



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for a new Citizens' Assembly in 2021. — Alan Kelly. [25030/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to establish a citizens' assembly in 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26525/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach the financial and staff resources that will be made available to the shared island unit. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25179/20]
4. 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]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if the Citizens' Assembly will examine the practicalities of what a united Ireland would entail. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25613/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if the Citizens' Assembly could examine the practicalities of a united Ireland. — Niamh Smyth. [26630/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach the specific role of the shared island unit. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26807/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will create a new all-Ireland forum to bring together civil and political society to start to work towards further all-Ireland integration and unity. — Peadar Tóibín. [27114/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he is in a position to finalise the membership of the Media Commission. — Richard Bruton. [16500/20]
10. 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]
11. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for a high-level review of the economy to be led by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27111/20]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has convened the well-being expert group. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27069/20]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Coordination Committee last met. — Alan Kelly. [25396/20]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Coordination Committee last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27112/20]

15. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee which deals with matters related to the Defence Forces and security. — Alan Kelly. [25397/20]

16. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with matters relating to the Defence Forces. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27068/20]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [25398/20]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the National Risk Assessment for 2020. — Alan Kelly. [27098/20]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27113/20]

20. 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]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee which addresses the Economy will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [25608/20]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee which addresses the economy will next meet.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26731/20]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Arts and Culture will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25611/20]

24. To ask the Taoiseach the number of special advisers allocated to him; and the cost of each adviser in terms of salary, expenses and so on. — Peadar Tóibín. [26651/20]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he is in a position to finalise the membership of the Media Commission. — Alan Kelly. [26658/20]

26. To ask the Taoiseach the amount his Department has spent on advertising for online, print and broadcasting to date in 2020; and the expenditure plans for the rest of 2020. — Alan Kelly. [26659/20]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department or agencies working on its behalf monitor and report on social media content relevant to Government policy. — Alan Kelly. [26660/20]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with issues relevant to the arts and culture will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [26661/20]

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

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

29. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he has taken to address the prospect of mortgage distress for Covid-19 impacted borrowers as a shareholder in banks (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27127/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the primary medical certificates; his plans to expand the criteria for eligibility for persons to receive this assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27129/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on phase 1 of the Central Bank's review of differential pricing in the insurance market; his views on legislation to prohibit its operation in the insurance market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27128/20]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

32. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has assessed the advice of the Fiscal Advisory Council on the shape of the future Budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [26405/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will use Budget 2021 to extend eligibility for the home carer tax credit to include single working carers and allow carers to claim tax relief on the cost of employing a care worker, while also claiming the dependent relative incapacitated child tax credit; and if he will increase the dependent relative tax credit in line with the incapacitated child tax credit. — Marian Harkin. [26674/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had discussions with a company (details supplied) in relation to the need to retain a bank and its network of branches here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26774/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has assessed the advice of the Fiscal Advisory Council on the shape of the future Budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [26522/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the pre-Budget statement from an organisation (details supplied); his views on the need for a multi-year stimulus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26797/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Finance the effect the reclassification of future Covid-19-related payment breaks as non-performing loans would have on the capitalisation requirements of the banks and subsequently on their ability to lend money at competitive rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26625/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Finance the strategy for the financial services sector here. — Eoghan Murphy. [26676/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a report on European Union digital taxation plans. — James Lawless. [26733/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Finance the net contribution Ireland is expected to make as part of the European recovery fund; his views on the affordability of the contribution; and if Ireland will be expected to contribute the second highest percentage of its national GDP to the EU. — Mattie McGrath. [18478/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Finance the contacts he has had with the management of a bank (details supplied); the steps he will take to protect jobs, services and the rights of mortgage customers in the event of the bank being sold by its parent company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26683/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to the tax reliefs presently available for those working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26654/20]

43. 51 To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a recent Central Bank report on household wealth; his views on the growth in the net wealth of the top 20% of households from €560,000 to €853,000; and if he will consider adjusting taxation measures to increase revenue from the top 10% quintile of households to help fund the Covid-19 recovery. — Ged Nash. [26798/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of progress towards a capital markets union. — Eoghan Murphy. [26677/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons that received the temporary wage subsidy scheme will be liable for a lump sum of tax at the end of the year despite only receiving the maximum of their net pay through the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25022/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Finance if cuts made to the employment wage subsidy scheme, in comparison to the temporary wage subsidy scheme in September 2020, will be reversed in view of the increased restrictions that have been introduced in sectors of the economy and are likely to be introduced in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26794/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is appropriate that those businesses in high profitability sectors should be eligible for the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he is taking measures to ensure businesses that do not need the scheme are not availing of it. — Mairéad Farrell. [16653/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the Investment Limited Partnerships (Amendment) Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25965/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Finance the meetings he has had with the main banking and lending institutions in relation to the Covid-19 mortgage moratorium; the measures he will take to extend the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26696/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered engaging the banks and requesting them to extend loan repayment moratoriums beyond the 30 September 2020 deadline in view of the six-month Covid-19 roadmap. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [26592/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Finance her plans to address the rising costs and limited access to public liability insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24340/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Finance the contingency planning that has taken place within his Department about an indefinite period of restrictions on VAT generating sectors of the economy such as hospitality. — Pa Daly. [26344/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reform inheritance tax rules for agriculture by which the relief can be extended to favourite successor relief to reflect the changing demographics and family structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26862/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of extending the mortgage repayment break for those on the pandemic unemployment payment. — Brian Stanley. [26628/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of employers and employees availing of the employment wage subsidy scheme; if he will increase the level of subsidy under the scheme in view of greater restrictions on work and business in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26792/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the mortgage moratorium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26714/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he expects the economy to remain competitive in the short to medium-term notwithstanding the impact of Brexit and the Covid-19 virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26671/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Finance if all persons that received the pandemic unemployment payment on their return to work remain on a week one basis emergency tax for the remainder of 2020 which leaves them with a much reduced wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19000/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will seek to introduce significant reductions in vehicle registration tax in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26524/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of funds expected to be drawn down by Ireland in 2021 from the Brexit adjustment reserve announced as part of the EU multi-annual financial framework; the way in which it will be allocated across sectors and measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26795/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to the tax reliefs presently available for remote working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26655/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which he plans to avail of the favourable debt dynamics as cited in the recent Central Bank Governor’s pre-Budget letter; his views on the need

to retain a long-term perspective regarding the social return from high-quality public investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26799/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Finance the sectoral breakdown of the €1.7 billion increase in corporation tax receipts for the first half of the year as shown in the June fiscal monitor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16652/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance if taxi drivers will be transferred to the employment wage subsidy scheme in view of the fact that the income from their business has been greatly reduced and once they return to work they are no longer eligible for the pandemic unemployment payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25970/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons in County Louth aged between 18 to 21, 22 to 25, 25 to 30, 30 to 35 and 35 to 40 years of age respectively, in receipt of the employment wage subsidy scheme in tabular form. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26519/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a wealth tax in Budget 2021. — Paul Murphy. [26790/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax liability on the pandemic unemployment payment and the planned means of recovering tax owed by claimants in view of the fact the payment is not taxed at source. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [19027/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will abolish the local property tax and replace it with an enhanced local government fund from central funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26720/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact Covid-19 has had on the fiscal position of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [26343/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance the effect the recent European Banking Authority advice in relation to Covid-19-related payments breaks is likely to have on those whose businesses or personal incomes continue to be affected by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; if he has had discussions with the banks operating here in relation to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26624/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department's current projection of the extent to which the economy will contract in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26712/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing an emergency corporation tax levy in Budget 2021 on profitable corporations in areas unaffected or boosted by the pandemic such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals and information technology. — Paul Murphy. [26789/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to ensure banks and financial institutions are providing flexible facilities to persons that continue to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [26813/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the review of the policy framework within which credit unions operate. — John Lahart. [26718/20]



75. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with banks on their mortgage interest rates being amongst the highest in the Eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26812/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps his Department has taken to investigate whether interest rates can be suspended on mortgages for those on the pandemic unemployment payment. — Brian Stanley. [26629/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered a restoration of the fuel rebate scheme to cover excise duty and carbon taxes for the coach operators whose services have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [25662/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will remove agriculture from the commercial definition rate of 7.5% in relation to stamp duty and revise in line with the residential stamp duty charge of 1% up to €1 million and 2% thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26861/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to have discussions with a company (details supplied) in relation to retain a bank and its network of branches here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26775/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will meet with the four taxi representative groups (details supplied) to discuss a wage subsidy scheme for their industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26719/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the Revenue Commissioners compliance programme into the TWSS and EWSS; when he plans to publish the details of recipient firms online as stated in the legislation; if the details of all employees that have availed of either the TWSS and or EWSS will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26800/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the primary medical certificates; his plans to expand the criteria for eligibility for persons to receive this assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26860/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will be liaising with banks that have withdrawn mortgages for couples due to the fact one of them has been put on the temporary wage subsidy scheme by their employer even though the person on the scheme will be reinstated to 100% of their wages once the scheme is completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [17496/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he expects to be in a position to support ongoing and normal economic activity in the context of the forthcoming Budget notwithstanding the effect of Brexit and the Covid-19 virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26670/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Consumer Insurance Contracts Act 2019 has not yet been fully implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26805/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the concerns in rural Ireland of the emergence of a cashless society; the accessibility issues that would give rise for some persons; his views on the way in which those that have traditionally only dealt in cash can be facilitated; his plans to address the concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [24433/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the temporary help-to-buy scheme; his further plans to expand the scheme to include second-hand properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26863/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention was drawn prior to the announcement of the introduction of maintenance and transactions fees for customers by a bank (details supplied) with quarterly balances of €2,500 or less, which were previously exempt from charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26523/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to the request by performers and crew in the live entertainment industry to retain the temporary wage subsidy scheme; if other supports and grants will be provided for those in the sector that due to social distancing requirements are uncertain as to when they will return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [17247/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to assist homebuyers that are being refused drawdown of approved loans to one or both borrowers due to being on the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26811/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of new customs officials that will be placed in Rosslare Europort and Dublin Port post-Brexit. — Verona Murphy. [26653/20]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the need for involvement of social partners to ensure the effective oversight and implementation of taxpayer funded support to businesses via the employment wage subsidy scheme; if he has examined the operation of such schemes in Germany and other EU countries; if not, if a commitment will be given to doing so in the context of the promise of a German kurzarbeit scheme as part of the July stimulus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26738/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is appropriate that firms applying for section 110 status notify the Revenue Commissioners rather than making a direct application to the Central Bank which is the financial regulator, in view of recent scandals outlined in the FinCEN files (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [26638/20]

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

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

94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the emergency measures in Budget 2021 will increase capital expenditure in 2021 to €9.1 billion as per the July stimulus; and the way in which this differs from when the Revised Estimates for Public Services published in December 2019 pre-the Covid-19 pandemic which had already laid out capital funding of €9.1 billion in 2021. — Mairéad Farrell. [26634/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the appointment of ten special advisers for Ministers of State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26735/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a commitment will be given to remove FEMPI legislation. — Mairéad Farrell. [26636/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the foregoing of the pay rise for all public representatives as part of a Covid-19 solidarity measure will be agreed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26939/20]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the foregoing of the pay rise for all public representatives will be agreed to as part of a Covid-19 solidarity measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26722/20]

99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects to be in a position to continue with outstanding issues related to FEMPI in the course of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26668/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent of his engagement over the past year with other State agencies regarding the new Garda station for Macroom, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26376/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consider the call from trade unions and civil society for a four-day week across the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26724/20]

102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of funding for Kilboggett Park, Cabinteely, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [26411/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date in carrying out refurbishment works at the Garda station in Bawnboy, County Cavan to enable it to reopen as announced by the Department of Justice some time ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26729/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for a new drive for public services reform as mentioned in the Programme for Government; if this will not include a slow-down in recruitment or an undermining of staffing levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26723/20]

105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the implementation of necessary flood prevention works in Kenmare and Sneem, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26340/20]

106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the additional budgetary amounts have been assigned to facilitate working from home or flexible working hours across the civil service. — Pa Daly. [26341/20]

107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of additional expenditure in 2021 in comparison to 2020, disaggregated by precommitted expenditure demographics, PSSA and so on, Covid-19 related expenditure and Brexit related expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26741/20]

108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood relief schemes in Limerick city and environs, including Coonagh, King's Island and Castleconnell; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [26359/20]

109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the eGovernment strategy. — Eoghan Murphy. [26680/20]

110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the decision to open heritage sites during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26268/20]

111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the outcome of his recent visit to County Louth to progress CFRAM works for the area; his further views on the status of CFRAM schemes relating to other areas in the county (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26271/20]

112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress that has been made on public sector pay deal negotiations; and if there is a planned increase in public sector pay. — Paul Murphy. [26728/20]

113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the value of funding spent on procurement across all Departments in 2018 and 2019 that was non-compliant with EU directives on public procurement and with Circular 10/14: Initiatives to assist SMEs in Public Procurement broken down by each Department. — Brian Stanley. [26666/20]

114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures his Department and bodies under his aegis are taking to address flooding along the River Shannon specifically in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [25253/20]

115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a commitment will be given to not renew FEMPI when it comes before Dáil Éireann in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26725/20]

116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of special advisers across each Department; the salaries of each; if the information will be compared with the Government of 2011, 2016 and 2016 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26721/20]

117. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the transposition into Irish legislation of the EU whistleblowing directive; when the findings of the consultation process which concluded in July 2020 will be published; when the directive will be fully transposed here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26682/20]

118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on working time agreements across the civil service. — Pa Daly. [26342/20]

119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the scope for accelerating the delivery of important public investment priorities at a time when private investment is likely to fall sharply and a demand stimulus will be needed has been examined. — Richard Bruton. [26413/20]

120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his longer-term vision and strategy for the civil service; his views on the provision of regional locations for support offices and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26657/20]

121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the OPW heritage sites at Rockfleet Castle, Newport and Clare Island Castle in County Mayo; if funding will be ring-fenced to enhance the visitor experiences at each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26374/20]

122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his projections for public spending in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [26685/20]

123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures taken by his Department to prepare for Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26726/20]

124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the Central Bank Governor’s pre-budget letter; his views on whether the need for prudent use of public funds must be ensured to the largest extent possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26739/20]

125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the OPW plans to develop its policy on flood relief and flood mitigation in view of the significant climate change challenges that Ireland faces over the coming years. — Ciarán Cannon. [26269/20]

126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants recruited with a competence to do their business both through Irish and English in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26475/20]

127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants that are paid less than the living wage of €12.30 per hour; the number paid the minimum wage of €10.10 per hour; the percentage of public sector workers on less than the living wage of €12.30 per hour by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26808/20]

128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of Covid-19 related expenditure in 2021, disaggregated by Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26742/20]

129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there has been an increase in visitor numbers at OPW heritage sites in view of the recent waiving of admission charges at certain sites; and if he envisages the development of these sites as significant drivers of tourism in rural towns and villages. — Ciarán Cannon. [26270/20]

130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to bring the landmark site, St. Laurence's Gate, Drogheda town centre back into use and open to the public to draw much needed tourism to the town; if a financial assessment has been undertaken to ascertain the overall cost to bring the landmark back into use; if so, the cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26272/20]

131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a feasibility study will be carried out on the future need for a tidal barrier in County Cork in view of the rising sea levels. — Thomas Gould. [25021/20]

132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if additional funding will be provided in 2021 for flood mitigation works that are undertaken by local authorities with particular reference to the need to approve projects in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26730/20]

134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the actions he is taking to examine and address likely increased rates of flooding as a result of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [25133/20]

135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status and timeline for commencement and completion of works for the new Garda station for Macroom, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25969/20]

136. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he expects the Exchequer to benefit from public expenditure and reform strategies in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26669/20]

137. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the percentage of funding spent on procurement across all Departments in 2018 and 2019 that was non-compliant with EU directives on public procurement and with circular 10/14: Initiatives to assist SMEs in Public Procurement by each Department. — Brian Stanley. [26665/20]

138. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to plans being considered by his Department to centralise funding under the European Regional Development Fund, taking it away from being managed by the regions and the impact that such plans would have in view of the need for such funding in rural areas across the northern and western region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24459/20]

139. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of a scheme to promote school visits to OPW sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26358/20]

140. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to move Government services online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26656/20]

141. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of his discussion with Ministers in advance of Budget 2021 and the National Economic Plan; his views on whether Departments should seek to ensure public expenditure induces progressive structural changes that achieve long-term savings for the Exchequer such as the diagnostic hubs and community clinical hubs proposed in the HSE winter plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26737/20]

142. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his officials will undertake to establish the level of openness or otherwise from landowners in relation to the possible use of OPW flood embankments as walking routes or potential cycling routes such as the River Maine banks from Farranfore to Keel and Callinafercy and other similar schemes nationwide; if the potentially huge benefits for landowners and communities from fully utilising such assets through a consultative and cooperative approach has been recognised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26339/20]

143. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Ennis south flood relief project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26267/20]

144. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the specific oversight measures and metrics he is considering to ensure an economic, social and environmental return from pandemic related stimulus spending; if he has held discussion with Ministers regarding the importance of ensuring that spending generates a high social return for the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26736/20]

145. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress for the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; his plans to review and expedite the timeline in view of the ongoing flood threat in winter 2020 to the residents of the town; the proposed timeline for completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26373/20]

146. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the engagement he has had with the Minister for Social Protection and other stakeholders with regard to resolving the issue of the community employment scheme occupational pension; when the 2008 Labour Court recommendation will be implemented for a pension scheme to be put in place for community employment supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26681/20]

147. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the preparations being made for Christmas events scheduled to take place on OPW sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26357/20]

148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be made available for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26409/20]

149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated amount the additional special advisers hired by the Government and pay rises afforded to TDs will cost the taxpayer in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26810/20]

150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he is planning increased supports for sectors that have been especially badly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26713/20]

151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be allocated to the relevant Departments as part of Budget 2021 to support those working from home due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [26403/20]

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**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*152. To ask the Taoiseach if he will consider amending the regulations for the collation of data for the live register in order to include persons with disabilities and those in receipt of a disability allowance in the live register since not to include them in the live register is to render them economically invisible and is discriminatory. — Paul Murphy. [27229/20]

\*153. To ask the Taoiseach if a schedule will be provided of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27061/20]

\*154. To ask the Taoiseach if the geographic area, population, female population, age profile, employment rates and map, in respect of Rowlagh and Ronanstown, Clondalkin Dublin 22 will be provided. — Mark Ward. [27110/20]

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

\*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that have been taken to ensure SMEs are prepared for Brexit no matter the form it may take at the end of the transition period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26406/20]

\*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he remains satisfied that Ireland remains an attractive investment location for foreign direct investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27249/20]

\*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for further measures to assist the business sector negatively impacted by Covid-19 with particular reference to the likelihood that the virus will remain a threat for some time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27251/20]

\*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the policy responses and targeted supports for digital transformation that will salvage businesses and jobs in the events sector in recognition that this industry generates €3.5 billion for the economy annually, €850 million from the export market and supports 35,000 full-time equivalent employees and noting the collapse of in-person business events and a shift to virtual platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26276/20]

\*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there will be a policy response that will allow the events sector to scale up using State agency supports that manufacturers, processors and online businesses currently avail of in view of the substantial contribution of the business events sector to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26277/20]



\*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to provide financial support to assist the business events industry in its recovery in view of the devastating impact Covid-19 and subsequent lockdowns and restrictions has had on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26278/20]

\*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if an assessment will be made of the potential long-term economic effect of the Covid-19 outbreak on business events industry; and the steps taken to date to assist the recovery of the sector. — Noel Grealish. [26279/20]

\*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the policy responses and targeted supports for the retail sector in order that consumer spending can return to pre-Covid-19 levels in view of the 292,000 jobs dependent on retail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26282/20]

\*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a further stimulus plans will be introduced targeting the retail and hospitality sector in view of the significant reduction in turnover and the closure of many; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26283/20]

\*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take in Budget 2021 to support the small and medium enterprise sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26284/20]

\*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the sector specific supports in place and or he plans to introduce for the support services to the wet pub sector. — Catherine Murphy. [26312/20]

\*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which he plans to retain as many of the jobs as possible over the course of the next 3, 6, 9 and 12 months; the level of engagement he is having with the Minister for Social Protection in this regard; if he has established a committee with his Department, the Department of Social Protection and stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [26313/20]

\*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the timetable for paying out the business restart plus grant in view of the fact that there is confusion among businesses regarding when successful grant applications will be announced. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [26586/20]

\*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the actions of an employer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26695/20]

\*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to help a sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26699/20]

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will bring forward the employment permits (consolidation and amendment) Bill. — Catherine Murphy. [26831/20]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the 40% restart grant plus top-up will be extended to pubs nationally that have to remain closed due to public health restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26979/20]

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available to the chauffeur sector in view of the extreme hardship experienced by the sector due to the Covid-19 emergency; the grant aid available to chauffeur services; if a long-term debt relief plan has been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [27024/20]

\*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will respond to a person (details supplied) in relation to the deadline for filing a company annual return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27031/20]

\*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27051/20]

\*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 22 September 2020, the information being sought in the case from the employer; if it is accepted that there is no change of employer in this instance; if the employer requires the two employees in question to move to another site as per prior agreement with his Department at the time of application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27156/20]

\*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employees in IDA supported businesses by county in tabular form in each of the years 2016 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27224/20]

\*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the need for targeting of public expenditure supports to recipient firms and or elements of equity in the form of upside or clawback for the State built into the grant support as cited in the Central Bank Governor's pre-budget letter; if he plans to discuss such proposals with the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26740/20]

\*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

*Chun an Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide: To the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications.*

\*179. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the legal status of bridges erected by Inland Fisheries Ireland on private land (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [27208/20]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to use wave technology to generate electricity off the coast and in Shannon estuary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26289/20]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for the future of horticulture peat extraction in view of the differences in extraction for this purpose as opposed to extraction for energy and the importance of this product to the mushroom industry here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26470/20]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will request from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, the number of anaerobic digestion systems currently operational by county that received a grant under the support scheme for renewable heat; the number of energy units produced per county from this source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26472/20]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the guidelines which led to a cessation of works relating to the warmth and wellbeing scheme carried out by the SEAI in homes will be clarified; his views on whether the completion of works that have commenced and are now stalled is a priority in view of the approach of winter; if new guidance will be issued that will allow works to recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [26491/20]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the sectors to be included in the eel fisheries compensation scheme; and if the scheme will include provisions for businesses producing artisan food such as eel smokehouses. — Robert Troy. [26494/20]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if recent surveys have been carried out into the current eel population; and if he will consider the relicensing of eel fishing if there is evidence of a substantial population increase. — Robert Troy. [26495/20]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to accelerate the roll out of high speed broadband in rural Ireland in order to elevate the digital divide between urban areas and rural towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26532/20]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which he plans to address the broadband challenges facing higher education students when accessing online material as part of their new course curriculum comprising in some case 50% remote learning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26533/20]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a statement by a union (details supplied) that transactions in post offices are estimated to be down by 25% which heightens serious viability challenges facing the network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26556/20]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 497 of 3 October 2017, the status of the 15 outstanding recommendations of the review of the Environmental Protection Agency 2011; if he will provide an implementation report in respect of the action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26574/20]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the criteria and process for authorising individual charter boats to fish for blue fin tuna in Irish fishing waters under the Control of Sea Angling methods for certain species of fish Bye-law No. 981 of 2020.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26894/20]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the definition of the type of gear or equipment identified as being capable of use for trolling surface fishing lines for any species of fish in the opinion of Inland Fisheries Ireland under the Control of Sea Angling methods for certain species of fish Bye-law No. 981 of 2020.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26896/20]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to open the tuna chart program to vessels and fishers currently not authorised under the program; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26897/20]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if extra resources will be put in place to clear the backlog of 18 to 24 months of the warmer home scheme (details supplied). — Christopher O’Sullivan. [26937/20]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to provide grants or financial assistance to persons erecting windfarms with a view to generating energy for the national grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26968/20]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a new general obligation on every organ of the State will be implemented to perform functions compatible with the objective of the UNFCCC and the aims of the Paris Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26975/20]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans in view of the Supreme Court decision to quash the Climate Mitigation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26976/20]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the provision of fibre broadband under the National Broadband Plan to Glasthule village in County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [26998/20]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the provision of fibre broadband under the National Broadband Plan to Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [26999/20]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration has been given to supports for post offices nationwide whose transactions are down in some cases by 25%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [27018/20]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27066/20]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of new public EV charging points for which funding was requested; the number approved; the number of upgraded public EV charging points for which funding was requested; the number approved in the past year by each local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [27076/20]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to restore the grant available to persons to upgrade their boiler within residential homes. — Darren O'Rourke. [27138/20]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he has spoken formally to the CEO of ESB Networks in the past two months; and if so, the issues discussed. — Darren O'Rourke. [27139/20]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when a bin waiver scheme for persons with additional medical needs will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [27332/20]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the sector specific supports in place and or the plans to introduce support services for the arts sector. — Catherine Murphy. [26312/20]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid by motorists to date at the toll bridges between junction five and six and between junctions nine and ten on the M3. — Peadar Tóibín. [27087/20]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport when the M3 motorway tolls will cease to remain in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27088/20]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the profit the State has made from the toll bridges between junction five and six and between junctions nine and ten on the M3. — Peadar Tóibín. [27089/20]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of successful prosecutions there have been of drivers that have struck railway bridges and level crossings in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, by year of the incident including the offence which was prosecuted and the sentences handed down. — Patrick Costello. [27119/20]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of successful prosecutions there have been of drivers that have struck LUAS trams in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, by year of the incident including the offence which was prosecuted and the sentences that were handed down. — Patrick Costello. [27120/20]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the public transport providers in view of the fact that services will be operating on reduced capacity for the short to medium term. — Catherine Murphy. [26314/20]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has met with all public transport providers in relation to funding and service level agreements since he became Minister. — Catherine Murphy. [26315/20]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if a provision will be made for the renewal of driver licences online for persons over 70 years of age with no pre-existing medical conditions in view of the advice for them to reduce contacts. — Thomas Gould. [26327/20]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the consumer rights for persons that have booked flights to green list countries but now find out these countries are on the red list but flights are still operating; if such persons will be allowed to change the flight without being penalised with fees or else or else receive a voucher for the equivalent amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [26365/20]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the European Court of Justice ruling recently that Ireland is not fulfilling its obligations under Article 8(1) of Directive 2009/18 governing the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector; the steps that have been taken by his Department and or the Marine Casualty Investigation Board to ensure compliance with the directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26421/20]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the indicative cost to Exchequer to repurchase a shareholding in a company at percentage rates (details supplied) in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [26435/20]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing a provision to the taxi regulations which would allow taxi and SPSV owner-drivers to suspend their taxi plate for a year, due to the current collapse of the trade in view of Covid-19 restrictions, and be able to reactivate their plate after a year without extra penalties or costs over and above a nominal administration fee. — Paul Murphy. [26438/20]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that will be allocated to the R178 Carrickmacross to Shercock road for the purposes of safety improvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26471/20]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to amending the cycle to work scheme in order to remove the potential barrier to accessing the scheme that exists in which employers can choose not to participate and amend the scheme in order to facilitate an applicant to apply in circumstances in which an employer is not willing to participate. — Steven Matthews. [26499/20]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be a pause or extension to the National Transport Authority rules compelling taxi drivers to replace their cars after ten years in view of the crisis facing the sector due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26558/20]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport when approval will be given for the necessary works following the submission of a feasibility report for a footbridge over the Owenriff River, Oughterard, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26560/20]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person that holds a free travel pass cannot book an online ticket with Bus Éireann; his plans to change this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26567/20]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the counties for which passengers with a free travel card are allowed to book their seat online with Irish Rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26568/20]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason holders of a free travel card can book a seat online with Irish Rail but are unable to book a seat with Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26569/20]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions taken to implement the Aviation Recovery Task Force report; the actions from this document he plans to implement; and the time frame in which they will be implemented. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26578/20]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to progress recommendation 6 of the Aviation Recovery Task Force report in which the State should directly provide the airports with a common fixed sum per passenger which will be used by the airports with the aim of protecting the viability of the airports and protect air connectivity nationally. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26579/20]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the direct supports he plans to put in place for regional and international airports outside of Dublin; if he has considered a passenger subsidy, either indirectly by way of airport charges or directly; and the proposals that have been considered. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26580/20]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to progress recommendation 6 of the Aviation Recovery Task Force reports regarding funding for essential capital projects in line with European Commission rules on state supports to airports in such a way as to ensure airports with fewer than three million passengers are deemed eligible for capital expenditure support. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26581/20]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether it is essential for County Cork to achieve its growth targets within the Ireland 2040 document to have a viable international airport; and the way in which he plans to ensure that Cork Airport as the second largest airport can be supported, the jobs within the airport safeguarded and the viability of the airport ensured on a continuous basis. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26582/20]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he has taken regarding recommendation 3 of the Aviation Recovery Task Force report; his views on whether a comprehensive testing, tracking and tracing regime is essential to ensuring that travel risks association with international travel and aviation are minimised; the discussions he has had with the Minister for Health regarding the need to have a high enough level of testing and tracing to allow for such travel; and the outcome of such discussions. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26583/20]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of antisocial incidents on Dublin Bus by individual bus routes and by month in each of the past two years that did not result in bus curtailment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26623/20]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next national roads speed limit review will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26647/20]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the review that he is carrying out into a company (details supplied); and the time frame for the completion of this review. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26750/20]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the Department which is carrying out the review into a company (details supplied). — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26751/20]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the Aviation Taskforce recommendations; and if the recommendations will be implemented in their entirety. — Sean Sherlock. [26814/20]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being considered to ensure that regional airports such as Cork Airport will retain their capital funding programmes to ensure upkeep and maintenance for facilities such as runway improvements. — Sean Sherlock. [26815/20]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has spoken formally with the CEO of Bus Éireann since his appointment; and if so, the issues discussed. — Patrick Costello. [26846/20]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if Bus Éireann plans to extend bus services to include later departures for the Galway to Donegal route to accommodate third-level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26910/20]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for an exchange programme for holders of TM CPC UK certificates to EU Irish certificates following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26911/20]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if a full and final decision has been made in relation to exchanging international haulage certificates CPC following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26912/20]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide a stimulus package for Shannon Airport; when such support will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26954/20]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on phase 1 of the Limerick northern distributor road; his plans to advance phase 2 of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26957/20]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 15 September 2020, if the seaport figure include small harbours and ports; the measures in place at these points of entry or egress to monitor international travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26978/20]



\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 77 of 17 September 2020, if he will provide an update on the number of points the MTPL Insurance Database Project Board aim to deliver (details supplied) and timelines for implementation. — Catherine Murphy. [26988/20]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the new N22 Baile Bhu; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27036/20]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27062/20]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if the viability of the realignment of a road (details supplied) in County Kerry will be considered to create safer walking and cycling space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27071/20]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport if the provision of a safe cycling lane will be considered for a road (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27072/20]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to Fiumicino Airport, Rome which is trialling a pre-departure Covid-19 testing system for passengers; his views in relation to introducing a similar system in airports here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [27082/20]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of the introduction an hourly train between Galway and Dublin in both directions. — Darren O'Rourke. [27142/20]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding drawn down by each local authority for safe cycling signage since July 2020, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [27192/20]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the way in which the backlog in driver tests is affecting third-level students that opt to travel to college on the days they are required on campus; the number of additional staff that have been recruited to deal with the backlog; if the staff members have reduced the backlog; his plans to increase the number of additional driver testers; and his views on the need of third-level students to sit their driver tests as quickly as possible. — Martin Browne. [27240/20]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which traffic congestion points have been identified throughout north County Kildare with particular reference to Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock; the measures proposed to eliminate any such bottlenecks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27269/20]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the road passenger transport operators based in Counties Cavan, Monaghan, Westmeath, Leitrim and Longford that received payment from his Department in respect of the carriage of free travel pass holders in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and the individual routes in respect of which payment was made. — Bríd Smith. [27274/20]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Transport when driver tests will resume in Clifden, County Galway; the reason for the delay in resuming tests at the centre; the number of persons awaiting a test at the centre; the efforts being made to reduce the waiting times at the centre; the reason the RSA continues to take fees from applicants in circumstances in which tests are not available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27283/20]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to proceed with the legislation necessary for protecting communities from the ongoing anti-social use of scramblers and quad bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [27292/20]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which applicants for driver's licence renewal that are non-nationals awaiting naturalisation documents with residency permits can be facilitated in having their applications processed when their required identifying documentation and IRP is held up in the Department of Foreign Affairs due to delays caused by Covid-19 measures and in view that this can cause serious problems in travel and work through no fault of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27340/20]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*260. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason employers in a catering business must demonstrate that turnover has fallen 30% before they receive a flat-rate subsidy under the employment wage support scheme. — Carol Nolan. [26370/20]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses that have applied for EORI numbers in order to trade with the UK post-Brexit; if there has been a campaign to encourage businesses to apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26408/20]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to increase the wage subsidy scheme of €203 per week to the previous amount of €350 per week for travel agents that have been forced to survive on zero income since March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26535/20]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to deal with spiralling insurance costs which are crippling the equestrian industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26956/20]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Finance if primary medical certificate applications are still being accepted and processed; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27203/20]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the number of units built since 2013 which are not subject to property tax broken down by local authority in tabular form; and the estimated yield to the relevant local authority if the property tax was applied to post 2013 units. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [27213/20]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Finance if primary medical certificate applications are still being accepted and processed; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27329/20]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to data from the Central Bank showing total savings of €120 billion held by households; his plans to introduce stimulus measures to help release this money into local economies to help the retail and hospitality sectors which have been acutely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26280/20]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether a stimulus package targeted at the retail and hospitality sectors is required; his further views on a proposal from business representative groups to give each adult over 18 years of age a gift card of a predetermined monetary value in order to boost consumer spending to reboot the economy; his views on such a proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26281/20]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the employment wage subsidy scheme until 31 March 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [26336/20]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has finalised and submitted an application to the European Commission in order to access the SURE initiative; if it is still planned to use funds granted from the scheme solely for the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [26338/20]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to increasing the dependent relative tax credit in line with the incapacitated child tax credit in order that this tax relief can be made available to all full-time carers regardless of their relationship to the cared for person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26417/20]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to the extension of eligibility for the home carer tax credit to include single working carers that in cases work part-time while also caring for a dependent person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26418/20]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to allowing carers to claim tax relief on the cost of employing a care worker while also claiming the dependent relative or incapacitated child tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26419/20]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he and the Central Bank plan to take in relation to insurance companies which are refusing to honour policy holders with outstanding business interruption claims in view of the judgement by the UK High Court in the business interruption insurance test case by the Financial Conduct Authority on behalf of policyholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26528/20]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional revenue that would be generated if the betting duty levy increased from 2% to 2.5%. — Patrick Costello. [26854/20]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of legal fees and other associated expenditures relating to the EU General Court appeal of a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16865/20]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the projections of unemployment for the second two quarters of 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17244/20]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has requested that the wage subsidy supports be maintained as part of the July stimulus for artists, performers, crew and event organisers in the arts, culture, music, live entertainment and events sectors as a basic minimum income over and above which these workers would be allowed earn some additional income without losing the payment until a full or substantial recovery to normal or near normal levels of employment and income earning opportunity return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17393/20]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the discussions he has had with regard to maintaining wage subsidy supports for artists, performers, crew and event organisers in the arts, culture, music, live entertainment and events sectors as a basic minimum income over and above which these workers would be allowed earn some additional income without losing the payment until a full or substantial recovery to normal or near normal levels of employment and income earning opportunity return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17396/20]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has requested of the relevant Ministers that the wage subsidy supports be maintained as part of the July stimulus for artists, performers, crew and event organisers in the arts, culture music, live entertainment and events sectors as a basic minimum income over and above which these workers would be allowed earn some additional income without losing the payment until a full or substantial recovery to normal or near normal levels of employment and income earning opportunity return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17696/20]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had discussions with the banks as to the reason Ireland has amongst the highest mortgage interest rates in the eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26715/20]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Finance if a cut to capital gains tax from its current rate of 33% to 25% will be included in the forthcoming budget as promised in the Fianna Fáil pre-election manifesto; and his views on whether it is fair that those that benefited most over the last decade should now receive a large tax cut. — Mairéad Farrell. [16651/20]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to calls from the live events sector to reinstate the employment wage subsidy scheme 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 he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25023/20]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Finance the series of commitments given by his Department in 2019 to the EU Commission in relation to the request to extend the lifespan of NAMA until 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26867/20]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if a submission compiled by a group (details supplied) in respect of Budget 2021 will be given consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26879/20]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 109 of 9 September 2020, if he will provide further clarification on matters raised in follow-up correspondence (details

supplied) regarding the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26936/20]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress with regard to reforming the insurance sector; if the Cabinet sub-committee to deal with insurance reform has convened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26955/20]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had discussions with financial institutions as to the reason that Ireland has one of the highest mortgage interest rates in the Eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26991/20]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact a company (details supplied) is having difficulty accessing employment wage subsidy scheme and may have to cease trading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [26997/20]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Finance the changes he plans to introduce to the VRT system to reflect the world harmonised light vehicle test procedure requirements; the safeguards he plans to introduce regarding potential increases to the VRT rate; if the rate will increase as a result of the changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [27019/20]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce changes to the VRT to encourage the purchase of new vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [27020/20]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax incentives he plans to introduce to encourage the purchase of new cars including new electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [27021/20]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Finance the total Covid-19-related expenditure incurred by his Department to date; and if this will be counted as a pre-committed expenditure for Budget 2021. — David Cullinane. [27044/20]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Finance the total Covid-19-related expenditure over and above his Department's 2020 budget; and if this additional expenditure will be factored into the base in Budget 2021 or if it will be repeated as Covid-19 related expenditure in Budget 2021. — David Cullinane. [27045/20]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Finance if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27052/20]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2021 of purchasing two extra mobile x-ray scanner trunks for the Revenue Commissioners. — Darren O'Rourke. [27141/20]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to staycations here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27145/20]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person can avail of the bike to work scheme if they are working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27146/20]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he has had discussions in the context of the operation of the financial services here post-Brexit; if he remains satisfied that the new emerging situation will not damage the sector here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27244/20]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he sees the double threat from Covid-19 and Brexit to impact on the economy here; if he remains satisfied that provision can be made to cater for the challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27245/20]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that can be taken to bring interest rates charged to home borrowers and others here into line with the levels prevailing throughout the Eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27246/20]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he expects to be in a position to incentivise alternative to fossil fuels in the short and medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27247/20]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to discourage entrants into the banking or insurance sector here by applicants seeking market share to distort the market and subsequently exiting with no apparent penalties; the number of banking and insurance companies that have done so in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27248/20]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he has examined opportunities in the financial services sector for the financial sector here in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27250/20]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Finance if further assistance is contemplated in respect of home borrowers that find themselves in arrears with the mortgages arising initially from the economic collapse and further complicated by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27252/20]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent of the information available in respect of mortgages in arrears purchased by investment funds with particular reference to the price at which such loans or arrears were purchased by the funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27253/20]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Finance his expectations of likely funding available from carbon tax in 2020 and over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27254/20]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Finance if a list of members of a group (details supplied) in its current formation will be provided. — Mairéad Farrell. [27347/20]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Finance if a group (details supplied) has advised on Covid-19 related expenditure measures. — Mairéad Farrell. [27348/20]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which Ireland's debt as a proportion of GDP, GNP and GNI has fluctuated in the past ten years to date; if there is a need for corrective action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27349/20]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with a bank (details supplied) to clarify the security of its employees and customers in view of reported plans to reduce the banks' operations in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27354/20]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for delaying remaining sections of the Consumer Insurance Contracts Act 2019 until September 2021; if he will expedite their commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27356/20]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of employees earning less than €151.50 across the economy that do not qualify for the employment wage subsidy scheme; if he will increase the level of subsidy under the scheme in view of greater restrictions on work and business in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27357/20]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of funds expected to be drawn down by Ireland in 2021 from the Brexit adjustment reserve announced as part of the EU multi-annual financial framework; the way in which it will be allocated across sectors and measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27358/20]

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

\*316. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when contracts will be signed for construction of the new Bailieborough Garda Station, County Cavan; when the opening of the new station is expected; the reason there is a delay in appointing a contractor; if the new Garda operational model will have an effect on the progression of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [26402/20]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the North Western Regional Assembly will continue to have responsibility as the managing authority for the ERDF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26473/20]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department is undertaking a review of construction procurement policy; the review term of reference; the person or body on the review panel; when the review is due to conclude; and if he will provide an interim update on the review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26765/20]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projected level of core, Covid-19-related and Brexit-related expenditure in 2021 disaggregated by Department; the projected level of borrowing as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27355/20]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his long-term plans for Westgate House, Narrow West Street, Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26307/20]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the surveys the Office of Public Works have carried out on Carndonagh Courthouse, County Donegal; and the works required to allow the building to be reopened for the Court Service at the earliest opportunity. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26439/20]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress for the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; his plans to review and expedite the timeline in view of the ongoing flood threat in winter 2020 to the residents of the town; the proposed timeline for completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26536/20]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the OPW heritage sites at Rockfleet Castle, Newport and Clare Island Castle, County Mayo; if funding will be ring-fenced to enhance the visitor experiences at each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26537/20]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the minor flooding relief schemes received from Mayo County Council in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26538/20]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans in place to allow the civil service to work remotely but at full capacity during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25966/20]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress being made to advance an Sulán flood defences for Ballyvourney, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26375/20]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to facilitate remote working of civil servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26664/20]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department is carrying out a review into company (details supplied); and if so, if this review is separate to that of the Department of Transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26752/20]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if civil servants especially those in lower ranks that are expected to work from home will be provided with the necessary information technology equipment to discharge their duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26766/20]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of flood relief projects nationwide by county including the Morrell River drainage scheme Naas, County Kildare, those already approved in respect of which funding has been allocated, those still awaiting funding, those planned in respect of the areas most recently affected by flooding; the extent to which he expects to be in a position to allocate sufficient funds to meet the planned programme in the short and medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26778/20]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the consideration that has been given to flood relief on the Shannon Callows, County Offaly. — Brian Stanley. [25967/20]



\*332. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the consideration that has been given to establishing a single authority with responsibility for flood relief on the Shannon Callows, County Offaly. — Brian Stanley. [25968/20]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be provided for works (details supplied); and if so, when the works will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [26827/20]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the condition of the green space in the ownership of the OPW at Casino Park, Donnycarney, Dublin 5; the time frame for the area to be upgraded; his plans for the space to be made accessible to the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [26871/20]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans in place and the timeframe for same to reimburse Leitrim County Council for the cost of a report being undertaken to investigate the causes of the recent landslide on Shass Mountain, Drumkeerin, County Leitrim; if he will examine the next immediate steps necessary to deal with this catastrophic event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26982/20]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the 2021 season in respect of Skellig Mhichil, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27030/20]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27059/20]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will investigate the possibility of keeping a set of flags on Cahir Castle similar to those currently at the site as part of the filming of a film (details supplied) after filming ceases in view of the fact it adds to the colour, history and heritage of the popular tourist town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27242/20]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he has achieved or plans to achieve closure on the issue of FEMPI in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27255/20]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects to rely on the principle of reform to meet various spending targets in 2020 and subsequently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27256/20]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he expects to be in a position to meet in full the expenditure anticipated in 2020 and subsequent years in the National Capital Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27257/20]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects increases in public expenditure to be necessitated in 2021 and subsequently in respect of current expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27261/20]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which current and capital expenditure have evolved in the course of the past twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27262/20]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he foresees an increased reliance on borrowing to meet current expenditure costs over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27263/20]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which recruitment in vital areas throughout the public sector is being provided for and monitored by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27264/20]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which public procurement has been refined to ensure strict compliance with the rules while at the same time allowing a smooth flow of activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27265/20]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which all Departments and bodies under their aegis in terms of public expenditure and reform continue to meet the guidelines set down by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27266/20]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to allow greater expenditure than anticipated by some government Department in order to offset the negative impacts of Covid-19 and Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27267/20]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he anticipates and supports the concept of a new pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27268/20]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to encourage greater mobility within the wider public service; the progress made in 2018 and 2019 to achieve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27326/20]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of establishing an ombudsman for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27333/20]

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

\*352. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the policy responses and targeted supports for the hospitality sector in order that consumer spending can return to pre-Covid-19 levels in view of the up to 250,000 in hospitality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26282/20]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if only bed and breakfasts registered with Fáilte Ireland can apply for the restart grant; the reason this is the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26304/20]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the sector specific supports in place and or the plans to introduce support services for the arts sector. — Catherine Murphy. [26312/20]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the sector specific supports in place and or the plans to introduce support services for the hospitality sector. — Catherine Murphy. [26312/20]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if bed and breakfasts registered with Fáilte Ireland are being prioritised regarding restart grant payments ahead of non-registered bed and breakfasts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26388/20]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the supports or grant aid in place for the ongoing costs and expenses necessary for the maintenance and upkeep of a community arts centre that is insurance, energy costs and so on in which there is no revenue coming in due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26966/20]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to establish a Commissioner for online safety in the coming months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [27295/20]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the scheme to allow more students from DEIS schools to gain a scholarship to attend the Gaeltacht will be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27335/20]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if a summary of the evidence available will be provided which pointed to the need to suspend amateur football such as the Leinster senior league while GAA county championship games can continue to be played in Dublin in view of the fact Dublin is now on level 3 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [26510/20]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the financial support provided by her Department to an organisation (details supplied) since 2010, on an annual basis. — Patrick Costello. [26512/20]

\*362. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil aon phlean ag a Roinn maidir le maoiniú a chur ar fáil ar mhaithe le hoibrí don aos óg a fhostú i gclub (sonraí tugtha); cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar na hachainíocha ón ngrúpa maidir leis seo ó bhí 2014 ann; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [26551/20]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if south-west County Cork will be included as a designated area for inclusion in the Regional Film Development Uplift; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26552/20]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to ensure that all sectors of the arts including the live entertainments industry are represented on the Covid-19 task force for the recovery of the arts and culture sector; and if she will recommend that all workers from the arts and live entertainments industries based upon such workers being certified by a reference from a relevant employer or an Irish cultural organisation are made eligible for full

payment of the €350 pandemic unemployment payment for the duration of the shutdown of live entertainments and artistic events due to Covid-19. — Paul Murphy. [26711/20]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the supports available to circuses in terms of capital and other grants; if she will consider further supports for this cultural and entertainment industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [26996/20]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27002/20]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 303 of 22 September 2020, her plans to grant funding to the live events sector as outlined; and if a person from the sector will be appointed to the taskforce (details supplied). — John Lahart. [27016/20]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by her since her appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27058/20]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount spent to date on the Galway 2020 project; the amount that was taxpayers money; her plans to proceed with the Galway 2020, in view of the difficulties faced by the project due to Covid-19 disruptions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27090/20]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the imbalance in funding for the Irish language will start to be reversed in Budget 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27122/20]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when funding will be approved and auctioned to make a radio station (details supplied) available on the FM wavelength. — Maurice Quinlivan. [27277/20]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will make provision for a Cultúrlann in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27336/20]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if funding will be provided to a voluntary organisation (details supplied) in respect of the ongoing costs of providing a sports and recreation facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27339/20]

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

\*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when archaeological excavations will begin on the lands at Killhill, Kill, County Kildare recently approved for residential development by An Bord Pleanála; if he is satisfied with the reduction of the perimeter buffer from 150ms to 10ms; if his attention has been drawn to the heritage and or archaeological

justification for that reduction; if he is satisfied with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26302/20]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied regarding the way the management plan is progressing for the special protection area and the special area of conservation the Gearagh, County Cork; the next stage of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26485/20]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Toon Wood, Macroom, County Cork, will be designated as a natural heritage area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26553/20]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up-to-date position in relation to a project (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27028/20]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which he expects to be in a position to assist the public housing capital programme with particular reference to meeting targets in 2020 and subsequent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27258/20]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to expand the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme to include the refurbishment costs in addition to the capital costs of the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27130/20]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a project (details supplied); when funding will be sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [26347/20]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason houses that are not principal private residences are excluded from the MICA pyrite scheme; if they were excluded in previous pyrite compensation schemes; and if the matter will be reviewed. — Dara Calleary. [26348/20]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the quarter 2 2020 social housing pipeline report will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26571/20]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the quarter 2 2020 social housing pipeline report will include the number of projects that will fall under the new one stage approvals process; and the number of units that will be delivered by the fast-tracked projects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26572/20]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional staffing resources requested from his Department by county and city councils nationally in each of the years 2016 to 2019; the number that were granted in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26595/20]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for a facility (details supplied) in County Kerry for social, voluntary and temporary accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26605/20]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to amend section 62 of the Electoral Act 1992, which was found to be incompatible with Article 16.3.2 of the Constitution during General Election 2020, following the death of a candidate in the Tipperary constituency and which required the signing of a Special Difficulty Order to allow the election to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26756/20]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend and reform the register of electors to reduce the incidences of duplication on same and to ensure that electors are not incorrectly removed from the register; if he plans to link the register with PPS numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26757/20]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the designation of a historic site (details supplied) as a protected structure; if he will recommend the listing of the site on Dublin City Council's record of protected structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [26763/20]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the national architect policy; and if a draft of the policy will be brought to the Housing Committee before agreeing same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26764/20]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number on local authority housing waiting lists in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in counties in Meath and Westmeath in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [26783/20]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding under the Multi-annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme will be provided in respect of a housing development (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26839/20]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he plans to take to protect local authority development plans in view of the fact that the strategic housing developments system, which will continue in place until the end of 2021, is continuing to grant planning applications that do not align with current development plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [26844/20]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review into co-living; the person or body leading the review; the number of meetings that have taken place of the review group; the terms of reference of the review; and when it will conclude its work. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26868/20]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed in relation to their eligibility for the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26883/20]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to facilitating dialogue between local authorities in Dublin regarding the possibility of an intercounty housing transfer system for tenants wishing to seek a housing transfer from one Dublin local authority to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26931/20]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current available supply of social and affordable housing; the number available in each category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [26959/20]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will introduce to prevent approved housing bodies and the credit unions with which they hold accounts from sharing directors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26974/20]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sheltered housing complexes that have been supported or supplied by his Department over the past 10 years which provided accommodation for the elderly and those with a mental or physical disability by year in tabular form; his plans for the future of these schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27001/20]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding will be made available to make it viable to upgrade existing uninhabitable housing stock nationally for affordable accommodation purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27032/20]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27056/20]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grant assistance available to assist long-term local authority residents that purchase a new property. — Robert Troy. [27070/20]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a further extension of time for planning permissions will be considered for housing developments due to the impact of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27083/20]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the promised review of co-living; the membership of the review group; the terms of reference of same; the expected date for completion and the methodology and consultation being undertaken by the review group. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [27209/20]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider re-introducing the eviction ban in the event that the public health advice is that persons do not leave their own county and limit their movement; if he will provide the legal advice received on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [27210/20]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of staff allocated to applying the vacant sites levy by local authority. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [27212/20]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the allocation for the disabled person's grants in each of the years 2013 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and the amount that each local authority drew down in each of those years from their allocation for the purposes of the grants. — Imelda Munster. [27215/20]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the problems being experienced in the taking-in-charge of developer-led developments (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [27298/20]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will establish a national fire brigade service to allow for economies of scale in purchasing uniformity of training and management and inter county transfers of staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27337/20]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*410. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if clarification will be provided to persons (details supplied) due to travel to a country which has now been removed from the Green list in view of the fact they are unsure if they are covered by their travel insurance to travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [26306/20]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will advocate for the State contributing to the legal bill of after their legal case of persons (details supplied) with the British Home Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26371/20]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the support being provided and or offered to assist with the fallout following the fire at Moria refugee camp particularly in view of Covid-19 concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26613/20]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the nature of discussions his Department has had with Greek authorities and other EU partners on finding long-term solutions to support persons in need of international protection affected by the fire in the Moria refugee camp in Greece; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26614/20]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the assistance Ireland has offered and plans to further offer to assuage the suffering of the refugees previously housed at the Moria refugee camp. — John Brady. [26620/20]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the representations he made to the Iranian authorities in advance of the execution of a person (details supplied); the assessment that has been made of the impact of their execution on the human rights situation in Iran in particular on the right to a fair trial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26688/20]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the representations he has made to the Government of Iran in relation to the unlawful detention, torture and execution of prisoners in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26689/20]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when construction works will commence on Ireland House in Tokyo, Japan; the estimated time-frame for completion; and estimated cost of building. — Catherine Murphy. [26825/20]



\*418. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to engage with the Greek authorities to commence the immediate evacuation of Lesbos and the relocation of unaccompanied children and families from Lesbos and Greece to Ireland in the context of the deepening humanitarian crisis and the increasing risks to refugees on the island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26865/20]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to change the approach of the EU with regard to accepting refugees in Greece into the countries of the EU in order to uphold both EU and international conventions on human rights and ensure that non-European nationals will not be arbitrarily deprived of their life Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights or be subject to physical or mental ill-treatment amounting to torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment Article 3 of the convention in the context of deepening humanitarian crisis on the Greek island of Lesbos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26866/20]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of overseas aid paid by Ireland to Mozambique annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27026/20]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27053/20]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the discussions he has had with Spanish and EU authorities to secure the release of elected public representatives from Catalan held in arbitrary detention according to the UN Report of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27101/20]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the delay in processing the passport of a baby (details supplied) will be clarified and rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27341/20]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*425. To ask the Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to address the dereliction of the military barracks site in Nenagh, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26452/20]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans for a site (details supplied) and the surrounding land. — John Brady. [26562/20]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Defence when the runway at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell was last resurfaced; and if there is funding available to have the runway resurfaced in quarter 4 of 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [26821/20]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Defence if a tender will be put out before year end to replace the LÉ Eithne and LÉ Orla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [26822/20]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated full-year cost of increasing the Reserve Defence Force from 2,330 to 4,500. — Patrick Costello. [26855/20]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Defence if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27049/20]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Defence if a recruitment campaign will be launched for nurses to join the Defence Forces medical corps. — Darren O'Rourke. [27140/20]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Defence the rule player by the Defence Forces since the onset of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27207/20]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*434. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26352/20]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary schools, respectively that applied for a physical education build and modernisation programme in both large scale project and small scale project under Project Ireland 2040; the number of applications granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26631/20]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to issues raised by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the need to provide additional funding for primary education in the context of Budget 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26949/20]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education the safety measures being used for school children on school buses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27039/20]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26285/20]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education the state of readiness of the plan for online and distance teaching and learning for primary and secondary students regarding Covid-19; the technological preparations and broadband capacity for same; the didactic and union consultations for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26296/20]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of a school (details supplied) which was first agreed in 2013; and if progress has been made towards the opening of the school. — Martin Browne. [26305/20]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be permitted to retain a twelfth teacher. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26316/20]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in the context of Budget 2021 will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26324/20]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education if leaving certificate students can appeal teacher awarded grades received in September 2020. — Dara Calleary. [26346/20]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education the start date in November 2020 for the repeat of the leaving certificate 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26351/20]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education if funding will be provided to a school (details supplied) for Covid-19 expenses incurred by the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26361/20]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of ensuring that teaching principals have one release day per week. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26377/20]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of restoring assistant principal posts to pre-2008 levels. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26378/20]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent on assistant principal posts in the past 12 years, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26379/20]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of increasing the budget for assistant principal posts by 5%, 10% and 20%, respectively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26380/20]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing capitation funding of €208 per pupil for the 2020/2021 academic year. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26381/20]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) to provide transport to attend school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [26387/20]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the catchment area for bus routes to schools in Fermoy to include Glenville (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26420/20]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to ensure additional school buses are put on in many rural areas in County Kerry and nationwide for secondary school students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [26490/20]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the junior certificate results data for the class of 2020 was gathered for grind schools. — Mattie McGrath. [26496/20]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Education if individual junior certificate results were used for grind school students in view of the fact that these students sat the junior certificate at a variety of schools from 2016 to 2018 and were not a cohort in 2017. — Mattie McGrath. [26497/20]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the National Standardisation Group gave low priority to validation of the results in respect of schools recognised by the SEC for the holding of examinations that are not Departmental recognised schools. — Mattie McGrath. [26498/20]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to ongoing issues at a school (details supplied) directly related to increased space requirements due to Covid-19. — Steven Matthews. [26500/20]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26505/20]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) is still awaiting the reinstatement of the €5,000 additional ancillary grant that was expected in June 2020; when the school can expect to receive the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26506/20]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Education when the guidelines for schools on the use of reduced hours for individual pupils will be completed; her plans to put in place an effective reporting and monitoring mechanism within the guidelines to ensure appropriate and limited use of reduced hours in schools and the necessary oversight at Departmental level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [26509/20]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Education if an appeals system will be introduced for 2020 leaving certificate students which allows the calculated grades given to be challenged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26531/20]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay with the scheme to provide redress to survivors of abuse in primary schools such as a school (details supplied); when an updated action plan on the progress in implementing a landmark ruling by the Council of Europe on redress for survivors of sexual abuse in primary schools prior to 1992 will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [26548/20]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Education if an association (details supplied) was consulted before the revised guidelines for the agricultural science curriculum were published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26554/20]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Education if she will further intervene in the school transport system to avoid persons being left on the side of the road and to investigate the use of more private bus services operators to address the backlog. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [26587/20]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the new 2021 post-primary school patron selections; if the online patronage preference system will open for these schools in September 2020 as stated in Parliamentary Question No. 180 of 20 May 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26609/20]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide assistance regarding a school place for a student (details supplied); if an official in her Department will make contact with their parent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26615/20]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school building project application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [26619/20]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Education if a SNA employed by her Department can increase their pension contributions through additional voluntary contributions through her Department on their occupational pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26697/20]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Education if an appeal by a school (details supplied) will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26708/20]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Education the safeguards being put in place to ensure the 2021 leaving certificate exams will take place in June 2021; and the adjustments to ensure fairness in examination for students that have had disrupted schooling. — Richard Bruton. [26758/20]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that the appropriate supports are in place to allow for online learning in schools including the appropriate provision of laptops and other devices to students; if sufficient technical supports to teachers and students are available to best use the facility and access to the best online tools. — Richard Bruton. [26759/20]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Education if the review of RSE in schools has been completed; and when the changes will be introduced in schools. — Richard Bruton. [26760/20]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education the amount due to be spent on major refurbishment works being carried out at both Naas and Maynooth community colleges; and when works will be completed on both colleges. — Catherine Murphy. [26824/20]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Education if the urgent need for a SNA in a school (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [26840/20]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new building for a school (details supplied); and if her attention has been drawn to the fact the temporary accommodation currently in use is providing serious challenges for staff and students. — Steven Matthews. [26873/20]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education if the pupils of a school (details supplied) will receive additional bus transportation to address the lack of social distancing and the bus journeys to and from school of over two hours each way; if the extra buses needed will be found in the immediate future to protect the many very physically vulnerable children during the Covid-19 pandemic and after; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26878/20]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 425 of 15 September 2020, if the school appealed a staff reduction as a result of a fall in pupil numbers in Spring 2020 under section D-EAL; if this appeal was refused; if it is now open to the school to appeal the staff reduction under a different category as a result of difficulties experienced as a result of implementing the Covid-19 guidelines from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26930/20]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Education if additional ASD supports will be rolled out in secondary schools in Shannon, County Clare in view of the fact that there are at least five sixth class pupils in the catchment area seeking such a place in a years' time despite only one being available. — Cathal Crowe. [26942/20]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Education the number of leaving certificate students in 2020 that were downgraded one or more grades in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 subjects, respectively in tabular form. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26943/20]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new school building promised for a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [26948/20]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to issues raised by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the need to provide additional funding for primary education in the context of Budget 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26950/20]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the amalgamation of national schools in Cahir, County Tipperary; if discussions have been held with the patron and trustees of the schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [26953/20]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education if she will now permit the estimated grades of students to be used where they have been unfairly downgraded by the algorithm which was unilaterally changed by the Department of Education after the students accepted the predicted grade system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26992/20]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by her since her appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27050/20]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for an extension and per cent for art scheme will be further progressed for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27152/20]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education the number of autism spectrum disorder primary level classes and places in County Wexford; the listing of each school that has a special ASD class; the status of the class for the 2020/2021 school year, that is, if it is full or has vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [27153/20]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Education the number of autism spectrum disorder secondary level classes and places in County Wexford; the listing of each school that has a special ASD class; the status of the class for the 2020/2021 school year, that is, if it is full or has vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [27154/20]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Education if a teacher is paid only for their contracted teaching time; if not, if payment also includes additional tasks required of a teacher that is open to inspection by her Department that cannot be done in contracted time, such as long term plans, assessments and cuntas míosiúil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [27163/20]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Education if teachers are paid by the hour for their contracted time; if they are paid a salary to remunerate them for all duties required of them by both their employer and her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [27164/20]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27178/20]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); when a decision is likely to be made in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27179/20]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27180/20]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27181/20]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27182/20]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27183/20]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27184/20]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Education when an application by a person (details supplied) for special school transport will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27185/20]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Education the number of tenders for school builds issued; the status of each tender; and the date the tender was issued in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [27194/20]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Education the take up of the recently announced post-primary school transport grant for eligible students by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27195/20]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the ongoing development of a campus for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [27196/20]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Education if late post-primary school transport applicants that eventually secure seats will be refunded part of their annual bus ticket fee in view of the delay in allocating seats; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27198/20]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to clarify the practice of reduced timetables taking into consideration time limits, recording, reporting, alternative educational provision during exclusions and greater consultation between the school, parent and appeals process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27199/20]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to conduct an audit of the application of limited or reduced timetables for Traveller children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27200/20]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to publish disaggregated data on the basis of gender, disability, socio-economic background and ethnicity in secondary schools to monitor participation and outcomes of Traveller and Roma students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27201/20]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide additional ring-fenced educational supports for Traveller pupils; her plans to provide funding to independent Traveller organisations to advocate for Traveller education needs and address educational inequalities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27202/20]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education the average class size in primary and post-primary schools; the way in which Ireland compares to other EU Member States; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27214/20]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools nationwide that have teaching principals; if a senior official from her Department will meet with the board of management of schools (details supplied) relative to the working principals position and the health and safety issues facing staff and students on a daily basis in both schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [27227/20]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a funding query raised in correspondence with her Department and directly by this Deputy relative to a school (details supplied); if a response has issued; if so, if a copy of same will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [27230/20]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the issues raised in correspondence by this Deputy and the principal of a school (details supplied) and relative to the urgent need for an extra special needs assistant: if a senior department official will meet with the school representatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [27238/20]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education if all AIM assistants have been allocated for the academic year. — Sean Sherlock. [27271/20]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education if a student can swap a school transport bus route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27272/20]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education if a student can swap a school transport bus route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27273/20]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Education the status of when a new school (details supplied) can be expected to be delivered or construction commence. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27275/20]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement her Department has had with a union (details supplied) following a ballot of its members on 18 September 2020 in relation to a number of key issues which have emerged since schools reopened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27302/20]



\*515. To ask the Minister for Education when the national educational psychologists will be permitted to make schools visits to make necessary assessments for students that have been waiting since February 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27303/20]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Education the legal advice her Department received which has resulted in the class ranking of leaving certificate students being released; and when she received this advice. — Gary Gannon. [27304/20]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Education when and the way in which post-primary schools received communication regarding the class ranking being released. — Gary Gannon. [27305/20]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Education when students can expect results from the appeals process; and if there are different deadlines for the different stages associated with the process. — Gary Gannon. [27307/20]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27350/20]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27353/20]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Education the number of requests on hand from her Department and from State agencies under the aegis of her Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rate per hour a permanent shift worker on a zero-hour contract is entitled to be paid when assessing outstanding holiday pay due in lieu of holidays in cases in which the company ceases trading. — Duncan Smith. [26504/20]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will facilitate the provision of pensions for community employment supervisors as per the recommendations of the 2008 Labour Court ruling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [26539/20]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to implement the Labour Court 2008 recommendations to put a pension scheme in place for community employment scheme supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [26550/20]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a matter (details supplied) in relation to community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26858/20]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if inquiries will be made in the case of a taxi driver (details supplied) who was placed on a lower pandemic unemployment payment despite having an average income of over €450 per week due to treatment of capital allowances by the Revenue Commissioners; if her attention has been drawn to the number of taxi drivers similarly affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [26929/20]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to the chauffeur sector in view of the extreme hardship experienced by the sector due to the Covid-19 emergency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [27025/20]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis on which the decision to restructure the corporate governance arrangements of the Citizens' Information Service and MABS was taken; and the person or body that made the decision. — Catherine Connolly. [27091/20]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a past birth certificate will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27107/20]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be considered for a SOLAS training course while temporarily out of work due to Covid-19. — Cathal Crowe. [27346/20]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has spoken to the Minister for Finance in relation to extending the pandemic unemployment rate at full pay to September 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [26288/20]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the establishment of a commission on pensions as per the Programme for Government; the timeline for its establishment, if it will be ensured key economic stakeholders are members of the commission in a similar manner to the Low Pay Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [26291/20]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a community employment scheme extension appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26326/20]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending the pandemic unemployment payment until April 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [26337/20]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending the Covid-19 illness benefit into 2021; the way in which persons can access the scheme; and the criteria in order to be eligible for the scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [26349/20]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if short-time working under jobseeker's benefit was claimable at the same time as the employer was claiming the recently closed temporary wage subsidy scheme from the Revenue Commissioners. — Richard Bruton. [26353/20]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a phased restoration to the income disregard for carer's allowance will be expanded to ensure that those on average industrial incomes can qualify in full for the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26389/20]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the €20,000 disregard for the carer's allowance to €50,000 in the capital formula in line with the disability allowance in which the first €50,000 of capital is disregarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26390/20]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the carer's support grant (details supplied) from €1,700 to €2,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26392/20]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending eligibility for the carer's benefit to include self-employed persons or those paying a class S stamp that need the assurance of having a financial support available to them should they need to take time away from work to provide care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26393/20]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending eligibility for the domiciliary care allowance to children residing in hospital that do not satisfy the requirement that they live at home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26394/20]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to developing a pension solution for family carers that due to extended periods out of the workforce to provide care for family members, do not qualify for a State pension (contributory) or a State pension (non-contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26397/20]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Covid-19 emergency measures will be amended to make persons over 66 years of age that would still be working if not for Covid-19 eligible for the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26436/20]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extra measures which will be put in place to support retail, bar and restaurant and allied workers in the Dublin region in view of their loss of income following the tightened Covid-19 emergency period restrictions for Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26449/20]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reinstating the full €350 per week rate for the pandemic unemployment payment for the Dublin region for the duration of tightened Covid-19 emergency period restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26450/20]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) who earlier in 2020 had their non-contributory pension reviewed and suspended pending the outcome of a review, will have their pension reinstated at the end of September 2020; and if so, if it will be backdated to when they reached pension age and originally applied for pension. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26487/20]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the provision of a pension for community employment supervisors (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26493/20]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [26502/20]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a redundancy waiver or similar intervention will be reintroduced for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment in view of the fact

they are not in a position to pay redundancies to their staff with zero income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26535/20]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when backdated pandemic unemployment payments will issue to all recipients that incorrectly had their pandemic unemployment payments reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26561/20]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the payments a person (details supplied) qualifies for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26563/20]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to examine income supports for those that are self-employed in Covid-19 impacted sectors, specifically taxi drivers and arts workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26577/20]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a reply will issue to correspondence (detail supplied) in respect of the community employment supervisor role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [26594/20]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the duration of community employment schemes due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26622/20]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 as amended by section 13 of the Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008 to include foster parents in the definition of qualified parent for the purposes of determining eligibility for the one parent family payment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26650/20]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reinstate the full €350 pandemic unemployment payment for workers in the arts and live entertainments industries based upon such workers being certified by a reference from a relevant employer or an Irish cultural organisation for the duration of the shutdown of live entertainments and artistic events due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26709/20]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [26753/20]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an additional allowance will be given to students from low income families and an extension of child benefit beyond 18 years of age to encourage continuation in education after their junior certificate. — Richard Bruton. [26761/20]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (detail supplied) in County Cork is entitled to arrears of payment in respect of a carer’s allowance claim. — Sean Sherlock. [26770/20]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to allegations by workers at company (details supplied) of the improper application of the temporary wage subsidy scheme which has resulted in the company not completing UP80 forms for workers to access social welfare supports due to the fact that completion of the forms, workers allege, would reveal inconsistencies in the application of the scheme. — Louise O’Reilly. [26773/20]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if socio-economic research is being conducted into the short-term and longitudinal effects of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment

scheme; if so, if such research will be used in considering the benefits of other social protection payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [26777/20]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if backdating social insurance coverage to 1973 will be considered for members of religious orders that were excluded prior to the introduction of social welfare regulations 1988. — Robert Troy. [26784/20]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pension will be reviewed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [26837/20]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider a submission (details supplied) regarding the Budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [26880/20]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the removal of time limits for the rural social scheme will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [26882/20]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an applicant for the pandemic unemployment payment who has been made unemployed at present as a result of a lay off due to the Covid-19 crisis and recent restrictions can be assessed on their income for 2020 or the period post January and February 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26893/20]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a carer’s allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26899/20]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment will be considered as a qualifying payment for FET courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26900/20]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for payment of arrears due on the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [26946/20]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a separate timeline for payment of arrears due on the pandemic unemployment payment has been established for those no longer in receipt of the payment; and if so, if the timeline will be outlined. — Thomas Gould. [26947/20]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding community employment workers cutting grass in housing estates in which the majority of the residents are elderly and the service is of benefit to the community. — Brian Stanley. [26961/20]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the Tax Strategy Group Budget 2021 proposal to adjust the class S PRSI rate for self-employed workers; her views on whether it is imperative to address the difference between contributions paid and access to benefits for the cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26796/20]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carer’s allowance payment will be reinstated for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27009/20]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be processed.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27015/20]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when arrears will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27046/20]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by her since her appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27060/20]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the time will be extended for community employment scheme workers to remain on their placement due to the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. — Seán Canney. [27079/20]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount to date paid to Seetec and Turas Nua regarding the JobPath programme. — Brian Stanley. [27080/20]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the operational guidelines in place for applicants that have previously accessed Covid-19 income supports that are now applying for income support having lost work as a direct result of the recent level 3 restrictions put in place in County Dublin. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27108/20]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the operational guidelines in place for applicants that have not previously accessed Covid-19 income supports and are now applying for income supports having lost work as a direct result of the recent level 3 restrictions put in place in County Dublin. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27109/20]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person will be examined (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [27134/20]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive arrears of the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [27150/20]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application review by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [27151/20]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Christmas bonus will be paid in 2020. — Thomas Gould. [27162/20]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to persons in industries almost fully wiped out by Covid-19 crisis such as gigging musicians; and if they will be given additional supports in view of the cut to the rate of the pandemic unemployment payment in September 2020. — Cathal Crowe. [27169/20]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be restored to its former levels for those that lose their jobs now or in the future due to Covid-19. — Marian Harkin. [26675/20]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has had discussions in relation to a reversal of the cuts to the pandemic unemployment payment; if so, the estimated cost of a reversal for a three-month period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26707/20]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports being made available to persons availing of VTOS that are unable to work part-time in the evenings or on weekends due to the current restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27235/20]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will place on the record of the Houses of the Oireachtas a copy of a circular sent to social welfare representatives relating to administration of rent allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [27236/20]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Defence Forces personnel that received family income supplement or working family payment in each of the years 2013 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Maurice Quinlivan. [27237/20]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be considered for a SOLAS training course while temporarily out of work due to Covid-19. — Cathal Crowe. [27345/20]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available to a person (details supplied); when they will be entitled to a payment in their own right; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27352/20]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of requests on hand from her Department and from State agencies under the aegis of her Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*594. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will consider a proposal (details supplied) in Budget 2021. — Brendan Griffin. [26593/20]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason Ireland has only allowed a minimal number of children in from the Moria refugee camp; and his plans to allow more children into Ireland. — John Brady. [26633/20]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will consider the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to early education; and if additional funding will be provided in Budget 2021 for the sector. — Brendan Smith. [26845/20]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will consider the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to early education; if additional funding will be provided in Budget 2021 for the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26857/20]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if there will be increased investment for youth work in County Cork in Budget 2021 to support increased resources for young persons in view of the fact that youth work funding is still 17% below 2008 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [27104/20]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the financial supports allocated to an organisation (details supplied) and its new national training centre in Tallaght, Dublin 24; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27174/20]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children removed from their parents by Tusla in each of the past five years at birth or later; the number of reunification plans for same; the number of reunifications completed; the number of each of in north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26297/20]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of Tusla social workers reported to CORU since its inception; the number and type of sanctions made by Tusla in the matter of its social workers in each of the past five years; the number of each referring to north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26298/20]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children reaching a majority and exiting Tusla care in each of the past five years; if each was released into secure housing; if each was transferred into the care of the relevant bodies providing necessary care; if he will provide the same information for north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26299/20]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will publish the report into Oberstown Children’s Detention Campus commissioned from persons (details supplied); and if not, the reason therefor in the context of publication being a condition of its commissioning from the expert authors. — Réada Cronin. [26300/20]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children and cases awaiting the allocation of a social worker; the number of these children and cases in north County Kildare; the length of time each case and child has been waiting both nationally and in north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26301/20]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if it will be ensured that no parents are penalised in obtaining the benefit of the ECCE scheme for their child as a consequence of Covid-19 related delays in the distribution of public services cards as in the case of a school (details supplied); if no child will lose a portion of their entitlement to two full academic years, that is 76 weeks on the ECCE scheme due to Covid-19 related delays in the administration of the cards; if a system will be put in place to ensure the childhood care provider can both obtain and give the parent the ECCE benefit retrospectively while the parent awaits receipt of the public services card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26335/20]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of mothers of children in foster care that have died in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of mothers that died in each of the 17 service areas of Tusla. — Peadar Tóibín. [26422/20]



\*607. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the amount paid by Tusla in each of its 17 service areas to lawyers representing GALs for each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26423/20]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children of Traveller ethnicity taken into State care in each of the 17 service areas of Tusla in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26424/20]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on the reported difficulties that some childcare providers have in operating the IT system pertaining to the schemes provided by his Department and Pobal; the number of complaints received regarding same; and his plans for remedial action. — Matt Carthy. [26466/20]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if eligible applicants will continue to be able to access the community childcare subvention scheme; if new entrants will be allowed to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26467/20]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a crèche (details supplied) will receive payment for its early childhood care and education scheme from the date of operation, that is, 31 August 2020, rather than the date the contract was activated, that is, 7 September 2020 in the interests of fairness and in recognition of the financial challenges the loss of income will present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26468/20]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of childcare providers that commenced operation of the early childhood care and education scheme prior to the activation of the contract; if these providers will be paid for the entire period of operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26469/20]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the financial support provided by his Department to an organisation (details supplied) since 2010, on an annual basis. — Patrick Costello. [26511/20]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of unaccompanied children that arrived here from Greece in 2019 following the agreement in 2018 to accept 36 unaccompanied minors in need of international protection in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26617/20]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of unaccompanied minors from Moira refugee camp in Greece it is planned to resettle in Ireland; when it is anticipated that such minors will arrive in Ireland; the details of Tusla's involvement in the resettlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26618/20]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of mothers of children in foster care and separately children in foster care that have died in each year since 2015 in each of Tusla's 17 service areas. — Peadar Tóibín. [26704/20]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the amount paid by Tusla on legal fees in each year for the past five years in each of the 17 service areas; and the amount that has been spent on lawyers representing GALs in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26705/20]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children of Traveller ethnicity taken into State care in each of Tusla's 17 service areas in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26706/20]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if consideration will be given to matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to early education; if additional funding will be provided in Budget 2021 for the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26841/20]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if media reports in respect of an organisation (details supplied) and allegations of misconduct are being investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [26870/20]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the private companies that provide services in respect of residential services on behalf of the State under the auspices of the HSE or Tusla and State agencies under his remit; and the amount remitted to each individual company with an accompanying statement as to the exact type of service that they provide in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [26874/20]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the private companies that provide services in respect of non-residential services on behalf of the State under the auspices of the HSE or Tusla and State agencies under his remit; and the amount remitted to each individual company with an accompanying statement as to the exact type of service that they provide in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [26875/20]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children that have died in the State care in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, by age, geographical location and cause of death. — Peadar Tóibín. [26889/20]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued for the shame and stigma imposed on unmarried mothers and their children through the policies and practices of the State. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26917/20]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued to adopted persons that had to grow up with no knowledge of their origins. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26918/20]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued to persons that were illegally adopted. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26919/20]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued to adopted persons for the loss of their identity. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26920/20]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued for the incarceration of women and children in mother and baby homes and similar institutions. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26921/20]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued to mothers and relatives whose children died in institutions due to abuse and neglect. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26922/20]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued to adopted persons that had to grow up in abusive families due to the lack of proper assessments and follow ups. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26923/20]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued for the policies and practices that caused mothers and children to be separated from each other by forcing and coercing women into relinquishing their babies. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26924/20]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued to natural fathers who wished to raise and or have contact with their children but were denied the opportunity to do so. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26925/20]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an acknowledgement will be issued of the effects on past and future generations of families affected by the institutional system. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26926/20]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued to mothers that were denied knowledge of their rights, which prevented them from giving informed consent. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26927/20]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an apology will be issued for the continued stigma and discrimination imposed on adopted persons and natural parents through the lack of statutory rights and services. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26928/20]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27065/20]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the estimated shortage of early years staff; his plans to address the matter; if the eligibility criteria has been considered for those working in the sector for the duration of Covid-19, for example to retired teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27075/20]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he has had regard to correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to the childcare sector. — Sean Sherlock. [27126/20]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the independently appointed Collaborative Forum of Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes specifically and repeatedly recommended to his Department that the task of managing information and tracing be removed from Tusla on the basis that they experienced the behaviour of the agency to be demoralising and frustrating and damaging and retraumatising (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27308/20]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if instead of transferring records from the archive of the Commission for Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes to Tusla he will transfer the specified database to the Adoption Authority of Ireland until such time as the records can be preserved in an independent centralised archive of all historical injustice records in view of the fact that the authority has been preparing to take possession of all

adoption records since publication of the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [27309/20]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a person (details supplied) has called into serious question the legality of Tusla's practice, for which there is no published policy, of risk assessing adopted persons that seek access to their personal data. — Gary Gannon. [27310/20]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on whether the existing situation regarding access to records of forced family separation is highly problematic and that alongside adopted persons that are being denied their own file, mothers are also being denied their own data and relatives of deceased infants are being denied information regarding the fate and whereabouts of their family member (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27311/20]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to the fact that under the GDPR, according to the decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union in *Nowak v Data Protection Commissioner*, the same information may relate to more than one individual and this does not affect the right of access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27312/20]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he acknowledges that a person's identity at birth is their personal data according to the definition of personal data in Article 4 of the GDPR (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [27313/20]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he acknowledges that deceased persons do not have rights under the GDPR (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [27314/20]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he acknowledges that adopted persons, survivors and advocates have not called for unrestricted use or open public access to the archive of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes but they have requested differentiated rights of access to the archive, namely personal data access for those personally affected, access for family members to information regarding the fate and whereabouts of their disappeared loved ones that died while in institutional custody, freedom for survivors of abuse to voluntarily publish their own testimony and records if they wish and public access to administrative records which may be redacted as necessary and proportionate (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [27315/20]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a group (details supplied) proposed amendments to the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 and several Senators submitted amendments at Seanad Committee Stage that would provide all adopted persons with their birth certificate following an information session as a proportionate measure to respect the rights of all concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27316/20]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on whether adopted persons personal data access and contact with natural family members are separate issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27317/20]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the evidence that exists of a guarantee of confidentiality to natural mothers whose children were adopted in view of the system of public registration of births in Ireland. — Gary Gannon. [27318/20]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the evidence that exists that natural mothers wish to prevent their adult children from accessing their own personal data. — Gary Gannon. [27319/20]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on whether the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 made no provision for natural mothers to access their own personal data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27320/20]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on whether there will still be a right of access to personal data in the archive of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes after it is transferred to him according to the GDPR and Commissions of Investigation Act 2004 as amended by the Data Protection Act 2018. — Gary Gannon. [27321/20]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will facilitate personal data access requests from survivors, adopted persons, relatives of the disappeared and all others to whom information in the archive relates. — Gary Gannon. [27322/20]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on whether, as demonstrated by his proposed legislation, the Houses of the Oireachtas has the power to legislate in order that the entire archive is not sealed for the next 30 years but instead is made available in a differentiated manner depending on the information concerned. — Gary Gannon. [27323/20]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the justification he can provide for sealing State administrative records that should otherwise be in the National Archives of Ireland due to the fact they are Departmental records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27324/20]

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

\*656. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to ensure that reapplicants that sat the leaving certificate in previous years are not locked out of third-level education in view of the inflation in CAO points in 2020; if work is being undertaken on finding a solution to resolve the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26287/20]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed. — Paul Murphy. [26292/20]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the Covid-19 safety guidelines and rules which apply to the English language education and English as a foreign language sector; if these are the same as other higher level educational environments; if there are differences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [26386/20]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of clerical errors made by the CAO that have resulted in students not getting their

correct course of choice; the steps taken to rectify such errors which are not made by the students in circumstances in which clerical errors arise as a result of the incorrect exam and CAO number being assigned; the steps available to students to ensure such errors are rectified immediately allowing students to receive their appropriate offers in first round offers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26451/20]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of letters and emails received regarding students that had issues with their SUSI grant applications in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [26701/20]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students that applied for a SUSI grant in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of students that were granted and refused a grant in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [26702/20]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person (details supplied) is entitled to the special rate SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26909/20]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if it will be ensured that persons born and resident here that are not Irish, EU, UK, EEA or Swiss nationals will be considered as being students under section 14 of the Student Support Act 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [27105/20]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if funding will be made available to mature and access students to purchase laptops in order to avail of online and blended learning during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27343/20]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding the EU national leaders agreed compromise regarding the EU long-term budget that entails a massive cut to the planned budget for the next framework Programme Horizon Europe and potentially for the European Research Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [26273/20]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the English language education sector falls under his remit or that of the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht; if the sector should follow the reopening guidelines for tourism or for the higher and further education; and the body responsible for inspecting such schools to ensure compliance with the guidelines. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26350/20]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the English language education sector falls under higher education; and if so, if the sector should follow the reopening guidelines for same. — Sean Sherlock. [26391/20]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department or the Higher Education Authority has given consideration to the introduction of either a voluntary redundancy scheme or early retirement scheme within the higher education institutions; if his Department has engaged in correspondence with either the Higher Education Authority or higher education institutions on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [26541/20]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure by each university on hotel accommodation in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [26542/20]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure by each university on restaurants and catering in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [26543/20]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure by each university on advertising and sponsorship in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [26544/20]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure by each university on international air travel in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [26545/20]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure by each university on legal services in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [26546/20]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure by each university on travel and subsistence for its president or provost in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [26547/20]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding the inclusion of bakers within apprenticeship programmes offered by education training boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26566/20]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if construction has commenced for a new sports science, health and recreational building at the Technological University of Dublin Tallaght campus; if so, when this project will be completed; and the estimated cost of the project. — Catherine Murphy. [26828/20]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider decreasing the €3,000 maximum rate of the student contribution in view of the fact that many students will not be using third-level facilities due to the Covid-19 emergency period and will instead be attending college courses and lectures remotely; if further consideration will be given to the fact that third-level institutions are charging fees for facilities, for example, gyms that are not open for students to use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26933/20]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the postgraduate courses announced by him in July 2020 will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27034/20]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27054/20]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students that have paid for accommodation at NUIG will be reimbursed as their courses are now online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27100/20]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to facilitate leaving certificate students from a previous year that are unsuccessful in the CAO in 2020 due to the increase in points caused by the calculated grades of the class of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27160/20]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that can be taken by Trinity College Dublin to ensure the transfer of a course for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27161/20]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of student nurses by institution due to begin placement in November 2020, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [27188/20]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*685. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will conduct an investigation into the management of the contracts of a company (details supplied) for direct provision centres in counties Monaghan, Cavan, Meath, Louth and Dublin in the aftermath of the death of a resident in a direct provision centre in Monaghan following their placement in a self-isolation unit. — Louise O'Reilly. [26769/20]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will ensure that the quality of food in direct provision centres is child friendly, palatable and meets nutritional guidelines for daily nutritional intake in view of the many reports and photographic evidence of the atrocious meals provided to persons in direct provision centres nationally. — Louise O'Reilly. [26771/20]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will ensure there is a fair complaints procedure for persons in direct provision centres in view of the fact that they have no or very little recourse to respond to abuse of power or neglect by staff, managers or owners of direct provision centres. — Louise O'Reilly. [26772/20]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have been refused entry to the State for a failure to complete the passenger locator form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27233/20]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she will take to establish a public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27338/20]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Justice if An Garda Síochána has requested further funding since the last round of supplementary estimates. — Catherine Murphy. [26308/20]



\*691. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of overtime paid to members of An Garda Síochána by rank of officer and by county from March to date in September 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [26309/20]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Justice when the investigation into the protected disclosure by an employee of the Irish Prison Service (details supplied) will be completed and a report provided. — Jim O’Callaghan. [26345/20]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline of the renewal application for an Irish residence permit for a person (details supplied); when it is expected a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [26369/20]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of current investigations that were suspended in the Irish Prison Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [26382/20]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Justice the resources and additional funding she has granted to the Irish Prison Service in 2020 in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic; and the expected allocation for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [26383/20]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protected disclosures made to her in relation to the Irish Prison Service in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the third parties she has appointed to investigate same. — Catherine Murphy. [26384/20]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has met or plans to meet and or engage with a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [26385/20]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) will be allowed to work in a skilled position; and if there are exceptions to the rule. — Robert Troy. [26425/20]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered an independent investigation into the management of the contracts of a company (details supplied) for direct provision centres in counties Monaghan, Cavan, Meath, Louth and Dublin. — John Lahart. [26454/20]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has had officials examine the diet in direct provision centres with reports alleging that the quality of the food is not child friendly nor does it meet daily nutritional guideline amounts. — John Lahart. [26455/20]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered, in the context of direct provision centres, the fact that there appears to be no fair complaint procedure for the members of communities in direct provision and they have no way to respond to abuse of power or to neglect. — John Lahart. [26456/20]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Justice the dates she expects the next two cohorts of trained Garda recruits or probationers to pass through Templemore Garda College and to be allocated to Garda districts. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26483/20]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for a labour market access permission pursuant to the European Communities (Receptions Conditions) Regulations 2018 received from applicants that had not waited eight months for a first instance decision on their asylum application; the number of applicants refused a labour market access permission solely

on the basis that they have not been waiting eight months or more for a first instance decision on their asylum application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26484/20]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Justice the allocation of gardaí to the K district, Dublin by station. — Paul McAuliffe. [26564/20]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Justice the allocation of gardaí to the H district, Dublin by station. — Paul McAuliffe. [26565/20]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to accept and grant international protection to refugees affected by the fires in the Moria refugee camp in Greece; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26612/20]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26687/20]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda vehicles allocated to the Sligo-Leitrim division in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [26698/20]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of arrests made for breach of the in-camera rule in the Family Law Courts in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of persons charged and jailed, respectively. — Peadar Tóibín. [26710/20]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received the necessary information from the Garda Commissioner in respect of Parliamentary Question Nos. 930 and 932 of 14 July 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [26832/20]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects all Garda specialist training courses either held in Garda Headquarters or the Garda Training College to resume. — Catherine Murphy. [26834/20]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost to have 15,420 sworn gardaí by the end of 2021; and the estimated cost for same to be increased to 16,200 by the end of 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [26835/20]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and percentage of the Garda roads policing unit fleet that are currently equipped with the automatic number plate recognition system. — Patrick Costello. [26851/20]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Justice if all interview rooms in each Garda station are fully equipped with video recording facilities; and if not, the estimated cost of ensuring all interview rooms in Garda stations are equipped with recording facilities. — Patrick Costello. [26852/20]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff nationally involved in accessing material on mobile phones, computers and so on relating to child sexual offences; and the qualifications required for such works. — Patrick Costello. [26853/20]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Justice if the number of peace commissioners for the district of Thurles, County Tipperary is sufficient. — Martin Browne. [26869/20]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that died in direct provision centres here in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020 by age, location and cause of death in each case. — Peadar Tóibín. [26890/20]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of minors born in Ireland that were deported in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26891/20]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of minors born in Ireland that have been issued with deportation orders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26892/20]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, whose application for protection has been found to be inadmissible according to section 21 of the International Protection Act 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26938/20]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Justice when members will be appointed to the management board of An Garda Síochána; the number she will appoint; the process for selection and approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [26941/20]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will consider an extension to the PSA licensing period for those working in the sector and whose income has collapsed due to guidelines on Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26967/20]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to extend parental leave benefit in the upcoming Budget; the details of the length of a planned extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26678/20]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for citizenship received in each of the past three years; the number of successful applicants in each of these years; the length of time the longest applicant is waiting; if she will address the current delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26977/20]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the long-standing application for citizenship made by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27017/20]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 630 of 7 July 2020, the date on which the decision support service will be established and operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27022/20]

\*727. 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. [27029/20]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department or other Departments are planning further involvement with a former facility (details supplied) in County Kerry following the closure of the

direct provision centre in Caherciveen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27038/20]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Justice if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by her since her appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27057/20]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Justice if the citizenship requirement will be clarified with regard to the reckonable residency calculation; the consequence in the event a person has been absent from the State for more than six weeks in a year; if six week absences are deducted in their entirety from the reckonable residency calculation; if not, if it is solely the excess days over six weeks that are deducted from reckonable residency calculation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27102/20]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Justice if it will be ensured that persons born and resident here that are not Irish, EU, UK, EEA or Swiss nationals will get permission and permanent status to ensure that such persons do not have to apply for work permits in order to work here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [27106/20]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27131/20]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for an application for a stamp 4 permission by a person (details supplied) whose partner and child are Irish nationals; when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [27132/20]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27133/20]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has spoken to the UK Home Secretary since her appointment. — Darren O'Rourke. [27143/20]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Justice if the six weeks absence is deducted in its entirety from the reckonable residency calculation if a person has been absent from the State for more than six weeks in a year; if not, if the excess days over six weeks are deducted from the reckonable residency calculation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27148/20]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 196 of 10 September 2020, if information emailed to her Department and acknowledged on 24 July 2020 in respect of the case of a person (details supplied) has been appended to the file in question for further consideration; when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27159/20]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Justice the correct procedure to be followed to obtain residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27166/20]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a case pursuant to section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27177/20]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of sex offenders on the sex offenders register; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27186/20]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of breaches of Part 2 of the Sex Offenders Act 2001 in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of cases pending; the number of convictions in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27187/20]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for an accommodation centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [27197/20]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects Fitzgibbon Street, Dublin 1 Garda Station to reopen. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27217/20]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Justice when she envisages legislation granting An Garda Síochána enhanced powers regarding the use of scramblers and quads will come before Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [27294/20]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to amend the Data Protection Act 2018 to prevent the use of children's data for the purposes of advertising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [27296/20]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason funding for the community policing forum in the north-inner city ceased in May 2019. — Gary Gannon. [27301/20]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of requests on hand from her Department and from State agencies under the aegis of her Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the HSE is acting in an inconsistent and discriminatory way towards post-primary teachers and students by recategorising them as not being close contacts of cases of Covid-19 infection which are confirmed in post-primary schools (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26429/20]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health if the alert that took place in a school (details supplied) on 16 September 2020 in relation to the Covid-19 tracker app will be clarified; and the reason for the alert. — Joan Collins. [26639/20]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Health if those undertaking educational psychology and counselling psychology doctorates will receive grants and funding as is the case for clinical psychology doctorates. — Louise O'Reilly. [26768/20]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration being given to ending the disparity of financial support between clinical psychology doctoral courses and educational and counselling psychology doctoral courses, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26779/20]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the amount Ireland has contributed to the RescEU stockpile to combat the Covid-19 crisis in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26884/20]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Health the medical supplies Ireland has received from the RescEU stockpile to help in the fight against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26885/20]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) can revert to a respite house. — Sean Sherlock. [27081/20]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Health the number of passenger locator forms filled in to date by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27231/20]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have filled in the passenger locator form since it went online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27232/20]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Health the number of offences recorded to date for a failure to fill in the passenger locator form, for providing false or misleading information on the passenger locator form, for not providing an update of the information in section 3 of the form changes for the next 14 days or period of stay, or for a failure to give an officer who requests it information required to verify the details on this form; the number of prosecutions taken to date for offences to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27234/20]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which he expects to meet the requirements in full of the hospital building programme including that which refers to Naas General Hospital and all other hospitals nationwide in respect of which planning permission has been granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27259/20]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he expects to meet the costs of the health capital programme in all areas nationwide in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27260/20]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Health if extra funding will be made available for home help to ensure that elderly persons can remain in their own homes for as long as possible. — Danny Healy-Rae. [27117/20]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include the acid reducer drug major famotidine on the list of drugs covered under the general medical scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [26275/20]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding for PPE equipment is being provided to dental practices that cater for medical card patients; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some dental practices are refusing to take medical card patients as they have not received adequate PPE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26286/20]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26290/20]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to facilitate partners of pregnant women accompanying them to their maternity hospital appointments; the date on which these accompaniments will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26293/20]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional ICU beds that have been provided since March 2020 nationally and in Naas General Hospital, respectively; the number of new hospital consultants appointed since March 2020 nationally and in Naas General Hospital, respectively; the equivalent figures in relation to additional ICU beds and new consultants planned to the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26294/20]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Health if data (details supplied) will be provided regularly in order to increase public clarity and confidence in relation to the reasoning and decision making regarding Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26295/20]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a refusal to be swabbed for Covid-19; the refusal rate at the centre; the legal powers of the HSE to demand that swabs be taken in circumstances in which disease risk is suspected but persons refuse permission; the rates of refusal at other centres nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [26303/20]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons living with a stroke related disability or that have had a stroke in Ireland; the area from which the figure comes from; if research has been undertaken on the projected number of persons that will be living with a stroke related disability or who will have a stroke in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26318/20]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapist hours going to testing centre duties by each CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26319/20]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to leverage the clinical and operational expertise embedded in community services for the new test and trace services; if it will mean further redeployment of therapists and other HSCPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [26320/20]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Health when training services for patients with mental health challenges will be reopened; the reason for the delay in reopening these vital centres; and if an urgent intervention will be made on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [26321/20]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health if provision will be made for those forced to travel long distances for Covid-19 tests such persons in west County Clare that are being called in to a testing centre in Limerick, an hour and a half from their homes. — Cathal Crowe. [26322/20]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health when the anomaly of inferior terms and conditions offered to consultants in public health in comparison to the conditions of hospital consultants will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [26323/20]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of level 3 and possible further restrictions on businesses (details supplied) in the Dublin area; and the guidance available to owners and operators of such facilities. — Bríd Smith. [26325/20]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [26328/20]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health the day services for persons with disabilities that remain closed; and the date that each centre is expected to reopen in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26329/20]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be put in place to address reduced capacity in reopened day services for persons with a disability which is as high as 60% for some services. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26330/20]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that will be allocated to the reopening of day services for persons with a disability; if the expenditure will be ring-fenced for this purpose; and if the expenditure will remain separate to the HSE winter plan. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26331/20]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health when the position of speech and language therapist will be filled at west Limerick children's services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26354/20]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [26355/20]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding required to clear the home support waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26360/20]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health when the specific guidance will be published for those aged over 70 years of age under Level 2 restrictions. — Thomas Gould. [26362/20]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deliver on the promise that dentists in independent practice would be provided with personnel protective equipment; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that due to the fact dentists have to finance the additional PPE costs, over 200 dentists have decided to resign from the medical card scheme since the start of 2020 with serious consequences for their former patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [26363/20]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health when the change in relation to the presence on-site of a gerontologist and a registered nurse took place and the person or body responsible for the change in regulations relating to the care of the elderly in long-term residential care identified by the expert panel report on page 96; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26368/20]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health the possibility of funding for an organisation (details supplied) on a more sustainable basis through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [26372/20]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to delivering a carers guarantee to providing access to a core basket of supports including respite, homecare and training to carers nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26395/20]



\*787. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to establishing an integrated statutory scheme for the provision of home and long-term care including the right to a carer needs assessment and 20 days respite each year for all full-time family carers in line with the annual leave entitlement of paid workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26396/20]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to extending the carer general practitioner visit card to carers that are in receipt of the non-means tested carer's support grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26398/20]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to introducing the transport support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26399/20]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to providing additional funding for the National Treatment Purchase Fund in order to enable it to be extended to ensure that the number of children and adults on waiting lists for essential health care services can be reduced in view of the withdrawal of services due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26400/20]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to reviewing and updating the National Carers Strategy and the implementation of an action plan for the period 2020-2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [26401/20]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Health if changes will be made to allow for partners to be present during childbirth. — Louise O'Reilly. [26414/20]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a maternity care Covid-19 taskforce to deal with such care during the Covid-19 crisis; and if not, the reason therefor. — Louise O'Reilly. [26415/20]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing ratio for maternity care; if the birth rate plus standard for midwifery staffing has been reached; and if not, the reason therefor. — Louise O'Reilly. [26416/20]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Health if he in conjunction with the HSE and NPHE will consider easing maternity service restrictions across maternity hospitals; if birthing partners will be allowed to be present at all pregnancy-related appointments, scans, labour and births; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [26428/20]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Health if it is a policy of the HSE to categorise a person as a close contact requiring testing and possibly self-isolation if they are identified as such by the Covid-19 tracker application in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26430/20]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Health if he will categorise teachers as essential workers that should be fast-tracked for Covid-19 tests in the same way as health workers are; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [26431/20]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign by a group (details supplied) regarding the discrepancies in funding for different avenues of third-level education within the wider psychological sphere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [26432/20]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Health if the Covid-19 tracker application will be updated in order that when a person is identified as a close contact and takes the necessary action their close contact notification expires to enable them to receive future notifications. — Emer Higgins. [26433/20]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Health the status of guidelines for maternity and prenatal care in Dublin hospitals within Level 3 restrictions; his views on the need to support women and their partners through their care. — Emer Higgins. [26434/20]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Health the category of activity a business (details supplied) falls into regarding the Covid-19 restrictions; if he will furnish this Deputy with specific advice on the way to operate within the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26437/20]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Health if standardised format price lists for display in shops are to be implemented for the sale of tobacco products to consumers under Public Health (Tobacco) Acts to dissuade the promotion of cheap cigarettes to young persons; if his attention has been drawn to the dangers of cheap cigarette advertising to young persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26440/20]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Health when the €350,000 allocated to the ambulance base in County Carlow which was committed to by the previous Government will be provided; when he expects works to begin; when County Carlow will have an ambulance base which is fit for purpose; his views on whether it is acceptable for a town the size of Carlow to not have its own ambulance base and no communication from the HSE in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26441/20]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Health the reason medical card patients are being charged €20 for a flu vaccine which is meant to be free in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26442/20]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Health when progress will be made on reducing waiting times in counties Carlow and Kilkenny for occupational therapy assessments especially for those in routine and non-urgent category; the reason for the current backlog of up to a full year for a visit to a person's home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26443/20]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address increased demand for Covid-19 tests and facilitating those that do not have transportation; if the current demand on the ambulance service to support this service is under pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26444/20]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Health if the flu vaccine is being added to the school vaccination programme in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26445/20]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is being allocated to a service (details supplied) to cover extra costs involved in the recruitment of cleaners to comply with Covid-19 public health recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26446/20]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Health if community pools and leisure centres will be permitted to hold swimming classes for children in primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26447/20]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Health when progress will be made on reducing waiting times in early intervention speech and language therapy in counties Carlow and Kilkenny for assessments; if a timeline can be provided for the reduction of the current backlog of three years; if a speech and language therapy vacancy (details supplied) has been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [26448/20]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ease the restrictions in terms of antenatal and maternity care in the context of allowing partners to attend scans and also attend the birth of their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26453/20]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the decision to prevent partners from attending labour, birth, scans or appointments that are pregnancy related; if the decision will be reviewed in view of the isolation for expectant mothers and their partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [26459/20]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Health the dates and centres at which testing has taking place since 1 June 2020 in respect of serial Covid-19 testing at food processing plants; the number tested at each site on each date; the number of confirmed cases identified per testing cycle at each individual site; the average time for delivery of results per testing cycle at each confirmed site in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26476/20]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all NPHEH recommendations conveyed to him and his Department in respect of meat processing plants and the food processing industry; the actions undertaken by his Department on foot of each of these recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26478/20]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 740 of 15 September 2020, the number of protected disclosures made by HIQA staff directly to HIQA management in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of staff concerned in each year that are currently working on full-time basis with HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26479/20]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the legal opinion obtained by his Department in 1996 regarding the reason dental technicians cannot register with the Dental Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26480/20]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to facilitate dental technicians to register with the Dental Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26481/20]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Health if his policy position and that of the HSE will be clarified regarding the development of primary care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [26486/20]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Health if a summary of the evidence collected that shows sporting participation among children especially team sports can be a factor in the spread of Covid-19 cases will be provided. — Chris Andrews. [26488/20]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE clinical advisory group report on medical cards will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26492/20]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Health the funding being made available to a person (details supplied) with disabilities that does not have access to their usual outlets or day care as a result of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [26501/20]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols for giving sedatives to persons with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26503/20]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health budget between 2007 and 2012, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26507/20]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Health if the current Covid-19 restrictions in maternity services will be reviewed to enable partners of pregnant women to attend appointments and births; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26508/20]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Health the financial support provided by his Department to an organisation (details supplied) since 2010, on an annual basis. — Patrick Costello. [26513/20]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to alleviate the waiting times being imposed on children and their parents when availing of State provided orthodontic care in counties Mayo and Galway; his plans to tackle the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26529/20]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for State provided orthodontic care in counties Mayo and Galway; the number that have been categorised as having a high level of need for orthodontic treatment but have been subjected to a waiting time of 36 months and more; the number of orthodontists assigned to tackling general waiting lists in the counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26530/20]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the waiting lists for speech and language therapy in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26557/20]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Health if an Irish citizen with European health insurance E111 is covered in the UK post-Brexit. — Dara Calleary. [26559/20]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient discharges from hospitals in which patients were discharged to no fixed address including bed and breakfasts, hostels, hotels and so on to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26570/20]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow mothers to be accompanied by their partners in maternity wards and during prenatal care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [26573/20]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plan to provide dentists in private practice with PPE; and if he will consider short-term supports for the sector to meet the increased cost of dental care created by Covid-19. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [26584/20]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered developing an out-of-hours crisis service to give persons quick and easy access to mental health services in addition to investment in primary care mental health services and talk therapies for early prevention and intervention. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [26588/20]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Health when a diabetic nurse in the paediatric ward of the Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar, County Westmeath will be appointed (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [26596/20]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the extended waiting list for patients awaiting appointments for ear, nose and throat procedures. — Emer Higgins. [26597/20]

\*836. 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. [26599/20]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Health the reason teachers are not automatically tested when a student tests positive in a class; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26600/20]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fast track the testing of teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26601/20]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Health the number of close contacts contacted via the Covid-19 tracker application since it was launched. — Paul McAuliffe. [26602/20]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to carry out testing of antibodies in the population to see the percentage may have had Covid-19 similar to a system in Germany. — Paul McAuliffe. [26603/20]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to carry out rapid testing of arrivals from non-green list countries. — Paul McAuliffe. [26604/20]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Covid-19 testing units have not been opened at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26607/20]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Irish-produced Covid-19 testing kits with a 99% accuracy rate and a result in 10 minutes are not being used in place of the PCR test which is known to produce many false positives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26608/20]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Covid-19 testers in the Ballymullen test centre, Tralee, County Kerry are not provided with the FFP2 face masks in view of their close contact with potential Covid-19 cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26610/20]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1031 of 8 September 2020, if the HSE plans to employ more psychology staff; if it has attempted to employ additional staff in the Cork north Lee, south Lee, north Cork and west Cork catchment areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26611/20]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Health when the up to 500 unfilled consultant posts will be filled; and when the pay inequity in which persons employed after 2012 get paid less will end. — Joan Collins. [26616/20]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that are attending for testing at Covid-19 test centres are recording the testing process and staff with their phones either of themselves or of family members; if adequate signage has been displayed at testing centres to make persons aware that recording is not prohibited prior to their testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26621/20]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation that took place in a school (details supplied) on 16 September 2020; and if he will provide a clear explanation in relation to same in view of the fact that the Covid-19 tracker system has to have the confidence of the population. — Joan Collins. [26632/20]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health the number of protected disclosures made to his Department by nursing home staff in relation to Covid-19 in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26640/20]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public submissions made to the expert panel on nursing homes established by his predecessor earlier in 2020; the progress of the panel to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [26641/20]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Health the process for Covid-19 testing specifically for routine testing in nursing homes; the location swabs are sent; the average wait time; and the longest wait time for processing and return of results. — Peadar Tóibín. [26642/20]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health if routine Covid-19 testing in nursing homes has proven sustainable; if staff and residents in nursing homes are still being tested every two weeks; and if delays have been incurred specifically in County Meath. — Peadar Tóibín. [26643/20]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health the number of false positives for the PCR Covid-19 test; and the percentage of the results of these tests are as a result of Covid-19 material that is older than two weeks or is non-infectious. — Peadar Tóibín. [26644/20]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health the contracts and services that have been put in place with the network of 46 laboratories contracted by the State or by its agents to provide Covid-19 testing services; the names and addresses of the laboratories; if they are public or private; the amount expended to date on the contracts; the estimated amount that will be spent on same; the services that will be provided under the contracts; the duration of same; the indemnity arrangements that have been made in respect of the laboratories; if there is one template contract or more in use; and if a copy of the contracts will be released. — Bríd Smith. [26645/20]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health the logistics provider whose contract has been extended to include Covid-19 testing; the address of the company; the testing services the company has been contracted to provide; the identity of the contracting party; the duration of the contract; the amount expended to date on the contract; the estimated amount to be spent on same; and the indemnity arrangements that have been made in this regard. — Bríd Smith. [26646/20]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Health if the current Covid-19 restrictions in maternity services will be removed to allow partners and birth partners of pregnant women to be present for pre-natal scans, appointments, labour and at childbirth. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26648/20]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Health the changes made to the criteria of medical card applications; when the change will be commenced and introduced for new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26649/20]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Health if drug and alcohol support groups will be exempt from the ban on indoor gatherings under level 3 of restrictions as an essential service which can operate in a socially distant and safe manner. — Paul McAuliffe. [26686/20]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Health when persons (details supplied) in County Clare will be reimbursed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [26690/20]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement of teduglutide for children with short bowel syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [26691/20]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Health if the flu vaccine for children aged two to twelve will be made available for free for the 2021 winter period and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [26692/20]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Health when the construction of a new acute mental health unit at Sligo University Hospital will be completed; the estimated cost of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [26693/20]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the actions of an employer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26694/20]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff from mental health services that have been seconded to work in the Covid-19 testing and tracing regime; and the number of community mental health staff that have been seconded to work in the Covid-19 testing and tracing regime. — Neasa Hourigan. [26700/20]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Health when fathers will be allowed to attend prenatal appointments and births of their children; if this is a Departmental directive; if it is a decision by each health group; the rationale for this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [26703/20]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot access a family general practitioner in their locality. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26743/20]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot access a family general practitioner in their locality. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26744/20]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) cannot access a family general practitioner in their locality. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26745/20]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to address the shortage of general practitioner places in Killimer, County Clare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26746/20]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons in County Clare are being forced to travel to Limerick city to access testing for Covid-19 when there is a testing centre in Cusack Park,

Ennis, County Clare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26747/20]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which persons in County Clare that do not drive are expected to attend a drive in Covid-19 testing centre in Limerick city while being advised not to use public transport and are asked to self-isolate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26748/20]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the only treatment for persons with dry age-related macular degeneration disease, macushield, is not covered by the medical card reimbursement scheme in view of the fact that this mainly effects older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [26749/20]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make the Freestyle Libre device available for type 1 through the long-term illness scheme (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [26755/20]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Health if there are funding streams available for persons that contract Covid-19 abroad and incur medical expenses for their treatment. — Louise O'Reilly. [26767/20]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of the National Psychology Placement Office within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26780/20]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Health if it is possible to see if a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 has not observed the isolation period, potentially infecting others by using the track and tracing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [26781/20]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of positive Covid-19 transmissions that have been linked to retail outlets using the track and tracing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [26782/20]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Health when urgent local psychology services will be made available to the population of Maynooth, County Kildare in view of the urgent need to provide such services and ensure a fast and efficient access to services when required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26785/20]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [26816/20]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Health if calls for an increase in core funding for the drug and alcohol task forces (details supplied) will be supported with regard to Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26817/20]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Health when the day care services in counties Laois and Offaly will reopen in particular the day care centre in Mountmellick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [26818/20]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Health if provisions are in place for medical students studying abroad that are returning home due to Covid-19 to complete their practical training within the



medical system here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [26819/20]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be an increase in medical school places here to encourage those studying abroad (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [26820/20]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Health the medical assessment units, urgent care centres and minor injuries clinics that have extended hours of opening to weekends since 2017, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [26826/20]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the expansion and upgrade of the intensive care unit at Tallaght University Hospital; when works will commence; and the estimated time frame for completion. — Catherine Murphy. [26830/20]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Health when early intervention services including consultations and the intake of new clients will resume in view of the fact the waiting list is over a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26838/20]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of doubling the number of beds in the national burns unit at St. James's Hospital. — Patrick Costello. [26847/20]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Health if each maternity hospital has a birthing pool; and if not, the estimated cost of ensuring each maternity hospital has a birthing pool. — Patrick Costello. [26848/20]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of a full-time craniofacial surgeon for paediatrics at Children's Health Ireland, Temple Street. — Patrick Costello. [26849/20]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing, equipping and staffing 18 additional ambulances. — Patrick Costello. [26850/20]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Health when the adjusted income limits for over 70's medical cards will come into force (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [26872/20]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in County Wexford; the number of clients that received home help; the number of hours provided by HSE; the number of hours provided by agency staff in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [26876/20]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in County Wexford by month in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [26877/20]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an increase in drug or alcohol abuse during the Covid-19 pandemic; if his Department has received representations from organisations, charities or NGOs expressing concern regarding drug and alcohol abuse during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [26886/20]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an increase in the suicide rate here during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if his Department has received representations from organisations, charities or NGOs in which concern was expressed regarding an increase in self-harm or suicide during 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26887/20]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Health if vetting was conducted on the experts appointed by the previous Minister for Health to the Expert Panel on Nursing Homes established in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26888/20]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 392 of 15 October 2019, the estimated cost in 2021 of reducing the monthly threshold for the drug payment scheme by €1; the estimated cost to reduce the threshold to €114 and €100; and the estimated full-year cost of same. — David Cullinane. [26898/20]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no diagnostic pathway for adults with query diagnosis of autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26901/20]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Health if holders of a full medical card can receive HSE funding towards the cost of an external assessment for adults with query diagnosis of autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26902/20]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Health when cancer treatment in Galway University Hospital will commence for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26903/20]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to introduce the dexcom G5 CGM transmitter for patients with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26904/20]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment in Temple Street Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26905/20]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a physiotherapy appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26906/20]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will financially support Milltown House, Carndonagh, County Donegal to re-open its hydrotherapy pool; if his attention has been drawn to the serious nature the loss of the service and therapy has had on disabled persons in the Inishowen area of the county. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26913/20]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the completion of the upgrade works to Carndonagh Community Hospital, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26914/20]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the completion of the upgrade works to Buncrana Community Hospital, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26915/20]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans by the HSE to commence upgrade works to Lifford Community Hospital, County Donegal in line with HIQA requirements; and the further status of plans to increase bed capacity at the hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26916/20]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 283 of 9 September 2020, the National Immunisation Office policy on the availability of the HPV vaccine for an adult that has gone through a colposcopy and that has received a prescription for the HPV vaccine from their consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26932/20]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocation in 2020 for the counselling in primary care service for each of the nine community healthcare organisations; the amount in each CHO budget for counselling therapists employed on an agency basis; the amount of the budget from 2020 left in each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26934/20]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Health when the commencement of the building of the primary health care centre in Finglas on the site of the Church of the Annunciation will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [26944/20]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter raised by a person (details supplied) regarding restrictions imposed on attending maternity appointments at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26945/20]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Health the length of the delay to the construction of the new children's hospital due to Covid-19; the amount this delay and halting in construction added to the existing costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [26958/20]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Health if he has sought or will be seeking for the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to extend the Covid-19-related pension abatement waiver for HSE rehires beyond 30 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26962/20]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include Monasterevin, County Kildare in the courier service for blood samples to Naas hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26969/20]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide for general practitioners to refer patients directly for MRI scans in public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26970/20]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make provision for a primary care centre in Monasterevin, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26971/20]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Health if the delivery of the flu vaccine is delayed until 29 September 2020 and that due to quantity issues the number of flu vaccines that can be ordered by general practitioners will be capped; if so, the number that this will be capped at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26972/20]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a Covid-19 testing centre in the south County Kildare that is convenient to persons of north Laois and south Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26973/20]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects to bring legislative changes in respect of the nursing homes support scheme before Dáil Éireann that will cap contributions based on farm

and business assets at three years in which a family successor commits to working the productive asset. — Holly Cairns. [26980/20]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Health the supports in place for dentists that were promised they would be provided with PPE in early May 2020 and have not received same and are financing the additional costs themselves (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26986/20]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to deal with the under-resourcing of the HSE community dental service compounded by the redeployment of dentists from the service to undertake testing and contact tracing as part of the HSE Covid-19 public health response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26987/20]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to move to saliva-based testing for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26989/20]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a programme to support nursing and other residential homes which are being impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic to improve ITC facilities to ensure residents have access to video calling facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [26993/20]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Health when the resumption of normal diabetes reviews in hospitals and primary care will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [26994/20]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received an update from maternity hospitals on when they will lift restrictions on partners attending antenatal scans, appointments, labour and the hour post birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [26995/20]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Health if officials from the drugs policy unit of his Department have met with which addiction recovery support meeting event organisers and stakeholders regarding the reopening of addiction recovery support meetings and if so, if he will provide details of the meetings. — Thomas Gould. [27003/20]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on engagement between event organisers and stakeholders and the National Drugs Policy Unit on the reopening of addiction recovery support meetings. — Thomas Gould. [27004/20]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the safe solutions being developed by the drugs policy unit in his Department. — Thomas Gould. [27005/20]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an addiction or recovery policy unit in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [27006/20]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the development of a framework for the restoration of drug and alcohol services; the estimated publication date of same and if other addictions such as gambling will be included under this framework. — Thomas Gould. [27007/20]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the Working Group involving Drug and Alcohol Taskforces and providers meet; when it was established; if they will be publishing a report and if so, if he will provide a date for publication. — Thomas Gould. [27008/20]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Health when early intervention services for children with Downs syndrome will resume (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [27023/20]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a general practitioner service in Milltown, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27033/20]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the implementation of the provisions in the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020, in particular the increase in income limits for medical card assessments for persons 70 years of age or over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27035/20]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that saw a consultant, by type, in the first eight months of 2020; the number and breakdown for same in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27040/20]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated total cost in 2021 of a total population vaccination campaign, assuming near 100% uptake with reasonable exceptions for those that cannot be safely vaccinated, scaled on the usual quantity percentage breakdown across quadrivalent influenza vaccine and live attenuated influenza vaccine and other types of vaccine by cost of vaccine and administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27041/20]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Health the total Covid-19-related expenditure incurred by his Department to date; and if this will be counted a pre-committed expenditure for Budget 2021. — David Cullinane. [27042/20]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Health the total Covid-19-related expenditure over and above his Department's 2020 budget; if this additional expenditure will be factored into the base in Budget 2021; and if not, if it will be repeated as Covid-19 related expenditure in Budget 2021. — David Cullinane. [27043/20]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Health if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27055/20]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to introducing early years dental screening of younger children (details supplied) for orofacial myofunction disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27074/20]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Health the number of child development clinics and associated services which took place in the first eight months of 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27077/20]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Health when a second consultant endocrinologist will be appointed to Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27078/20]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [27084/20]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of each Covid-19 testing centre or testing facility in the state by county. — Imelda Munster. [27103/20]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines for persons when a member of their household displays symptoms of Covid-19; if they should self-isolate until a test is returned not positive; if his attention has been drawn to guidance being issued to persons from the HSE that says a member of a household is not required to isolate while their household member with symptoms is waiting for a test; his views on whether this is not the appropriate guidance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27118/20]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Health the locations in which his Department believes the increase in Covid-19 cases in County Wicklow is arising from, that is community transmission, foreign travel and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27123/20]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a Covid-19 test in County Wicklow from the initial referral to receiving the test results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27124/20]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons in County Wicklow are being referred to Covid-19 test centres in Clonskeagh and Tallaght for testing in view of the fact there is a designated Covid-19 test centre in Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [27125/20]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant obstetrician posts within the public health service; the estimated full yearly cost of filling the vacancies in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [27135/20]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant child psychiatrist posts within CHO8. — Darren O’Rourke. [27136/20]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Health the number of heart transplants that were carried out in the Mater Hospital in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [27137/20]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to an assessment of needs on compassionate grounds for a child (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [27147/20]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Health if the restrictions will be reviewed and amended with regard to chosen partners being allowed accompany and offer support to women in labour in maternity hospitals (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [27157/20]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27165/20]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised by dentists in relation to the lack of provision of personal protective equipment for dentists in independent practice; his plans to address rising costs for dentists which have led to many withdrawing dental

service which is negatively impacting upon children and special needs patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27167/20]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 216 of 10 September 2020, when the relevant section will be commenced of The Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Bill 2020 (details supplied); if decisions on the associated funding for the measure have been finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27168/20]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Health if the complete full removal of vaginal mesh is carried out in Ireland; and if so, the number of such procedures carried successfully in 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27170/20]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified consultants and surgeons here with the competency to remove vaginal mesh; and the hospitals they are attached to. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27171/20]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Health if the translabial scanner is in place and fully operational; if so, if all staff are now fully trained in its use; the number of patients that have been seen in order to obtain their scan; if there is a waiting list; and if so, the length of the waiting. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27172/20]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Health if the treatment abroad scheme has been withdrawn to women that have transvaginal mesh; and if so, when the scheme was withdrawn; and the reason therefor. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27173/20]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be given a date for a hip replacement operation at the Adelaide and Meath Hospital. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27175/20]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 testing centres in north County Cork will be reinstated. — Sean Sherlock. [27189/20]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to pay student nurses on placement during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Sean Sherlock. [27191/20]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had personally on the lifting of restrictions in maternity hospitals for partners of new mothers. — Sean Sherlock. [27193/20]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the lack of oversight in an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27216/20]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult and child flu vaccine doses respectively received by the HSE to date in September 2020; the number that have been distributed to doctors and pharmacies; the number of adult and child flu vaccine doses respectively to be delivered by 30 September, by 15 October, by 31 October and by 30 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27218/20]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Health the date when each adult disability training centre in CHO2 will be reopened to all users post the Covid-19 closure; the reason for the delay in reopening services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27219/20]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27221/20]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Health when HSE early intervention physiotherapist services which has been impacted by Covid-19 will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27222/20]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by University Hospital Waterford to provide insulin pump therapy as a treatment option to all eligible adults with type 1 diabetes; the plans of the hospital to provide type 1 diabetes self-management education to adults attending its clinic; if the hospital has included the specialist nursing staff and dieticians required to provide insulin pump therapy for adult diabetes services within its budget proposal; if he will fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27225/20]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding medicinal cannabis; the position regarding the delivery of medicinal cannabis by the HSE nationwide originating from another EU state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27228/20]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by the University Hospital Waterford to provide insulin pump therapy as a treatment option to all eligible adults with type 1 diabetes; the plans of the hospital to provide type 1 diabetes self-management education to adults attending its clinic; if the hospital has included the specialist nursing staff and dieticians required to provide insulin pump therapy for adult diabetes services within its budget proposal; if an application has been made by the management of the hospital for funding of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [27239/20]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Health if a clinical waste yellow bin will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27241/20]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a scoliosis surgeon in Cork University Hospital; if not, the reason for this; and if there are plans to recruit one. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27243/20]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reply to correspondence (details supplied) regarding bed capacity at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27270/20]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he has taken to address the concerns of the dental sector in relation to the increased costs of dental care created by Covid-19 especially personal protective equipment; the discussions that have taken place with the dental sector regarding changes to the current medical card scheme and also the problems facing children, special care and other patients that access care from the HSE Community Dental Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [27276/20]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Health when ShannonDoc will reopen in Roscrea, County Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [27281/20]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Health when ShannonDoc will reopen in Thurles, County Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [27282/20]



\*979. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum distance persons have to travel to get a Covid-19 test; his views on whether it is suitable that some persons have to travel 100km for a test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27284/20]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no Covid-19 testing centre in Connemara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27285/20]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Health when the income eligibility levels for qualification for a medical card for those over 70 years of age will be increased as was provided for in the health legislation passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas in July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27286/20]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be assessed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27287/20]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the flu vaccine has been delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [27288/20]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements he undertook with alternative suppliers when it became apparent that the flu vaccine was delayed. — Thomas Gould. [27289/20]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time from being tested for Covid-19 to the patient receiving their results in CHO9. — Denise Mitchell. [27293/20]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds available in crisis mental health services by CHO in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [27297/20]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an instance in which a frontline worker who had a broken bone had to wait a number of days to be treated; his views on the way in which the worker tested negative for Covid-19 but could not get treatment for a number of days at two hospitals due to the fact no isolation beds were available; his views on the prevalence of the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27299/20]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding contract tracing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27300/20]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Health if he will exempt psychologists working within the mental health services in north Dublin for redeployment to test centres in view of the fact that many mental health services within the north Dublin area are significantly under-resourced based on population size and the services users they support are highly vulnerable during this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27306/20]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Health if arrangements have been made whilst Covid-19 restrictions on travel are in place to accommodate persons using medicinal cannabis preparations under licence; the length of time such arrangements are envisaged to remain; and if consideration has been given to such arrangements being made permanent. — Martin Browne. [27325/20]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the person or body the group should contact for assistance in organising the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [27327/20]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of establishing an in-patient palliative care hospice for the Midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27334/20]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay for persons in County Clare getting access to their yearly flu vaccination; when the vaccine will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27342/20]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons with stage four cancer are being refused access to a medical card; his plans to rectify the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27351/20]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*996. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions taken on foot of the inclusion within NPHET correspondence of 7 August 2020 of the point that the NPHET agreed the interim recommendations of the report Investigation into a Series Of Outbreaks of Covid-19 in Meat Processing Plants in Ireland and further recommend that the HSE's newly established National Standing Oversight Committee for such facilities considers, as an immediate action, the development of the most appropriate and proactive approach to surveillance and testing within the food processing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26477/20]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that have been made available to the agri-foods industry to support it through the impact of Brexit and the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26407/20]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of bluefin tuna that were caught in Irish fishing waters and landed here in the past five years; the monetary value of the fish; the locations which they were landed; the vessels they were caught from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26895/20]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the receipt of the pre-Budget submission by an organisation (details supplied) will be acknowledged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [26317/20]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding oyster licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26364/20]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make available the minutes and correspondence of meetings between Bord Bia and farming organisations that his Department may have consulted regarding the PGI application by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [26366/20]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there was correspondence with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the PGI application by an organisation; if so, if

he will furnish the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [26367/20]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered the exploration of introducing stepping stone forests here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [26458/20]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of instances to date in 2020 in which mechanical grading in meat factories has been suspended and reverted to manual grading; the factories concerned; the length of time for the suspension in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26460/20]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports he plans to put in place in accordance with the commitments made in the Programme for Government to ensure it will still be possible to purchase mushrooms, lettuce and herbs grown here in shops and garden centres at a reasonable cost when stocks of horticultural peat produced here are exhausted in the near future and will have to be imported in view of the fact there is no alternative available that replaces horticultural peat in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26461/20]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to protect the mushroom industry here which has a farmgate value of €119 million and relies on horticulture peat in view of the potential depletion of peat reserves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26462/20]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of temporary veterinary inspectors that have been employed at each relevant food processing plant; the number of temporary veterinary inspectors that signed the waiver at each plant in cases which they were over 70 years of age or otherwise extremely medically vulnerable to Covid-19, by each month in 2020 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26463/20]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to extend the sheep welfare scheme into 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26464/20]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of submissions received in respect of the proposal for a PGI application for beef; the number of submissions that were opposed to the PGI proposal; his plans to publish the submissions or a synopsis of same; his further plans for consideration of the submissions and to reflect the content in the PGI application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26465/20]

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to an estimate by an association (details supplied) indicating that the value of the tillage sector will be down by 15% due to the difficult harvest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26555/20]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if cattle that are exported live will be considered under the formulation of the new beef exceptional aid measure, BEAM scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26575/20]

\*1012. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts being made by his Department to protect the beef industry in view of the ongoing Brexit uncertainties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [26576/20]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the GLAS scheme for farmers that are in their fifth year and whose contracts are coming to an end can roll over into 2021 (details supplied). — Christopher O'Sullivan. [26585/20]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to review and reform the systems in place for regulation of labelling on GI spirit products. — Emer Higgins. [26598/20]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of salaries, expenses and so on paid to members of the board of Horse Racing Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [26823/20]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost in 2021 if the budget for marketing and promotional expenditure within An Bord Bia increased by 7%. — Patrick Costello. [26856/20]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the safeguards in place to ensure that only Departmental officials have access to the national herd database and that the information is not shared with unauthorised persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26907/20]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ANC payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; if a payment plan can be offered for outstanding repayments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26908/20]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if restrictions on the herd of a person (details supplied) will be lifted; the reason for the delay; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [26940/20]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to the issues raised (details supplied) by a local authority in relation to correspondence issued by his Department to farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26964/20]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans in place and the timeframe for same to reimburse Leitrim County Council for the cost of a report being undertaken to investigate the causes of the recent landslide on Shass Mountain, Drumkeerin, County Leitrim; if he will examine the next immediate steps necessary to deal with this catastrophic event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26985/20]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the land parcel identification system in County Louth. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27010/20]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants that have had payments delayed due to issues in relation to the land parcel identification system in County Louth. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27011/20]

- \*1024. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if additional resources are being considered in relation to the roll out of the land parcel identification system in identified counties. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27012/20]
- \*1025. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants that have not received at least 30% of payment under the basic payment scheme due to issues with their application. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27013/20]
- \*1026. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants waiting on TAMS approval. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27014/20]
- \*1027. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27064/20]
- \*1028. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a TAMS application by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27086/20]
- \*1029. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the proposed timeline for the online portal for forestry appeals and information regarding its form; the information fields available; and the legacy and historical information available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27121/20]
- \*1030. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the resolution passed by Monaghan County Council (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the request will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27144/20]
- \*1031. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of the overall kill of cattle in the previous three years up to the end of August 2020 that came from feedlots. — Noel Grealish. [27205/20]
- \*1032. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the proposed timeline for the online portal for forestry appeals; the information fields that will be available; and the legacy and historical information that will be available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27206/20]
- \*1033. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the records held by his Department relative to a positive TB test on an animal owned by a person (details supplied) will be amended in view of the fact subsequent tests were negative and the incorrect record is affecting the value of the herd; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [27226/20]
- \*1034. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give detailed consideration to the issues raised in a 2021 Budget Submission by an Association (details supplied); if the concerns of the sector which will be adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27290/20]
- \*1035. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of cattle slaughtered for the previous three years up to the end of August 2020 that came from factory owned feedlots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27330/20]

\*1036. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of the overall kill of cattle for the previous three years up to the end of August 2020 that came from feedlots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27331/20]

\*1037. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the receipt of a pre-Budget submission from an organisation (details supplied) will be acknowledged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27344/20]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of requests on hand from his Department and from State agencies under the aegis of his Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if she will provide an update on the progress that has been made on the National Volunteering Strategy and the time frame for the full implementation of the same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27000/20]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [26540/20]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if a decision has been made on an application for emergency funding by an organisation (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26776/20]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the steps that have been taken to advance the commitment in the Programme for Government to prioritise a State-led rural development programme to bridge the gap between the wind-up of the existing Leader Programme and the implementation of the new programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26965/20]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if funding will be provided for a walking project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27027/20]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands when further funding will be released to local authorities to complete local improvement scheme roads; the amount sought for such roads by Kerry County Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27037/20]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if a schedule of advisers and special advisers appointed and or recruited by him since his appointment will be provided; the roles and responsibilities attributed to each; and the salary for each appointee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [27063/20]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the number of requests on hand from her Department and from State agencies under the aegis of her Department for approval to increase staff levels; the number of public and civil servants in total involved in these requests; the method by which decisions are made on the requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26474/20]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,  
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**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the decision to delay the Census to 2022. — Alan Kelly. [27097/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [27099/20]

3. 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. [27115/20]