 percentage points, respectively; if an analysis has been carried out regarding the number of students that received downgrades across several subjects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24841/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education if she will revise the avenues of appeal for the school calculated grades available to leaving certificate students; and if she will include a way to appeal the difference between the marks given by a school and the grade ultimately awarded by her Department. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24847/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education if secondary school students are obliged to wear face masks in school in cases in which a student has a condition such as ASD which precludes them from wearing a mask; the instructions to schools in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24869/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education if specific medical reports are needed by schools to exempt secondary school students from wearing a mask; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24870/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education if special supports are available for parents and students in cases in which a student is required to stay at home for health reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24871/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education if the arrangements for the sitting of the leaving certificate 2020 in November will be clarified; the changes being made to examination content and length; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24881/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish an appeals process for grades assigned to students under the calculated grades system as opposed to the current process of appealing the way in which the data was transmitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24896/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education the number of appeals made as of close of business 16 September 2020 regarding persons appealing their calculated grade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24897/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child with special needs has not been facilitated (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24898/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education if a permanent site for a school (details supplied) has been selected; and the status of the project. — Steven Matthews. [24905/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) was not sanctioned for a school transport grant in view of the fact that they have complex needs; if the decision will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24935/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which refunds will issue to persons that paid for school transport for the 2020/2021 school year that now do not wish to avail of the services. — Catherine Murphy. [24957/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education the overall provision she has made in respect of the grant to support persons that will avail of private transport arrangements regarding school transport for the 2020/2021 school year. — Catherine Murphy. [24958/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of providing extra services on the school transport scheme in order to utilise more buses in order to comply with physical distancing on services for the 2020/2021 school year. — Catherine Murphy. [24959/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education if appeals to the calculated grades for leaving certificate students will be facilitated in instances in which the predicted grades of their teachers were significantly higher than the grades awarded through the calculated grades system. — Paul Murphy. [24972/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education if guidelines will be provided to a school (details supplied) in County Donegal in relation to practical aspects and fieldwork for geography classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24974/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to a new primary school in Crusheen, County Clare in view of the pressure on the existing building which has led to a new prefab being installed. — Cathal Crowe. [25038/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education if an issue with school transport for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 11 will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25047/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of students in Gaelscoileanna that received a H1 in Irish in 2020; the percentage of students in Gaelscoileanna that received a H1 in Irish in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25054/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the calculation of leaving certificate grades took account of the spelling and grammar waiver and the disability access route to education allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25055/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the leaving certificate grade calculation algorithm was applied to those students that did not complete the junior certificate for any reason;

the adjustment made in such situations to account for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25056/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which leaving certificate exams held in November 2020 will be marked; if they will be marked according to a curve similar to previous years; the appeals process for that set of exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25057/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that were downgraded in one subject in the 2020 leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25058/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that were downgraded in two subjects in the 2020 leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25059/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that were downgraded in three subjects in the 2020 leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25060/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that were downgraded in four subjects in the 2020 leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25061/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that were downgraded in five subjects in the 2020 leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25062/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that were downgraded in six subjects in the 2020 leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25063/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that were downgraded in six or more subjects in the 2020 leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25064/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education if a bus ticket will be allocated to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [25071/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of posts of responsibility needed in primary schools to restore posts at the level which was pertained prior to the moratorium; the estimated number of posts which were lost through the moratorium; the number that have been restored to date; and the estimated cost of full restoration to the pre-moratorium level for the school year 2020/2021. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [25074/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the effect of the reduction in school buses on persons in rural areas (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [25155/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that some parents not living on school bus routes are paying over €1,000 for private bus providers to transport

children to schools less than ten miles away; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [25156/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide a post-primary school in Moycullen, County Galway in view of rapid growth in the area; if so, if a Gaelcholáiste is planned in view of the fact the village is in the Gaeltacht; if not, if an English medium school or both types are planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25185/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education the number of complaints her Department has received in relation to the calculated grades system from pupils whose grades were marked down by her Department compared to those awarded by the school; the basis on which marking down took place; the steps a student who feels they were unfairly treated by the system can take to get the matter addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25186/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education if there is provision to accommodate schools which need substitute bus escorts in cases of a bus escort having to self-isolate due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25189/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education if review options are available to a student (details supplied) whose school awarded grades for the 2020 leaving certificate which were significantly reduced by her Department therefore affecting their chances of obtaining the course of choice through the CAO system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25199/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish a supply teacher panel for the south-west Cork areas; her further plans for teacher absences for the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25200/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education the process involved to access an autism place for a child when moving from one county to another; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [25216/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education if a place will be made available for a person (details supplied) in a special school to repeat a year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [25218/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the financial burden being placed on rural families by the cost of school transport; her plans to reduce school transport fees; her views on low income families paying €650 per year for school transport; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that many rural communities agreed to school amalgamations on receiving assurances that their children would receive free school transport to a centralised school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25231/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education when a bus route will be provided for eleven students (details supplied) travelling from Clogheen, County Tipperary to Mitchelstown, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25239/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education if a student (details supplied) can be transferred on to a bus route that passes their house twice daily under the school transport scheme rather than having to travel over two kilometres to another route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25240/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in granting funding for additional accommodation works for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25241/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the amalgamation of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25242/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education if a review of the school transport scheme will be carried out for students attending a school (details supplied) and for those that have been awarded concessionary tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25243/20]

*469. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais conas a cuireadh teanga theagaisc na mac léinn san áireamh le linn phróiseas marcála na hArdteistiméireachta i mbliana, á chur i gcuntas gur tugadh pointí bónais gach bliain go dtí seo dóibh siúd a rinne an Ardteistiméireacht trí Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25238/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education the reason students from schools that previously excelled at the leaving certificate have had their results downgraded due to that excellence. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25255/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she plans to take to remedy the disadvantage suffered by students whose leaving certificate results were downgraded. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25256/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education when the timetable for the leaving certificate re-sits in November 2020 will be released to students. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25280/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education if the appeals process for calculated grades will be expedited for students that indicate that they will be sitting the November 2020 exams in order that they are not unnecessarily studying for subjects whose grades may increase on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25283/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the Ryan Report recommendation to have a national memorial erected; her plans to have such a memorial erected; the timeline for same; if consideration has been given to the matter since the failed attempt in 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25284/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education when a July provision school transport grant payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25287/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 462 of 15 September 2020, the number of buses sourced to date; the percentage of routes operating at full 50% capacity as per the figures provided by county; the way in which progress on the issue is measured and monitored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25296/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the concerns of the students that were marked down by the algorithm process from the grades assigned by their teachers in the leaving certificate; the way in which the algorithm was applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25331/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to a pupil (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that two of their siblings are being provided with school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25383/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education the position of students that live in communal residential centres; if there is to be an outbreak of Covid-19 in that setting; and if there are provisions available to the students for remote learning or other means to lessen the disruption as much as possible to their education. — Steven Matthews. [25437/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education if there will be a bespoke plan including the option to receive predicted grades for current sixth years that have started their final year in abnormal conditions and after losing much on-site education time from their fifth year. — Louise O'Reilly. [25459/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will allocate a teacher to a school (details supplied) for the remainder of the school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25468/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider levelling up the 2019 leaving certificate grades in the context of the 2020 leaving certificate grade inflation, to remove disadvantages for the 20,000 students that did the leaving certificate in 2019 in order to create a level playing field (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25469/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education if a date has been set to publish a tender for a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [25475/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position on a new school project (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25495/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education the up-to-date position with the provision of a new school (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25496/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education the up to date position on a new school project (details supplied) in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25497/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education the case in which schools report a confirmed Covid-19 case the measures enacted by the schools once they are reported; whether or not the class deemed close contacts or not close contacts and if not, the rationale for the consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25520/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25555/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the plan to provide a new secondary school for the Newbridge, Kildare and Curragh areas of County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25556/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will retain its sanctioned developing school posts despite a delay in meeting its enrolment threshold due to Covid-19 delaying the completion of house building in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25557/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education if a request for a SNA under a special exceptional review will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [25617/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the ongoing statutory non-compliance across the ETB sector in respect of the issuing of annual pension statements to employees (details supplied); and the steps which will be taken to ensure that this is rectified with immediate effect. — Mairéad Farrell. [25649/20]

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

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be reinstated at the full rate per week for the highly skilled staff and businesses working in the live events sector that are anxious to return to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24906/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether it is regretful that the Government has failed to legislate for the areas examined by the Duffy-Cahill report in view of the difficulties being faced by workers of a company (details supplied); her plans to conduct a thorough review of the report; if so, when the review will commence; when legislation will be brought forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [25051/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when legislation will be published to implement the recommendations of the Duffy Cahill Report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25099/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated additional revenue that would be raised by adjusting the level of social insurance contributions for self-employed workers class S PRSI from 4% to 5.75% and 7.5%, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25122/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a self-employed person (details supplied) who went on maternity leave on 17 February 2020 and who was not as result eligible for the pandemic unemployment payment is now being refused the enterprise grant for small businesses although they made the necessary upgrades to their business to allow them to reopen in August 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25266/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed. — Kieran O'Donnell. [25329/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when invalidity and similar payments will return to weekly payments as opposed to fortnightly payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [25367/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a case (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25440/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to implement the Duffy Cahill report and employers levy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25470/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be reinstated at the full rate per week for workers in the live performance and events sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25587/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter in regard to a person (details supplied) relating to carer's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24698/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community employment and Tús schemes can be extended by six months for participants due to finish in view of the fact that some participants lost out on six months due to Covid-19 and other participants worked tirelessly during the pandemic and training new participants will be much more difficult due to Covid-19. — Dara Calleary. [24712/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for the proposed universal basic income pilot that was set out in the Programme for Government. — Steven Matthews. [24713/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for Jobpath, the administration of the scheme and the contract with the company (details supplied) which was due to finish in 2019 and was extended due to Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24757/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons in receipt of the blind pension or disability allowance will lose their payment if they travel abroad; if so, if they will have to reapply on their return; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24819/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of State pensions (non-contributory) selected for review each month since the start of 2020, in tabular form; the number of reviews in which the payment was suspended pending the outcome of the review; the number of reviews which were requested by the recipient of the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24837/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of plans to cater for persons that were 65 years of age in 2012 but did not qualify for the State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24877/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in determination of an appeal for a carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); if all requested documentation has been received; when an appeal is likely to conclude; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24887/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for a one parent family allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); if all requested documentation has been received; if supplementary welfare allowance has been organised in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24888/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pension payment for a person (details supplied) will be increased. — Robert Troy. [24895/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 672 of 8 September 2020, if she will discuss with NPHEt the possibility of reverting social welfare payments to a weekly payment (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [24899/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if special supports for proprietors and executive directors of small businesses for the duration of Covid-19 restrictions has been considered such as short time working payments and so on. — Richard Bruton. [24902/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be allowed to attend a vocational training opportunities scheme course. — Chris Andrews. [24903/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) that has been on the temporary wage subsidy scheme since 30 March is entitled to any arrears of social welfare payment, jobseekers benefit or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24924/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are obstacles to processing claims being put before employees of a company (details supplied) by her Department or the company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24950/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on persons returning to work (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24954/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carers benefit application will be reviewed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [24978/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was refused the higher rate of Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment; if further supporting evidence supplied was considered in the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25044/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the free transport scheme will be extended to include travel to HSE day services across older persons, disability and mental health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25045/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if workers laid off for extended periods that commence new employment will lose their entitlement to redundancy lump sums from their original employer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25115/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason 2018 PAYE and self-employed income cannot be combined for the purpose of calculating the pandemic unemployment rate of a person; the reason it is the case for 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25135/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application by a solicitor (details supplied) for clearance to take out probate and pay out the beneficiaries of a will, will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25187/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on introducing paid domestic violence leave to enable victims of domestic violence to leave their partners, find new homes and protect

themselves and their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25198/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid out by her Department in exceptional needs payments in each month from January to September 2020, by payment type; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25207/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if third-level students awarded the SUSI grant that can no longer return to their part-time jobs continue to receive the pandemic unemployment payment. — Sorca Clarke. [22657/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will direct local community employment supervisors time to show discretion on extending the community employment schemes due to expire. — Sean Sherlock. [24448/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the external consultants review of all current contracted public employment services will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25211/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid out by her Department in urgent needs payments each month from January to September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25210/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will meet with community employment supervisors or their representatives in respect of pension entitlements or payments that may accrue due to years of service. — Sean Sherlock. [24460/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the weekly income limit for pensioners applying for fuel allowance. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [25220/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by a group of self-employed businesses (details supplied) which are unable to access supports for their businesses with the exception of the pandemic unemployment payment; if existing supports will be made available to the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25244/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in a decision on an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [25309/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if, in the event that the State pension is not payable until 67 years of age, eligibility for the invalidity pension will rise accordingly and persons currently in receipt of an invalidity pension will remain on same until pension age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [25310/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied) will be finalised; if the matter will be prioritised in view of the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25357/20]

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*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the fact that there is a six week or more delay on the processing of PPSN applications with some applications backlogged since March 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [25366/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the payment available and appropriate in the case of a person (details supplied); if they have an entitlement to a Covid-19-related payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25368/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the appropriate payment and level of payment in respect of jobseeker's or disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25371/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the appropriate payment and level of payment in the case of a person (details supplied); if all arrears due can issue; the date from which they will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25373/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the income support helpline for Covid-19 of her Department is not free of charge; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that the charges for calling from a mobile phone are significant particularly when many persons are waiting for long periods of time due to the increase in the volume of calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25400/20]

*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal by a person (details supplied) will be heard. — Dara Calleary. [25433/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding employees of airline (details supplied) that are struggling to gain access to casual jobseeker payments and short-time work supports while their employer is claiming the employment wage subsidy scheme; the position regarding application lodged in respect of persons; the reason for the delay in processing same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25452/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason workers in a company (details supplied) cannot access backdated payment of short-time working support for the time period when they were in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [25457/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of carer's allowance applications over the past three years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25485/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if time spent on a Covid-19 payment will be allowed as a qualifying period for VTOS courses and studies; if there have been discussions with the Department of Education in relation to the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25499/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a jobseeker's benefit application will be approved for a person (details supplied); if this application will be finalised without further delay as it meets with the criteria of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25523/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of a Covid-19 related payment; when such payment is likely to terminate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25526/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons in receipt of the State pension in each of the past five years to 31 December 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25527/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of a disability allowance in each of the past five years to 31 December 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25528/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of a State pension (non-contributory); the extent by which the numbers have fluctuated in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25529/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of an invalidity pension as of 31 December 2019 in each of the past five years to date; the degree to which the numbers have fluctuated during the period in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25530/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she can foresee her ability to address further issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic in the course of the next twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25531/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that applied for and received an exceptional needs payment in each of the past five years to date; the extent to which the figures have fluctuated throughout the period in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25532/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that applied for and received dental benefit in each of the past five years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25533/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that applied for and received ophthalmic benefit in each of the past five years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25534/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if waiting times in respect of appeals against decisions taken by her Department can be reduced further with particular reference to hardship being caused by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25550/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the efforts being made to speed up the processing of applications for the carer's allowance and benefit, disability allowance and invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25552/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an extension of employment will be facilitated for participants in community employment schemes in which sponsors are anxious that they continue particularly in the current circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25553/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she expects to be in a position to address the pensions issue for persons that have gaps in their contribution record for whatever reason with a view to ensuring the availability of a payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25554/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if urgent consideration will be given to issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) concerning entitlements for employees of a company (details supplied); if it will be ensured that such applications are processed and approved without delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25558/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have been made permanently redundant in recent months in circumstances unrelated to Covid-19 and in cases in which the business has not yet paid its former staff redundancy payments (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [25572/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the criteria for courses being run through the Intreo public employment service such as those being run by SOLAS and the Education and Training Boards, will be eased in order that those on the pandemic unemployment payment scheme or similar will be able to upskill while they are not working; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25580/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated amount that would be raised by increasing the employers rate of PRSI by 2%. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25581/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated additional revenue which could be generated by establishing a new band of employers PRSI of 19.75% on incomes over €90,000 per year and to increase the existing 10.955% by 2% to 12.995%. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25588/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a payment for nine weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25590/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons receiving pandemic unemployment payments of €203, €250 and €300 per week by the sector in which they previously worked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25592/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reduce youth unemployment and support young persons impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic in returning to the workforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25618/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she will take to ensure that persons that are required to retire at 65 years of age do not have to sign on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25619/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the new €1000 enterprise support grant; the number of self-employed persons that have availed of this support to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25620/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will bring forward the necessary legislation to keep the State pension age at 66 years of age as committed to in the Programme for

Government; if persons turning 66 in early 2020 should apply for their pension now; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25621/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35, and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of carer's allowance in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [25638/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35, and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of disability allowance in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [25639/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35, and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of jobseeker's benefit in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [25640/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35, and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of jobseeker's allowance in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [25641/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35, and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of carer's allowance in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [25642/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35, and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of jobseeker's transitional payment in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [25643/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35, and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of the one parent family payment in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [25644/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath aged between 18 and 21, 22 and 25, 25 and 30, 30 and 35, and 35 and 40 years, respectively in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [25645/20]

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

*580. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of personnel employed as childminding advisory officers; and the locations in which they are based. — Kathleen Funchion. [24743/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if the position of National Childminding Coordinator is currently filled. — Kathleen Funchion. [24744/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of newborn babies under 14 days old that have been taken into care in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [24747/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of newborn babies taken into care in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020 under 14 days old for each of Tusla's 17 service areas. — Kathleen Funchion. [24748/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reasons Tusla took newborn babies into care in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [24749/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the additional supports a crèche can avail of for a child with EBD. — Kathleen Funchion. [24818/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of early learning and care services that have had a Covid-19 infection amongst staff or children. — Sean Sherlock. [24840/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason Pobal decided at 5:30pm on 11 September 2020 to confirm that children that were not back in a service by that day would lose their place (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [25078/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if all outstanding grants will be paid to a childcare provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25093/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the oversight his Department has in place to ensure that failures by Tusla (details supplied) to carry out its obligations will not be repeated; the reason for the failures; if he is satisfied that the measures now in place are adequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25229/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the progress that has been made in relation to the rolling out of toilets facilities for persons with disabilities (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [25234/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of the Ryan Report recommendations to have a national archive created for all records relating to children placed in institutional care and foster care and to have the archives of the religious orders and congregations that provided residential care to children included in such a national archive; his plans for same; the timeline for progressing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25285/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if the HIVE and CHICK registration process will be reformed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25358/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to difficulties in securing supports for children despite sponsorship referrals made under section 14 of the Childcare Support Act 2018 for special arrangements on the basis of child welfare, child protection, family support or other specified grounds, due to the fact that the process takes a minimum of three weeks to activate registration; if he will seek to reform the process to reduce delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25359/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the amount of training given to public health nurses on the HIVE and CHICK registration processes; if his attention has been drawn to training deficits in view of the crucial role public health nurses play in early intervention of vulnerable children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25360/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to streamline the national childcare scheme to simplify access for parents with significant variation in their weekly fees and that avail of two separate programmes across 52 weeks of the year; his further plans to introduce a less complex system of fee calculation and reduce the additional administrative burden placed on childcare centres expected to monitor wage variation across the year, keeping a record of registration renewals and birthdays for individual children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25361/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if the significant variation in access to services will be addressed for children that were not enrolled in the national childcare scheme before November 2019 including extra supports for language and social communication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25362/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to ratify the second optional protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25363/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the sources of capital funding available to a local group seeking to develop a facility to host an all-day service, a preschool and post school service in an area in which no formal service exists and which is adjacent to the existing national school. — Dara Calleary. [25382/20]

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

*599. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the exceptions being made for those that had sat their leaving certificate in 2019 and applied for college places in 2020 given that average grades across all subjects increased by 4.4% in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24719/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing student grants to their highest historical levels. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24808/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students that missed out on their first choice CAO courses. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24839/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider increasing the number of higher education places available through the HEAR and DARE schemes in order to provide students experiencing educational disadvantage the opportunity to obtain their preferred third-level places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24853/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a student (details supplied) will be reviewed; and the steps the family can take in relation to the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24952/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a recent appeal by a person (details supplied) to the external appeals office will be investigated. — Robert Troy. [25069/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of students (details supplied) will be examined and a resolution expedited in relation to a student grant issue. — Robert Troy. [25085/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the 2020 CAO entrance points will be applied to the leaving certificate 2020 cohort that will be resitting exams in November 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25281/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the HPAT results from 2020 will carry over to 2021 for leaving certificate 2020 students reapplying to medicine courses for entry in 2021 that are resitting some of their leaving certificate exams in November 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25282/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students whose calculated leaving certificate grades increase on appeal will be guaranteed a place on their desired course that they had missed out on. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25286/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if dedicated sector-specific supports will be provided to English language schools in view of the fact that the Covid-19 crisis has significantly affected this sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [25456/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of the approximately 8,000 students that sat the leaving certificate in 2019 or before that were directly affected by the increase in entry points received and CAO offer; the number that accepted their CAO offer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24727/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to address the number of students with deferred college applications that received no CAO offers in 2020 or otherwise missed out on their CAO choices as a result of the significant points increase for 2020/2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [24767/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific courses given extra places from the 2,225 additional third-level places; the number of courses that had unfilled places in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24780/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed in relation to their CAO application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24814/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students accepted to study medicine here from 2008 to 2020; the number that came through the CAO application system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24860/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding options available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24951/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the health professions admissions test rules will be amended in order that the HPAT grades achieved in 2020 can be used for university entry to study medicine in 2021 and students do not have to repeat the HPAT tests. — Paul Murphy. [24973/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students that did not receive an offer for their CAO level 8 choices in 2020; the number of students that did not receive an offer for their level 8 CAO choices in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25053/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the process to be followed by a student (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25079/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the consideration and support for international students studying here prior to Covid-19 that may struggle to pay fees due to not being able to work over the summer period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25190/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the difficulties facing medical students here which is creating a situation whereby doctors that achieved their education through graduate entry programmes are defaulting on student loans due to the high education costs they face here which incentivises them to work abroad; his views on the introduction of a HSE style bursary for clinical years three and four; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25236/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost of associate membership of CERN. — Louise O'Reilly. [25313/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if measures will be put in place to ensure that students that were born here and or have been long term resident in Ireland but are not Irish, UK, EEA or Swiss citizens will be able to avail of the free fees scheme and apply for SUSI grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25385/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if apprentices' off-the-job training can be scheduled in a way that means they will be closer to home in view of Covid-19; and if not, if additional funding will be provided for their accommodation allowance. — Louise O'Reilly. [25466/20]

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*624. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if financial supports or subsidies will be provided to students whose third level course is delivered primarily or totally online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25514/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if student contribution fees will be reduced for third-level students whose course is delivered primarily or totally online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25650/20]

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

*626. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of road traffic collisions involving cars driven by underaged, uninsured or provisionally licensed drivers, respectively from 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [24776/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of serious or fatal road traffic collisions involving cars driven by underaged, uninsured or provisionally licensed drivers respectively, from 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [24777/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Syrians granted asylum to date in 2020; his plans to increase the number of Syrians being granted asylum here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24925/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Justice the average turnaround time for a Dublin-based online application for renewal of a residence permit; the number of applications received in Dublin since 20 July 2020; the number of applications processed in Dublin to date; and the number of applications in Dublin yet to be processed. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24695/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Justice the additional resources put into place to increase capacity to process applications for immigration permissions. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24696/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to examine a further extension in respect of immigration permissions due to expire between 20 August and 20 September 2020. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24697/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of plans for a significant overhaul and reform of the way in which accommodation is provided to asylum seekers; the details of increases in resources for the hearing of asylum applications and appeals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [24707/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are circumstances to allow the granting of citizenship to elderly Irish persons that have lived here their entire lives but happen to be born in England, Scotland or Wales as their parents had been migrant workers there and then returned home soon after the baby was born; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24734/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for update of travel documents by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24736/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to address the issue of the unsafe and illegal use of fireworks in numerous areas of Dublin and the fear it is causing local communities;

if more Garda resources will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [24768/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions for the supply of a motorised vehicle to a person under 18 years of age from 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [24775/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the implementation of commitments made in the Migrant Integration Strategy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24789/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of peace commissioners in County Tipperary; the number of peace commissioners in each district; the name and address of each peace commissioner in the county; the frequency with which peace commissioner lists are updated in order to take into account the death or incapacity of a peace commissioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24824/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Probate Office will recommence processing CA24 personal probate applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24850/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured for the provision of in-cell sanitation at block E Portlaoise Prison; the estimated cost of the project; when the works will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24855/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full year cost if the budget for the Data Protection Commission was increased by 12.5%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24856/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí trained in public order in each Garda division as of 1 September 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24858/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation for the Garda National Immigration Bureau in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24859/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a dedicated officer with central authority for the recovery of missed court ordered maintenance payments (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [24890/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí in Cork from 2010 to 2019 and to date 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [24927/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding provided for community gardaí in Cork from 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [24928/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions under Section 80 of the Explosives Act 1875 from 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020 by region in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [24929/20]

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*648. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to increase garda numbers in Rathcoole, County Dublin in response to the increase in crime and an increase in population. — Emer Higgins. [24932/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications that have been received for a labour market access permission since the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018 came into effect on 30 June 2018; the number refused; the number granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24938/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Justice the average processing time for applications for a labour market access permission pursuant to the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24939/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Justice the longest period of time it has taken to process an application for labour market access permission pursuant to the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24940/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of applications for labour market access permissions that have taken longer than one month to process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24941/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protective services units for victims of sexual and domestic crime; and the locations in which they have been established in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [24944/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Justice if the refusal of the review of an application by a person (details supplied) will be overturned under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015, in view of the fact that the factual basis upon which the decision was made has been refuted by the applicant in a letter to the head of the unit. — Paul Murphy. [24947/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Justice the grounds upon which a deportation order remains valid and in place in respect of the spouse of a person (details supplied) when they are no longer in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24948/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of legislation to bring the use of CCTV for Garda investigations into GDPR compliance. — Sean Sherlock. [24956/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed in Cabra Garda station in August in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the opening times of this station for these years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24980/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to open the Cabra Garda station on a full-time basis. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24981/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars based in Cabra Garda station; the area which they cover; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24982/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Justice the current allocation of gardaí for the area covered by Cabra Garda station; and if she will address the need for additional resources for this area. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24983/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda presence available in Cabra after the Cabra Garda station closes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24984/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Justice the contingency plans in place for the extension of validity for workplace employment permits as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25087/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of visas due to expire in September and October 2020; the number of appointments that have been informed to renew same; the number that remain outstanding due to backlogs; the measures in place to communicate to applicants the steps they should take if their permit is due to expire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [25088/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who faces a deportation order despite a large campaign in support of this asylum claim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25191/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of the immigration status given to individuals that are waiting for a decision on EUTR review applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25192/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of the pending EUTR reviews according to nationality in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25193/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Justice if persons that are waiting for an EUTR review decision are permitted to work or to claim Covid-19 pandemic emergency payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25194/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on automatic renewal of immigration permissions which are due to expire; her plans to deal with the 8 to 12 week waiting for appointments in areas outside of Dublin; her plans for the individuals that will be left without permission due to waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25195/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline of the application for a visa stamp by a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25225/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline of an application by a person (details supplied) for a spouse of Irish national visa; when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25254/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Justice if the deportation order of a person (details supplied) will be rescinded; and if their asylum application will be processed in Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [25265/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to review and reform defamation laws; the timeline for introduction of new legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25298/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25308/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied) that wishes to make an application for their spouse to join them here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25370/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of certificates of naturalisation issued in 2019 to persons that were born here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25386/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of certificates for naturalisation that have been applied for on behalf of persons under 18 years of age in 2019; and the number of these applications that were for persons born here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25387/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 575 of 15 September 2020, if a citizenship application by a person (details supplied) was received; if the matter will receive urgent attention in view of the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25423/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to concerns regarding an increase in anti-social behaviour in Dublin city centre including joyriding leading to a death, personal assaults, attacks and intimidation of innocent persons; if she will ask An Garda Síochána to take additional measures to deal with the problems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25444/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons deported from the State in each of the past five years; the nationality of those deported; the number of applicants granted leave to remain on humanitarian grounds in each of these past five years; the nationalities of those granted leave to remain; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25446/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the official State recognition of partners that have been long-term cohabiters; the position regarding financial assistance and tax credits available to a person in such a situation upon the death of partner; her plans to examine the issue further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25447/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the health and safety concerns expressed by the managing solicitor and staff at a law centre (details supplied) in respect of proposed relocation of premises which have been communicated to her Department previously; if she is satisfied that the proposed relocation does not warrant further and detailed examination in view of the severity of the issues highlighted with her Department previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25448/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*682. To ask the Minister for Health if his officials and representatives from NPHEH will accede to the request by a federation (details supplied) for a meeting to discuss its plan to increase the remit of the opening of premises in line with Covid-19 best practice. — Cathal Crowe. [24689/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health if a €4 daily charge paid by service users for transport to HSE day services for older persons, disability and mental health services applies to all CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25046/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the 113 plus schools experiencing Covid-19 infections and clusters; the breakdown of infection amongst teachers, students, staff and SNAs; the areas nationally in which the schools are; when the infections were identified; the length of time testing took at the schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25519/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered easing social distancing restrictions in respect of trainee healthcare workers, for example, physiotherapists, doctors and dentists in order that they can return to on-site training and experience; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that these students need the practical on the job experience to fulfil the requirements of their course qualifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24693/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for braces for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24699/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24700/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health when the BreastCheck screening service will recommence; if his attention has been drawn to the importance of early detection of breast cancer in women over 50 years of age; his plans to deal with the backlog of appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24702/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health when his attention was drawn to the HSE decision to suspend Covid-19 testing at food processing plants made on 8 September 2020; the manner in which the decision was conveyed to him; the reason he did not convey this information to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24703/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive occupational and speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24706/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health when a hospital appointment will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24708/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the nursing pay scale in University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24709/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider ordering an enquiry into the use of the drug epilim by pregnant women to ascertain the number of families impacted by negative side effects during pregnancy in the last decade (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [24714/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the guidelines for the reopening of mental health day services and training centres; when the guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24722/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in CAMHS filled or unfilled on a weekly basis from January 2019 to date by CHO area in tabular form; the reason for the empty beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24726/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has carried out quantitative health risk assessments on the use of face masks; if so, if the results of those assessments are available to the public; if he has sought advice on the wearing of face coverings outside of the advice issued by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24728/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the work carried out by the HSE on a costed five-year strategy for stroke in the key areas of prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and restoration to health; when this strategy will be finalised and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24729/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health when persons (details supplied) can expect to get an assessment for autism for their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24730/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if extra capacity for paediatric beds in South Tipperary General Hospital will be reinstated to pre-Covid-19 levels; when this will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24735/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of clearing homecare package waiting lists. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24758/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to hire 100 speech and language therapists, 100 psychologists, 100 occupational therapists and 100 physiotherapists, respectively. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24759/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to clear assessment of needs waiting lists for children with autism. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24760/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of adding 1,000 acute beds to the hospital network. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24761/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for a complete medical card renewal process for persons with conditions that cannot change; the consideration that can be given to an automatic rollover renewal process that would simplify the process for those already dealing with a lifelong condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [24764/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health if a Covid-19 test centre will be opened in Drogheda, County Louth in view of the ongoing pandemic; the number of persons being referred for testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergús O'Dowd. [24782/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to assist recovery support groups to find alternative facilities for their meetings in cases in which usual meeting places are not suitable in view of Covid-19 restrictions. — Thomas Gould. [24783/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the availability of fluphenazine decanoate as a treatment for schizophrenia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24787/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the maternity hospitals in which values clarification workshops have taken place from 2018 to date in 2020; the number of HSE staff that have participated in the workshops; if such participation is mandatory; the organisation which delivered same; the nature of the workshops in terms of content and structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24790/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if a funding review of a school (details supplied) will be carried out following a recent visit as there is a large deficit between the HSE funding and the very high level and excellence of care provided. — Steven Matthews. [24792/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of hiring 4,000 new nurses on the pre-2011 rate of pay. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24793/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of hiring 500 consultants. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24794/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE executive management team will reconsider supporting the reimbursement of dupilumab dupixent for the treatment of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis in adults and adolescents of 12 years of age and older that are candidates for systemic therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [24801/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health when day care services will resume in locations (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24809/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for orthodontic treatment in the Bagenalstown, County Carlow area (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [24817/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the reason part 6 of SI 326 of 2020 relating to relevant events, restricts events being held in hotels to six with the exception of a wedding which allows 50 persons (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties being caused to hotels which are at risk of closure or major job losses unless these restrictions are lifted; if it will be ensured such restrictions are lifted in the next round of regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24822/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a pensioner with a medical card who cannot avail of the free blood test in St. James's Hospital, Dublin due to mobility issues can be charged €20 for a routine blood test by their general practitioner. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24829/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be allocated a date for advanced cataract surgery. — Sean Sherlock. [24831/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties and cuts in supports for the disability care sector due to Covid-19 and the resulting social distance guidelines,

particularly but not exclusively, in the south-west Dublin area; his plans to support these vulnerable citizens; the contact his Department has had with various support organisations; if plans are being rolled out to move from part-time to full-time supports; if respite supports are being discussed or planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [24832/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of transporting patients requiring psychiatric services at St. Luke's, Kilkenny and accompanying staff from South Tipperary General Hospital to St. Luke's since the closure of St. Michael's unit by year. — Martin Browne. [24833/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost that will be incurred over the next five years, by year, of transporting patients requiring psychiatric services and accompanying staff to St. Luke's, Kilkenny from South Tipperary General Hospital. — Martin Browne. [24834/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the closure of the Cara Lodge drug rehabilitation centre in west County Cork; and if he will put in place a strategy for the reopening of same. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24844/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health if the primary care centre in Haymarket Centre, Drogheda, County Louth is still available to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [24848/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Parkinson's disease specialist nurses that will be employed under the enhanced community care fund (details supplied); if there will be an increase in the number of neurologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24851/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if the higher income threshold for eligibility to a medical card for over 70s introduced in Budget 2020 has been applied; if not, when it will be applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24854/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure persons and their carers receive full-time help and facilities without delay (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24861/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the reduced number of hours for a person (details supplied) at a service; if the reduction is due to staff shortages; if so, his plans to replace staff that may have left or been redeployed during Covid-19 restriction measures; if the original number of hours they spent at the service will be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24864/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health if the Carmora service in Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin is short-staffed; if so, the reason; if the HSE is responding to the need for additional staffing for the service for persons with additional needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24865/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if the respite hours available to users of the Carmora services in Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin have been reduced; if so, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24866/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure the day care centres for the elderly will be reopened safely without further delay (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24867/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health when dupilumab will be made available for reimbursement in for persons with eczema; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [24868/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the reason qualified PHECC registered advanced paramedics are not being recruited into the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24872/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure instant communication is made with the HSE when a student is tested positive for Covid-19 in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [24874/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24878/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1007 of 14 July 2020, the criteria the National Women and Infants Health Programme is using to justify the continuation of the restrictions regarding birthing partners; the level of consultation taking place with NPHECT on the restrictions; the criteria needed for the restrictions to be revised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24882/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1007 of 14 July 2020, the reason for differences in the way in which each hospital is applying restrictions if they are being implemented by the National Women and Infants Programme, in view of the fact Dublin hospitals allow postnatal visits and other hospitals do not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24883/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some general practitioners are not facilitating the two week and six week post-natal check for women and newborns; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24884/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the drug dupilumab or dupixent which treats moderate to severe atopic dermatitis in adult patients; when and the way in which this drug will become widely available; and if he will provide other relevant information on the drug. — Joan Collins. [24889/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of an additional Vascular Physiologist for South Tipperary General Hospital. — Martin Browne. [24922/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support the mental health of residents in nursing homes. — Thomas Gould. [24930/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support nursing homes in resuming activities such as art classes. — Thomas Gould. [24931/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that died by suicide by age, gender and CHO area in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24934/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to restore maternity services in full for women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24936/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health if additional ringfenced funding will be committed to for mental health services for those that have given birth during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24937/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health his views on maternity services at present due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Brendan Griffin. [24949/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the measures taken to date as a consequence of the HSE publication Covid-19 Testing and Tracing: Roadmap to enhance capacity and turnaround published 14 May 2020; the progress made on the measures identified within; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24960/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 swab tests conducted at each community testing centre, each hospital and by the National Ambulance Service, on a weekly basis since 1 April 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24961/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests evaluated at each testing laboratory involved on a weekly basis since 1 April 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24962/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons involved in Covid-19 swabbing, test evaluation and tracing by occupation and county in each testing site since 1 April 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24963/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of drive through testing facility lanes available on a weekly basis since 1 April 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24964/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the opening hours and staffing levels by occupation for each swabbing centre in each week since 1 April 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24965/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health if all swab data is now fed directly from Swiftqueue to the laboratory information system. — David Cullinane. [24966/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if the results data transfer between NVRL and Case Tracker CRM has been fully automated or the percentage that has been automated since 1 May to date. — David Cullinane. [24967/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the reason 50 spectators are allowed for an indoor sporting event but dancing classes being held in the same facilities are restricted to pods of six which is not practical for many dancing schools with regard to the Living with Covid-19 plan; if the policy will

be reviewed and clarity provided in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24968/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it is possible to have a wedding of up to 50 in a function room but other family celebrations being held in the same function room are restricted to pods of six with no intermingling between pods with regard to the Living with Covid-19 plan; the reason a christening and a funeral meal for example could not have 50 with the same restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24969/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the definition of what is considered a larger venue that would allow 100 persons at an indoor event with regard to the Living with Covid-19 plan; if a venue is considered suitably large if a wedding holding up to 100 in this instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24970/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an orthopaedic appointment for a procedure at Letterkenny University Hospital; if they are on the routine or urgent list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25041/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health when a long-term bed will become available for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25042/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health when the reduction of prescription charges announced in Budget 2020 will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25043/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health if gyms and dance studios will be closed if a county enters phase 3 of the Covid-19 roadmap. — Emer Higgins. [25048/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if public health advice regarding weddings announced on 15 September 2020 in the plan to deal with Covid-19 will be clarified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25073/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that held contracts for the dental treatment service scheme in County Wexford in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [25076/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the capacity of dentists on the dental treatment service scheme is monitored; the procedure in place if there is a capacity issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [25077/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a new elective hospital for Cork in view of submissions made by the HSE with regards to potential locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25083/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the development of a new elective hospital in Cork by way of the HSE providing a suitable site and that the building will be by way of design, build and finance by the construction company with buy back by the HSE over a 25 year time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25084/20]

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*765. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the construction of a new elective hospital in Cork by way of a construction company providing a suitable site and design, build and finance the project with buy back by the HSE over a 25 year time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25086/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it is necessary for the holders of medical cards with lifelong medical conditions such as Down syndrome to have to fill out forms regularly to renew their medical cards; if his attention has been drawn to the distress caused to the families of these medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25092/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consult with NEPHET with a view to bringing forward a proposal to the effect that a privately run maths grind class for 30 students can take place in a large community centre hall in which social distancing and other public health guidelines can be implemented including the wearing of face coverings and time limits on such classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25097/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health if regulations or legal requirements are in place to prevent the establishment of rehabilitation centres close to schools, residential areas and public houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25112/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health if a service level agreement is in place between the HSE and a proposed development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25113/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the service level agreement between the HSE and a planned rehabilitation centre (details supplied) if such an agreement is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25114/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 710 of 15 September 2020, if the trials (details supplied) can go ahead; and if there are certain regulations the organisation should adhere to with the exception of the 100 person limit and social distancing in view of the fact each trail will be held in a large outdoor area. — Robert Troy. [25134/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to compensate persons that developed narcolepsy as a result of the swine flu vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25154/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that nurses that answered the HSE Be On Call campaign and were placed in the health service are working on expired contracts; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that there are no standard entitlements to sick pay for such nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25158/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the relevant authorities, for example, An Garda Síochána or the Health and Safety Authority, responsible for enforcing the provisions of the S.I. No. 296/2020 - Health Act 1947 (Section 31A – Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (Face Coverings in Certain Premises and Businesses) Regulations 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25162/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health when the resumption of normal diabetes reviews in hospitals and primary care settings will take place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [25181/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to birthing partners will be examined and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25183/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health when day centres that cater for disabled and mental health adults will reopen (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [25184/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a young child who has been waiting over a year for a crucial operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25201/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the resources planned as part of the Living with Covid Plan and in the context of Budget 2021 to ensure increases in staffing in mental health services, the development of out of hours crisis services and investment in primary care mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [25214/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health the outcomes or recommendations of the women's health taskforce for endometriosis patients; the measures in place to deal with long waiting lists and the lack of consultants for these patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [25215/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health when developmental checks for children previously administered by the HSE will recommence; the estimated number of checks missed; the number of checks and referrals to early intervention teams, speech and language therapists and other health professionals from March to September this year; the number of checks and referrals to early intervention teams, speech and language therapists, and other health professionals in the same period for 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25219/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to lift restrictions on spouses attending pregnancy scans and labour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25224/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the extension of the primary care centre in Ballina, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25227/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the expansion of the primary care centre in Castlebar, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [25228/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health the status of testing and tracing capacity here; the extent to which demand is pressing on available resources; the planned additional resources anticipated to be allocated as part of development planning; the extent to which resources are deployed for precautionary testing as opposed to testing in cases in which suspected symptoms have been identified; and the level of such precautionary capacity that will be needed as travel and other activities open with appropriate safety protocols. — Richard Bruton. [25233/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of transporting a patient with a nurse from South Tipperary General Hospital to the department of psychiatry in Kilkenny; the amount spent of the transport of mental health patients to Kilkenny since the closure of St. Michaels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25273/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health if provision for a special room to accommodate patients presenting with mental health difficulties can now be provided with the extra investment to help reduce the difficulties being faced by patients presenting with mental health difficulties following the announcement of a €1 million investment in the accident and emergency department at South Tipperary General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25274/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the full cost of refurbishment works carried out at St. Michael's Hospital, Clonmel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25275/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding day care services for adults with special needs and disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [25291/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health the specialist mental health cover being provided at South Tipperary General Hospital; if a specialist nurse and doctor are available at the hospital 24/7; the mental health facilities available to those facing a crisis in south County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25294/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with mental health difficulties presenting to South Tipperary General Hospital emergency department over the past two years; the numbers of patients transferred to the department of psychiatry in Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25295/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the average Covid-19 test turnaround by county and nationally from general practitioner referral to communication of results for community testing in each week since 1 April to 14 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25319/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health if the consultations at the breast clinic in Cork University Hospital are operating at full capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [25320/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health if information (details supplied) will be provided regarding the breast clinic at Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [25321/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health if the recommendations of the 2015 Preparedness of Hospitals in the Republic of Ireland for an Influenza Pandemic: an Infection Control Perspective Report that noted failings in PPE and ventilators were acted upon; the changes or preparations that were made following the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25322/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanisms that are in place to ensure Covid-19 testing undertaken at private hospitals is shared with the HSE in order that contact tracing can be performed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25323/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on legislation to amend the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 in order to end discrimination and obstacles against non-EU trained doctors in terms of training opportunities and career paths to becoming hospital consultants and general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25324/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health when construction of the Tullow primary care centre, serving Tullow, Rathvilly and Hacketstown, will commence; if it was previously approved for construction in 2014; the status of the announcement in July 2017 that this centre would be developed and that the HSE were engaging with the adjoining landowner; the status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25325/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the drug dupilumab; if Ireland is one of only two countries in the EU in which the drug is not available as part of the health services drugs list; if his further attention has been drawn to a submission by a foundation (details supplied) regarding the efficacy of the drug and the potential impact on suitable patients; and if any progress has been made in making the drug more widely available to patients here under the community drugs schemes. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [25326/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons tested here for Covid-19 since the beginning of the outbreak. — Francis Noel Duffy. [25327/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that general practitioner practices are facing quantity restrictions on the amount of flu vaccines they can receive; the impact this will have on the demand for vaccines in the coming months; the measures that are in place to increase the quantity of vaccines being delivered by manufacturers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [25328/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health if weekly Covid-19 testing turnaround time data will be published as is done in other jurisdictions similar to the daily and weekly reporting of Covid-19 testing numbers and case numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25345/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 infection advice will be provided for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25349/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health the occupational grade of all persons employed for Covid-19 testing; the number at each grade; the additional hires being provided for as indicated in the Plan for Living with Covid-19 which sets a target of a 3,000+ dedicated workforce; the number of the 3,000+ that are new hires; the number that have been seconded or transferred within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25350/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 700 swabbers and 500 contact tracers outlined in the Plan for Living with Covid-19 that have been hired; the number in a pool; when all 1,300 staff will be hired; the locations in which the staff will be located by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25351/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health if staff hired as part of a dedicated Covid-19 testing workforce that come from other parts of the health service will be replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25352/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated percentage of the population which lives within one hour of a Covid-19 swab test centre; the estimated percentage which will have access to the service within one hour of their home as envisaged under the Plan for Living with Covid-19; the time frame for the service to materialise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25353/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health the targets, and associated timelines for Covid-19 swabbing, testing, and contact tracing; if there is an ambition to test more than 100,000 a week; if so, the number and timeline for reaching same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25354/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the refurbishment of the accident and emergency department of Tullamore Regional Hospital. — Brian Stanley. [25364/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed and a service provided for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25365/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health if the practice of redeploying speech and language therapists and other allied health professionals to Covid-19 testing will be ceased; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the practice will have implications for students studying to be speech and language therapists and their requirement for student placement in view of the fact that there could be a lack of available speech and language therapists to act as practice educators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25369/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health if he will alter the Covid-19 tracking app to allow users to clearly see the number of close contacts that their app records on a daily basis in order to encourage users to reduce their number of close contacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25377/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to calls by persons living with amyloidosis to take actions (details supplied) with reference to the HSE amyloidosis working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [25384/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health if the new Living with Covid-19 guidelines for weddings indicate 50 persons including the necessary reception and hotel staff or 50 guests of the wedding couple (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25389/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to see a consultant cardiologist at St. James's Hospital; and the average waiting to see the consultant. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25402/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a matter (details supplied); the days the service is operating and the location; if the matter will be clarified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25409/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health the number of calls made for an ambulance in the area covered by the Thurles ambulance depot between 8 am and 8 pm on 5 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25422/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol in place between both jurisdictions on the island of Ireland for contact tracing as it relates to cross-Border workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25426/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for communication between the HSE and HSC to ensure that cross-Border workers are included in contact tracing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25427/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures in place in circumstances in which a person works here but lives in Northern Ireland and is a close contact of a confirmed Covid-19 case at the workplace here; the jurisdiction responsible for contact tracing in this event; if residents of one jurisdiction are included in contact tracing conducted by the other jurisdiction; the situation in the inverse scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25428/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health if work colleagues in Northern Ireland of a person that lives here but works in Northern Ireland are included in contact tracing and considered close contacts and vice versa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25429/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health the charge per night for a private patient that occupied a trolley on a corridor at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25430/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1150 of 30 July 2020, the status of the compensation scheme for the families of the frontline healthcare workers that died as a result of contracting Covid-19 in the workplace; when he expects to bring it to Cabinet; when he expects to formally announce the scheme; and when he expects the scheme to commence delivery. — Seán Crowe. [25431/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health if psychological supports are available or will be made available for frontline staff that worked throughout the pandemic to cope with the effects it may have on their mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25435/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been made towards providing tailored mental health supports for those that had serious cases of Covid-19 in view of the fact that one third of patients treated for SARS and MERS exhibited symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder within a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25436/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review current restrictions which only allow for five children to receive dance lessons in large scale auditoriums, halls (details supplied); if the restriction will be amended if a county reverts to Stage 1 of the new Covid-19 Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25439/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health when maternity restrictions preventing the presence of partners at births will be lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25443/20]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health when the planned reduction of the drugs payment scheme threshold will take place; the reason he has claimed that the achievement of this measure predicated on the achievement of corresponding savings in health in view of the fact it was announced in Budget 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25460/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health if there are specific Covid-19 testing protocols for babies and toddlers; if so, the protocols; and if not, the reason therefor; and if protocols will be drawn up. — Louise O'Reilly. [25467/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an OCG review of a capital approval for a new cath lab in UHW given in September 2018 should now be required (details supplied); the reason it should take four months to review such a proposal; the reason the project could not be fast tracked considering the capital expenditure has been ringfenced for over 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [25472/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to see a consultant cardiologist at St. James's Hospital; and the average waiting to see a consultant. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25477/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health if a review of medical card eligibility has been launched; if so, the number of medical cards under review; the number of cards that have been extended following the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [25500/20]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health if nursing homes with high levels of vacant beds will be considered for use to alleviate pressure on the hospital system as stepdown facilities in view of the level of overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick this week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25503/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it will cost to maintain the current pre-Covid-19 levels of service provision across the health service in 2021 in view of demographic changes and inflation and Covid-19. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25505/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost to reduce prescription charges by €0.50. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25506/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of reducing the DPS threshold to €50 and €100, respectively. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25507/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of abolishing accident and emergency charges. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25510/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to reinstate the 2008 dental treatment services scheme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25511/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take in order to better facilitate education within the community around Covid-19 to see that the rationale behind guidelines issued to the public are communicated and made available on Government websites, including the evidence used to support decisions around Covid-19 guidelines and requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25512/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health when the 60-bed modular unit will be completed at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25515/20]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health if alternative accommodation has been secured for a service (details supplied) in view of the fact the long-term leases for the properties have expired. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25559/20]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health if a deal has been done between an organisation (details supplied) and general practitioners regarding charges for letters to be written. — Brian Stanley. [25561/20]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health when essential services such as early intervention assessment and speech and language therapy will recommence; his views on whether Covid-19 restrictions are resulting in the suspension of services and is having a detrimental effect on children awaiting services; the steps being taken to recommence services and to erase the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25568/20]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [25589/20]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of Covid-19 cases nationally including the sectors and industries that the persons work in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25593/20]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 testing centre in Longford opened; the number of tests that were carried out when it closed; and if there are plans to reopen the centre. — Sorca Clarke. [25625/20]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff from essential frontline services (details supplied) in counties Longford and Westmeath that were redeployed to Covid-19; the number that have been deployed back to their posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [25626/20]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons working in the addiction services that have requested naloxone training; and the number working in the addiction services that have received naloxone training. — Sorca Clarke. [25627/20]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons working in the emergency services that have requested naloxone training; and the number working in the emergency services that have received naloxone training. — Sorca Clarke. [25628/20]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons of Community First Responders that have requested naloxone training; and the number of Community First Responders that have received naloxone training. — Sorca Clarke. [25629/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons working in homeless services that have requested naloxone training; and the number of working in homeless services that have received naloxone training. — Sorca Clarke. [25630/20]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners that have requested naloxone training; and the number of general practitioners that have received naloxone training. — Sorca Clarke. [25631/20]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons living with a person in addiction that have requested naloxone training; and the number of persons living with a person in addiction that have received naloxone training. — Sorca Clarke. [25632/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant radiologists working in Mullingar Regional Hospital. — Sorca Clarke. [25633/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the average response time for an ambulance from when a call is placed to emergency services to when an ambulance arrives at the scene; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25651/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the purpose of the review of a centre (details supplied); the date by which the review is due to be complete; and the date on which the centre is due to reopen following completion of the review. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25653/20]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction treatment and detoxification beds in the CHO north city and county area in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, inclusive. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25654/20]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction treatment and detoxification beds provided in a centre (details supplied) prior to its closure to provide accommodation for homeless persons and vulnerable groups during the Covid-19 crisis. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25655/20]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homeless and vulnerable persons residing in a centre (details supplied) for the months of April to September 2020, inclusive. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25656/20]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for providing emergency accommodation for homeless and vulnerable persons in a centre (details supplied); and if consideration was given to an alternative location or site to meet the emergency accommodation need. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25657/20]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health when public service staff contracted to a centre (details supplied) will return to their place of work in the Phoenix Park; and if staff have been provided with a return date. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25658/20]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health the addiction treatment and detoxification beds participants that successfully detox during treatment at Cuan Dara, Cherry Orchard Hospital to detox have been referred to throughout the ongoing closure of a centre (details supplied). — Mary Lou McDonald. [25659/20]

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

*863. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to address the low price of wool; if the use of wool as an insulation will be incentivised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [25582/20]

*864. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made in recent months to resolve the delays in issuing felling licences; the extra resources and investment put in place to deliver the necessary changes; the reason for the delay in getting felling licences; the objectives in terms of processing times in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24721/20]

*865. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with farmers to develop an agreed programme that achieves eradication of tuberculosis and reduce the burden of controls on farmers; if he will review the decisions made in the past number of weeks in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [24725/20]

*866. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the chemical pesticide glyphosate is used on lands owned and managed by Coillte; the quantity of glyphosate used on Coillte's lands in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the quantity of land in hectares on which glyphosate was used in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24737/20]

*867. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the chemical pesticide cypermethrin is used on lands owned and managed by Coillte; the quantity of cypermethrin used on Coillte's lands in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the quantity of land in hectares on which cypermethrin was used in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24738/20]

*868. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the pesticides and insecticides currently used by Coillte; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24739/20]

*869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has carried out any analysis on the potential for job losses in the forestry industry given the current crisis in the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24750/20]

*870. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has carried out an analysis on the impact of the current licensing backlog on afforestation rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24762/20]

*871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action taken and efforts being made to address the current crisis in the forestry industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24774/20]

*872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a BPS appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24781/20]

*873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be an extension of the GLAS scheme beyond 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24830/20]

*874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for TAMS grants submitted to his Department; the number paid out in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24873/20]

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*875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an area aid application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24875/20]

*876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that applied for TAMS grants; the number that received payment in County Kerry in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24876/20]

*877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a replacement or renewal of the GLAS scheme will be introduced; when progress in relation to the matter will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24885/20]

*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a replacement for GLAS will be in place by the end of 2020; if not, if the scheme will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24886/20]

*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle recommended for culling as part of the TB letters issued to farmers recently by county; the number of letters issued by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24915/20]

*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of breeding ewes and goats, respectively by county in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24916/20]

*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of lambs killed in meat plants here in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the number that were Irish lambs compared to those imported from Northern Ireland or the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24917/20]

*882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department engaged in consultation with the EU Commission regarding the recent limited EU-US trade deal which plans remove tariffs on American lobster imported to the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25067/20]

*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department engaged in consultation with the fishing industry here regarding the recent limited EU-US trade deal which plans to remove tariffs on American lobster imported to the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25068/20]

*884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding spent by Bord Bia on the promotion of Irish beef in each of the past five years; the specific funding spent on the promotion of suckler beef in each corresponding year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25111/20]

*885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if she will provide details of the correspondence between Meat Industry Ireland and his Department about clusters of Covid-19 in plants and potential closures of plants between 1 March and 16 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25197/20]

*886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a requirement to have a deep clean carried out in a meat processing facility in which staff members have had a positive Covid-19 test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25223/20]

*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the spread of ash dieback disease here; the measures being taken to combat the disease; his plans for awareness campaigns in relation to the disease; the funding that has been provided for third-level institutions or researchers in relation to the disease; and the assessments that have been done in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25232/20]

*888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the introduction of a new early retirement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25237/20]

*889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the CAP pillar 1 payments to each farmer by county and category (details supplied) in tabular form. — Mattie McGrath. [25307/20]

*890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of the lobster industry here in terms of landings by weight and value to ports and lobster export value in view of the recent announcement on the removal of tariffs on lobster imported from the United States of America; the number of vessels engaged in the fishery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [25332/20]

*891. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to harmonise brown crab export health certificate requirements across Europe for the export of crab to China to ensure a level playing field for fishers here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [25333/20]

*892. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Teagasc has carried out research and evaluations on the advantages and disadvantages on the use of anaerobic and biogas systems to Ireland for the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; if so, if he will provide the research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25411/20]

*893. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is actively considering anaerobic and biogas systems as a means by which Ireland can meet its EU Nitrates Directive and EU Water Framework Directive obligations in view of the impact they have in addressing both nitrate emissions and environmental impact on watercourses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25412/20]

*894. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of anaerobic and biogas systems are currently in operation by sector, that is, pork, dairy, poultry, organic and others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25413/20]

*895. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if projections have been made on the number of anaerobic and biogas systems that will be developed over the next five to ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25414/20]

*896. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a veterinarian will be present on all live export consignments to third countries in accordance with commitments made in the

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Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [25509/20]

*897. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the views of a number of animal welfare groups on the shipment and quarantining of live animals from here to Libya could contravene EU rules on protecting transported live animals to third countries; his views on such concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25513/20]

*898. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of planting 125,000 hectares of foresting with a mixture of broad leaf and native species. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25516/20]

*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that livestock vessels (details supplied) which were awarded certificates of approvals in Ireland in early 2020 were already under approval in Romania and that this is a potential breach of Article 19 of EU Regulation 1/2005 which may invalidate the certificates of approval in Ireland; if and when this was rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [25648/20]

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

*900. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to reintroduce the CLÁR group water top up that was part of the CLÁR programme until 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25101/20]

*901. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans to reintroduce measure 1V of the CLÁR scheme in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25102/20]

*902. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the roll-out of broadband connection points in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25206/20]

*903. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if she has read in full the report of the Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25300/20]

*904. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the implementation measures taken to date in respect of the 34 recommendations contained in the CEDRA report by specific expenditure or action detail in tabular form. — Mattie McGrath. [25301/20]

*905. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the overall or full costs associated with undertaking and publishing the CEDRA report. — Mattie McGrath. [25302/20]

*906. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her views on whether the overarching control and decision-making measures pertaining to rural towns falls between Departments and agencies with a lack of a joined up approach including no central body

taking charge of policy, strategy, funding and research of towns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25303/20]

*907. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the attempts made to develop a place-based approach to rural policies which would emphasise bottom up policies supported by top-down supports; and her plans to decentralise central services to a point of contact closer to the citizen. — Mattie McGrath. [25304/20]

*908. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if successful applicants to the 2019 town and village renewal scheme can have their match funding requirement of 20% reduced to 10% in line with the 2020 scheme due to the difficulty that community groups are facing in fundraising during the Covid-19 pandemic and risk the entire project collapsing as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [25317/20]

*909. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when her Department will take action to remedy the infrastructural deficiencies on Inis Bigil; if her Department has received correspondence (details supplied); her plans to visit the island; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [25380/20]

*910. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands her plans for the Leader programme for 2021 and beyond; if she will implement findings for a transition programme; when she will notify Leader companies of her plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25441/20]

*911. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the amount each local authority has billed either her Department or a local Leader company for staff members, administration, LAG overhead or other cost in each year since 2014; and the amount paid out by her Department, each LAG or Leader delivery sub-group in audit fees since 2014, in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [25442/20]

*912. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the status of the roll-out of broadband connection points. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [25127/20]

*913. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the way in which the Civil Defence made a successful application under dormant accounts for €1 million for vehicles in 2019. — Sorca Clarke. [25635/20]

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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 is in a position to finalise the membership of the Media Commission. — Richard Bruton. [16500/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a high level review of the economy to be led by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25392/20]

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3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Coordination Committee last met. — Alan Kelly. [25396/20]

4. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet committee which deals with matters related to the Defence Forces and security. — Alan Kelly. [25397/20]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [25398/20]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will create a new Ireland forum to bring together civil and political society to start to work towards further all-Ireland integration and unity. — Peadar Tóibín. [25415/20]

7. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent by his Department on advertising online, broadcast and print advertising in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [25601/20]

8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee which addresses the Economy will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [25608/20]

9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Arts and Culture will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25611/20]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if the Citizens' Assembly will examine the practicalities of what a united Ireland would entail. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25613/20]