



## **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 his plans for a high-level review of the economy to be led by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25392/20]
2. 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]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has convened the well-being expert group. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27069/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Coordination Committee last met. — Alan Kelly. [25396/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Coordination Committee last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27112/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee which deals with matters related to the Defence Forces and security. — Alan Kelly. [25397/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with matters relating to the Defence Forces. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27068/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [25398/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the National Risk Assessment for 2020. — Alan Kelly. [27098/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27113/20]
11. 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]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee which addresses the economy will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [25608/20]

13. 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]

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

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the decision to delay the Census to 2022. — Alan Kelly. [27097/20]

20. 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]

21. 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]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Commission on the Future of Public Service Broadcasting is expected to report. — Alan Kelly. [27514/20]

\*23. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; and if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services. — Matt Carthy. [27572/20]

\*24. To ask the Taoiseach the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27650/20]

\*25. To ask the Taoiseach if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27668/20]

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

\*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to a report by researchers from University of Oxford pertaining to the EU-Mercosur trade deal that concluded that mechanisms within that trade agreement to include and protect local communities, track goods and to enforce sustainability standards are lacking throughout the proposed terms of the deal; if this report will shape his position on the trade deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27538/20]

\*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason the restart plus grant is not being made available to persons on the back to work enterprise allowance scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [27490/20]

\*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 17 September 2020, the number of Microfinance Ireland loans given repayment holidays until October 2020; and the number of these loans that are now falling due in each week in October 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [27491/20]

\*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 17 September 2020, the number of businesses with loans through Microfinance Ireland that sought a payment break or extension since the onset of Covid-19; and when the payment breaks and extensions are extended until in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27492/20]

\*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 17 September 2020, the breakdown of Microfinance Ireland loans; the number taken out pre-Covid19 or March 2020; the value of loans issued pre-Covid-19 or March 2020; the number on repayment holidays issued on these loans; and the date the repayment holiday extends until in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27493/20]

\*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 17 September 2020, the breakdown of Microfinance Ireland loans; the number taken out post-Covid-19 or March 2020; the value of loans issued post-Covid-19 or March 2020; the number on repayment holidays issued on these loans; and the date the repayment holiday extends until in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [27494/20]

\*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the meetings held by him and or his officials from assistant principal level upwards with trade unions since his appointment as Minister; the dates, attendees and matters that were discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [27525/20]

\*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27555/20]

\*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27640/20]

\*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27658/20]

\*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the IDA is working to identify a client company to occupy a plant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27682/20]

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

\*37. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the cost breakdown to the ESB for installing a standard electric vehicle charge point and a fast charging electric vehicle charge point; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27455/20]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of public charging points for electric vehicles that have been constructed; the number currently in operation; the number of new charging points planned for the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27456/20]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the progress made and the steps he will take to address the concerns of the residents and school in an area (details supplied) in relation to the serious issues with Eir and its provision of broadband which was the subject of a complaint and has subsequently been progressed by the residents to the Commission for Communications Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27508/20]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the areas in County Monaghan that will be serviced by the National Broadband Plan in 2020 and 2021; the number of dwellings that will be encompassed in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27539/20]

\*41. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27556/20]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27636/20]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27654/20]

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

\*44. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of completing the Western Rail Corridor; the status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27372/20]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of completing the rail line from Dunboyne to Navan; the status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27373/20]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding options or mechanisms available from the European Union to develop the rail network here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27374/20]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has explored the possibility of introducing new State-supported shipping routes directly to the continent to avoid the potential disruption on the land bridge in the UK due to Brexit; the estimated cost implications for the State introducing such routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27416/20]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to make the wearing of helmets mandatory for cyclists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [27420/20]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Transport the evidence that demonstrates the impact of road safety advertisements; if the evidence shows that hard hitting messages are more effective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27442/20]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to clear the backlog for driver tests in Dublin in view of the closures due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27457/20]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Transport if persons over 70 years of age will be allowed to renew their driver licence online as is the case for persons under 70 years of age in view of the advice for over 70s to limit their social contacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [27460/20]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the construction of all phases of the Limerick-Clare northern distributor road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [27513/20]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Transport if the draft Limerick Metropolitan Transport Strategy is compatible with the climate change targets of Ireland; if the strategy will be subject to a Ministerial review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [27518/20]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27557/20]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons in receipt of a valid and or current learner driver permit, a N driver permit and a full driver licence as of month end September 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [27574/20]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person on a learner driver permit can use an M road here. — Catherine Murphy. [27575/20]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the problem persons are experiencing with driver licence renewals; if an alternative solution can be provided for (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27589/20]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is in receipt of a study relating to the N25 Castlemartyr relief road; the expected cost of the project; and his views on whether the project will take eight years from construction. — Sean Sherlock. [27593/20]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27651/20]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27669/20]

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

\*61. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider including small providers of accommodation for the stay and spend scheme in view of the fact that many such providers are not registered for VAT. — Niall Collins. [27409/20]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine the criteria for applying for a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27467/20]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Finance when a person (details supplied) will receive a reply to a pensions and taxes query submitted in August 2020 and again on 3 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27404/20]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if discussions have been undertaken with a group (details supplied) with regard to an extension of the mortgage moratorium on behalf of mortgage holders in Dublin in view of the increased public health restrictions in the county and associated reduction in economic activity; if so, the status of the talks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [27415/20]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons can avail of the bike to work scheme if they are availing of the wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [27443/20]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27558/20]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of PCP loans currently in operation in Ireland; and the cumulative total of those loans. — Sean Sherlock. [27576/20]



\*68. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider calling upon the banks and the other institutions which provide banking services to cease deducting service charges from the accounts of persons in which their only source of income is a jobseeker's payment, disability allowance, lone parents benefit or any other welfare payment in view of the fact that these persons have the least ability to pay such charges or to maintain a balance of several thousand euro; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [27577/20]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Finance if additional tax liability or wage deductions will accrue to employees in which their employer is in receipt of the employment wage subsidy scheme and in which the employee has paid their statutory tax in full. — Sean Sherlock. [27594/20]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the special position of agri-diesel and other agri-fuels in the context of carbon tax in view of the lack of viable alternatives; if the matter will be taken into consideration when making future taxation decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27618/20]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the earned income tax credit for the self-employed to €1,650; if the gap between the self-employed and PAYE workers will be bridged in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27619/20]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the issue of dividend arbitrage stock trading or Cum-Ex trading which is an illegal tax evasion strategy in the European Union; if his attention has been further drawn to such a practice here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27623/20]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27641/20]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27659/20]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding credit unions. — Sean Sherlock. [27678/20]

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

\*76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the catchment and flood risk management plan under CFRAM for County Louth; the progress on the implementation of same that has been made to date; the funding that has been allocated to the scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27408/20]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27559/20]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27648/20]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27666/20]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of plans by Ireland to maximise the European Structural and Investment Funds for the next period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27672/20]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of co-financing that will be available under the next round of the European Structural and Investment Funds for each region in Ireland. — Claire Kerrane. [27673/20]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the PEACE Programme for the next seven years. — Claire Kerrane. [27674/20]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated European Structural and Investment Funds that will be available to Ireland over the coming period; and the grounds on which funding will be distributed among the regions. — Claire Kerrane. [27675/20]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether the European Structural and Investment Funds are best operated and implemented at a level as close as possible to the grassroots; the consideration he has given to using an integrated territorial investment to ensure that regions can effectively implement the spending in their own area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27676/20]

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

\*85. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the State commemorations being planned for the remainder of 2020 and 2021 as part of the Decade of Centenaries. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27488/20]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the section of the reopening framework which refers to the development of specific guidelines being developed with the sector; the details of the discussions to date; the stage the guidelines are at; the date they will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [27526/20]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she or her officials have engaged with a group (details supplied); if so, the details of the discussions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [27527/20]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount spent on media monitoring services by her Department; if the role is provided by private contract

operators or in-house services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27560/20]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27603/20]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that her Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27647/20]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of her Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27665/20]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of the transfer of the National Symphony Orchestra to the National Concert Hall. — Imelda Munster. [27685/20]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the representations she has made to the Minister for Social Protection and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the need to return the employment wage subsidy scheme to the previous rate under the temporary wage subsidy scheme for the tourism sector given the long-term effects of the Covid-19 restrictions on business owners and workers in that sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [27686/20]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if her Department gives weighting to clubs applying for sports capital grants in circumstances in which women in sport will directly benefit; if not, her plans to include weighting of this type for clubs and groups applying for the grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [27687/20]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the person or body that will develop specific guidance for large purpose built event facilities as outlined in the Living with COVID Plan for level 1; and the way in which the relevant sectors and event organisers obtain such guidance for large indoor and outdoor events. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27692/20]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the Arts and Culture Recovery Task Force will address the need for a long-term strategy for the arts and entertainment industries as outlined in the Programme for Government; and the way in which and when the arts strategy will be developed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27693/20]

\*97. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta céard iad na hiarrachtaí atá á ndéanamh aici chun a chinntiú go mbeidh hallaí pobail sna ceantair Ghaeltachta in ann costais reatha, árachas, agus billí eile nach bhfuil clúdaithe faoin gClár Tacaíochtaí Pobail agus Teanga nó faoi chúnamh caipitil, a íoc, nuair a chuirtear i gcuntas nach raibh aon ioncam acu i mbliana, toisc gur chuir an Rialtas na coláistí samhraidh ar ceal; cathain a chuirfidh sí ciste reatha ar fáil dóibh; agus an bhfuil aon phlean tarrthála aici do na hallaí pobail seo. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27694/20]

\*98. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta agus é i gceist aici Údarás Craolacháin na hÉireann a dhíscaoileadh agus Coimisiún na Meán a bhunú ina áit, an bhfuil sé ar intinn aici an deis a thapú chun na forálacha cuí den Acht Craolacháin, agus cumais an Choimisiúin nua, i leith na Gaeilge a threisiú, ar nós na gcéimeanna a mhol daoine (sonraí tugtha) san aighneacht a chuir siad faoi bhráid Chomhchoiste na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus na nOileán sa bhliain 2018 dar teideal Taighde ar Úsáid na Gaeilge ar an Raidió. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27695/20]

\*99. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta an féidir léi a rá an bhfuiltear den tuiscint in a Roinn gur gá tabhairt faoin mbearna sa mhaoiniú poiblí a chuirfear ar fáil do TG4 don bhliain 2021 agus atá tuartha a bheith os cionn €4 milliún, ionas go mbeidh TG4 in ann an straitéis 2018-2022 atá comhaontaithe le hÚdarás Craolacháin na hÉireann a chomhlíonadh; agus cad iad na céimeanna atá glactha aici agus ag a Roinn chun déileáil leis an mbearna sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27696/20]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when she plans to rectify the disproportionate increase in funding for Údarás na Gaeltachta vis-à-vis IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland since the financial crisis by increasing its funding; and her views on the growing divide. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27698/20]

\*101. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta céard iad na céimeanna atá beartaithe aici chun na moltaí sa Tuarascáil is déanaí ón gCoimisinéir Teanga a chur i bhfeidhm; agus cad é a barúil ar an Tuarascáil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27699/20]

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

\*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new guidelines will be issued for windmills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27421/20]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will endeavour to secure a €10 million increase in funding for the NPWS farm plan scheme in designated areas; if his Department has corresponded with the corresponding Department in relation to this scheme in the context of securing an increase to the budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27597/20]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a large number of phone masts have been erected in an area (details supplied); if the erection of such masts is communicated beforehand with local residents; if there is a requirement for such communication to be made beforehand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27403/20]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports available for a project (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27414/20]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will meet with local opposition groups and a person (details supplied) to be briefed fully on the Shannon pipeline project before proceeding further with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27444/20]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his consideration of the Planning Regulator's report and recommendation for overturning the planning permission for the east Cork retail park; and when a decision will be made on the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27448/20]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 243 of 12 June 2019, the progress made to date following his engagements with the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and NewERA on various issues; if a report on the engagements was produced; the actions that will be instigated as a result of the engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [27454/20]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff employed by the Land Development Agency transferred from the National Asset Management Agency. — Neasa Hourigan. [27470/20]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in inviting applications for a post (details supplied) in Mayo County Council which has been vacant for a number of months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27472/20]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the eligibility criteria for the Rebuilding Home loan scheme to allow persons that previously owned property to apply with particular consideration of those from separated relationships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27547/20]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding and status of funding provided to an association (details supplied); if he will provide additional funding toward the development of a community centre by the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27548/20]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27561/20]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27645/20]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27663/20]

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

\*116. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has drafted a contingency plan to protect road-based imports and exports should major disruption occur on the land bridge in the UK due to Brexit; if so, if the contingency plans will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [27417/20]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27562/20]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27642/20]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27660/20]

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

\*120. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of tenders received by the Defence Forces in respect of tender competitions for the repairs, servicing, maintenance and for the supply of fuel dispensing pumps and a fuel management system in each year from 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the successful tender company in each instance; the amount paid in each year to each company involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27540/20]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27563/20]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27638/20]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27656/20]

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

\*124. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary schools with access to hot running water; and the number of schools which have gained access to hot water in recent months. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27418/20]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Education if the procedures will be clarified in cases in which a school incurs multiple losses of teaching and other staff as a result of Covid-19 infections or need to isolate as a result of close contact with affected persons; the procedure in cases in which as a result of such losses, the staff pupil ratio falls below the legal requirement as outlined on page 9 of the HSPC Covid Pathway for schools which quotes the legal requirement for the staff pupil ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27445/20]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Education if clarity will be provided on the guidelines to playschools and primary schools in relation to the prohibition of the use of plastic lunch boxes

(details supplied); and if the reason for the issuing of such guidance will be provided. — Steven Matthews. [27463/20]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Education further to Report 98 of the Comptroller and Auditor General on School Transport, if she will provide the exact figures that the Bus Éireann directors and auditors determined as profit in each year for school transport that was actually credited to the statutory financial statement in the profit and loss account, balance sheet and cash flow statement in each of the years 2010 to 2016, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27469/20]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of ensuring that all 2011-2014 entrants into teaching will be paid on equal pay scales to their colleagues that joined the teaching profession before and after them. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27487/20]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in portacabins; the amount being spent for each school in temporary accommodation; and the length of time they been in temporary accommodation in tabular form. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27501/20]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline on the extension project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27502/20]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Education the amount being spent to lease land for a school (details supplied) to date; the monthly cost of the lease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27503/20]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Education the amount being spent leasing a property for a school (details supplied) since the school was moved onto the premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27504/20]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Education the stage in the design and planning process the proposed extension for a school (details supplied) is at; the reason for the current delay in completing the tender process; the proposed timeline for the completion of the extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27506/20]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Education if the proposed works at a school (details supplied) will include mitigation works for the school entrance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27507/20]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27523/20]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Education if there are legislative or regulatory requirements preventing education and training boards from renewing leases on lands in their ownership before the expiry of existing leases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27531/20]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new building for a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay to date; the expected date for completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27541/20]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend facilities at a school (details supplied); if additional accommodation will include a PE hall and library; if consideration will be given to renewing windows and doors as part of works undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27542/20]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Education when guidelines will be provided in respect of the practical aspects of the geography investigation such as fieldwork projects for leaving certificate students and teachers considering that geography is the only subject that has a practical element to the course work which was not included within the guidelines from her Department upon school reopenings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27543/20]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent on media monitoring services by her Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27564/20]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of the proposed extension for a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [27578/20]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Education if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding pay for home tuition teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27590/20]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Education the status and timeline for the construction of the new permanent build for a college (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [27591/20]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27602/20]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Education if a bus service with a bus assistant will be provided for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27604/20]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Education the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that her Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27639/20]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of her Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27657/20]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Education if the proposed extension project for a school (details supplied) will include provision for an ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [27670/20]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress on a school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27677/20]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Education the circumstances under which a primary school may be closed as a result of Covid-19 safety guidelines and multiple cases of illness and or suspected cases of illness; the authority that makes such a decision; if her Department has oversight or a final say



in such decisions and the role public health officials play in making such decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27688/20]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that have had to shut down or close specific classes since reopening as a result of either Covid-19 outbreaks and illness among staff or pupils or due to insufficient staff to pupil ratios; the number of teachers the attention of her Department has been drawn to as having contracted Covid-19 since the reopening of schools; and the number of pupils, parents and guardians the attention of her Department has been drawn to as having contracted Covid-19. — Bríd Smith. [27689/20]

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

\*152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if businesses that were closed during the first thirteen weeks of the Covid-19 lockdown are obliged to pay their employees for bank holidays that fell during the period; if so, the reason; her plans to prevent this additional pressure being placed on businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27461/20]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if support measures will be introduced for new mothers due to return to work in the coming weeks and months from maternity leave that are unable to do so due to Covid-19. — Cathal Crowe. [27383/20]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria selection for the Child Maintenance Review Group. — Gino Kenny. [27435/20]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason no representatives from civil society, NGOs that work with one parent families or child poverty experts are on the Childs Maintenance Review Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [27436/20]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be permitted to access the back to education allowance. — Mark Ward. [27437/20]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process for persons applying for a public services card; if the process has changed due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27438/20]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is not receiving their full pension; if she will review same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27451/20]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated additional cost to reinstate the pre-17 September 2020 payment rates of €203 and €350 for the pandemic unemployment payment for the time period of 1 January to 31 March 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27459/20]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of persons in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment leaving the State and their payment eligibility. — Sean Sherlock. [27464/20]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if recipients of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment are eligible to take up a free Springboard course and keep their payment at the same time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27471/20]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is financial assistance for businesses that due to Covid-19 have had to close permanently and that now face high costs of minimum notice for employees that in ordinary circumstances would have worked out their notice but Covid-19 restrictions prevented this from happening; if the issue is under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [27474/20]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed in view of the fact that both their parents require full-time care and attention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27476/20]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the record of contributions for pension purposes in the case of a person (details supplied); if they qualify for a State pension (contributory); and if not, if they will be better off in receipt of a non-contributory pension in their own right or remaining on their spouse's claim. — John McGuinness. [27485/20]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 720 of 8 September 2020, if she can respond to additional correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [27535/20]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent on media monitoring services by her Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27565/20]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 184 of 24 September 2020, if a weekly diet supplement payment can be made available to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry under the supplementary welfare allowance scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27588/20]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average cost of the back to work enterprise allowance for each worker on the scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [27605/20]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average cost of the back to education allowance for each student on the scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [27606/20]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of an additional 12,500 places funded through the training support grant. — Louise O'Reilly. [27609/20]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if further changes will be made to the contributory pension scheme to cover farm families that have been negatively impacted under existing criteria; if so, the estimated cost for the changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27613/20]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if progress has been possible on the request by community employment supervisors for an occupational pension scheme. — Richard Bruton. [27622/20]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that her Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27649/20]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of her Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27667/20]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she has taken to have a sector-specific unemployment payment similar to the €350 a week pandemic unemployment payment for the live events, music and unfunded arts sectors to ensure workers in the industries can survive until the sector is reopened in view of the fact that the pandemic unemployment payment has been reduced and the sectors have been entirely shut down since March 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27691/20]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide for a sector-specific unemployment payment at the higher rate of the previous €350 a week pandemic unemployment payment for the live events, music and unfunded arts sectors, which have been entirely shut down since March 2020 to ensure workers in these industries can survive until the sector is reopened and to ensure their skill is not lost in the intervening period. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27697/20]

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

\*177. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when the national childcare scheme reviews (details supplied) will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [27401/20]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the research capacity of Tusla; the number of staff employed full-time in the area of research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27384/20]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the last time a staff census was completed in Tusla; if he will provide the results broken down by local office; and the number of vacant posts at the time. — Patrick Costello. [27385/20]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children in care currently by local area office. — Patrick Costello. [27386/20]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children under 12 years of age in residential units by LHO area. — Patrick Costello. [27387/20]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of young persons in care that turned 18 years of age between 2016 and 2019 by LHO area. — Patrick Costello. [27388/20]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of young persons receiving an aftercare allowance by LHO area. — Patrick Costello. [27389/20]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children in care without an allocated social worker by LHO area. — Patrick Costello. [27390/20]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children in care placed outside their area of origin by LHO area. — Patrick Costello. [27391/20]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27566/20]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the progress made to establish childcare Ireland; his plans to establish career pathways including professional pay and conditions for childcare educators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [27630/20]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he is satisfied there is sufficient capacity in the early years and school-age childcare system in view of the impact that Covid-19 has had on settings; the details of notifications of closures issued to Tusla for early years settings by service type and county since January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [27633/20]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27635/20]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27653/20]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason many parents are experiencing delays in drawing down financial assistance under the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27680/20]

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

\*192. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide funding to those taking up private third-level courses that are on very limited incomes and that are upskilling to seek alternative employment due to changes to their employment circumstances caused by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [27475/20]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons that have achieved a QQI level 5 qualification or higher in childcare or early childhood education and care or Montessori in each of the years 2000 to 2010 and in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27505/20]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the laptop scheme for third-level students will be extended to Teagasc students; if the estimated cost of the measure will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27620/20]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the eligibility criteria for applying for laptops funded by his Department in response to the Covid-19

pandemic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27510/20]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of taking account for the interaction between increasing the income threshold for SUSI grants by 10%, increasing the SUSI maintenance grant by 10% and reducing student contribution charges by €500, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27511/20]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the construction of the Limerick Institute of Technology Coonagh site in Limerick City; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [27512/20]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27567/20]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27643/20]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27661/20]

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

\*201. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of section 60 of the Coroners Act 1962 (as amended) and applications by family members to coroners under the section (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27432/20]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Justice the status in relation to section 60 of the Coroners Act 1962 (as amended) and the need for procedures (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27433/20]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Justice the increase or decrease in qualified Garda numbers since 1 January 2016; when the next recruitment campaign for An Garda Síochána will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27447/20]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will review a request for extended parental leave for a family (details supplied) in view of the fact that the child was born a few hours before the cut-off of 1 November 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [27468/20]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that can be taken in relation to health and safety concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27524/20]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Justice the numbers of persons born here to non-Irish parents that have been subject to deportation proceedings in each of the years 2004 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27554/20]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent on media monitoring services by her Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27568/20]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that her Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27646/20]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of her Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27664/20]

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

\*210. To ask the Minister for Health the bed capacity available for HSE patients in private mental health care facilities; the process to avail of same; the breakdown of bed capacity in each private mental health care facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27439/20]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies across the health service by CHO, hospital group and hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27360/20]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Health the status of representations he has had with representatives of dentists. — Sean Sherlock. [27371/20]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Health when proposed changes to the fair deal scheme to cap the charge to family farms and assets at three years will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27399/20]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Health if a model of care has been drafted in relation to the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis; if it has been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27402/20]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Health the occupational and regional breakdowns and associated costs of the 2,760 staff for 2020 and 7,500 recruitment target for quarter 1 2021 outlined in the Winter Plan 2020/2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27407/20]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 812 of 22 September 2020, if other countries such as Denmark are using an app to record the number of close contacts a user has on a daily basis; if consideration will be given to changing the app used here in order that the keys that are shared between phones are randomised once a day in the middle of the night to preserve the protection of privacy while allowing the app to record the number of close contacts a user has on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27419/20]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the medical card threshold for persons over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27434/20]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Covid-19 advertisements do not feature hard-hitting messages on the impact of the virus similar to road safety and anti-smoking advertisements; his plans to target hard-hitting ads towards young persons highlighting the potential long-term health consequences to them if they contract Covid-19 and the impact if they infect older members of their family; his plans to copy the successful strategy of road safety advertisements by featuring survivors of Covid-19 and relatives of those that have passed away from the virus in advertisements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27440/20]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Health the evidence that demonstrates the impact of anti-smoker advertisements; if the evidence shows that hard-hitting messages are more effective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27441/20]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons presenting at emergency departments with suicide attempts, self-harm injuries and overdose by location in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27446/20]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) relating to employing swabbers and tracer teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27452/20]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to concerns (details supplied) in relation prescription dispensing changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [27453/20]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE does not have a single integrated finance and procurement information technology system; his plans for ensuring a system will be put in place; if an integrated system will be expedited due to the failings it is causing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27462/20]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27465/20]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Health the plans being considered to allow birthing partners to be present for the full labour and delivery of a child given that we will be living with Covid-19 for some time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27473/20]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the Be on Call for Ireland pool; the number that have been assigned or placed in services; the number of staff hired through Be on Call for Ireland with HSE contracts; the number with agency or temporary contracts; the reason staff are being hired as agency or temporary staff when there is a demonstrated need for them to be employed as HSE staff; if his Department is seeking to avoid employer obligations by hiring staff as temporary or agency staff; if all employed to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic are working on valid contracts; the number that are working on temporary contracts which have expired; if he can guarantee that not a single worker brought on to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic is working on an expired contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27484/20]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on an item of correspondence (details supplied); the steps that he or his Ministerial colleagues are taking to ensure compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27486/20]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Health the reason some community testers and contact tracers and those offered jobs through Be on Call for Ireland and other recruitment pathways to join the health service are only being offered temporary employment through agencies and are not being employed directly by the HSE or his Department; if this is congruent with the objective of employing a dedicated testing and tracing workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27489/20]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of the €600 million announced as part of the Winter Plan that will be allocated to University Hospital Limerick; if a crisis response to the overcrowding in the emergency department of the hospital will be sanctioned as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [27516/20]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health the emergency capacity protocols at University Hospital Limerick for winter 2020 in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [27517/20]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for removing the treatment abroad scheme funding for mesh injured persons; the reason for removing funding for travel abroad for translabial scans; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this is interrupting patients' treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27528/20]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Health the rehabilitative supports being made available to mesh injured patients; if expedited pain management physio and counselling treatment will be delivered in line with the CMO report on the matter; if this can be accessed privately instead of through the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27529/20]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the fact that 75% of the available speech and language therapists in HSE Community Healthcare West are redeployed to either testing or contact tracing including speech and language therapists from both primary care and social care and the detrimental effect it is having in the delivery of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27533/20]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the case of a child (details supplied) who has been on the waiting list for services within the child development team for a considerable amount of time; when the child will be allocated with the supports needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27544/20]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that patients that require medicinal cannabis will be in a position to secure it safely here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27545/20]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health when a urology consultation appointment will be facilitated for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27546/20]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27569/20]



\*238. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the HSE or an agency (details supplied) that is recruiting for community swabbers and or contact tracing; the body that will employ persons recruited as community swabbers and or contact tracing roles; the terms and conditions of employment, that is, if they are employed for either community swabber and or contact tracing roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [27573/20]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health if a breakdown of the acute beds pledged under the HSE Winter Plan will be provided; the hospitals in which the 409 beds already in place are located; the date on which the beds came into service; the hospitals in which the remaining 483 are to be provided; the time frame for each hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27579/20]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health the definition of a sub-acute bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27580/20]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sub-acute beds pledged under the HSE Winter Plan; the hospitals in which the 395 beds already in place are located; the date on which these beds came into service; the hospitals in which the remaining 89 are to be provided; the time frame for each hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27581/20]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Health the location of the 631 additional rehabilitation beds to be provided under the HSE Winter Plan; the number that will come on stream each month from 25 September 2020 until April 2021; and the number of rehabilitation beds that will be available nationally when the provision comes on stream in tabular form. — John Lahart. [27582/20]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Health the location of 530 repurposed community beds pledged in the HSE Winter Plan to support the home first pathway; the services from which they are being repurposed; and the alternative provision being made in the services from which these beds are being repurposed in tabular form. — John Lahart. [27583/20]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 4.76 million additional home support hours that will be provided in each LHO area over the course of the HSE Winter Plan; and the number of home support hours that will be provided in each as a result of the provision by each LHO in tabular form. — John Lahart. [27584/20]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Health the available inpatient beds for each public and voluntary hospital; and the number of beds that are categorised as sub-acute by each hospital in tabular form. — John Lahart. [27585/20]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Health the available day bed places for each public and voluntary hospital; and the number of these beds that are categorised as sub-acute by each hospital in tabular form. — John Lahart. [27586/20]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Health if testing for Covid-19 at designated centres such as meat factories and direct provision centres is compulsory for all personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27587/20]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [27592/20]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health when the nursing home support scheme will be progressed further; when the measures will take effect in legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27612/20]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27621/20]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the scheduled review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; the persons, Departments or organisations that will be involved in the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27624/20]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Health the status of commitments to introduce exclusion zones; if he has had further consultation with the Garda Commissioner on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27625/20]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided by his Department for the provision of adult and paediatric palliative care in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27626/20]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider directing the National Advisory Bioethics Committee to investigate the ethical implications of assisted suicide, assisted dying and physician-assisted suicide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27627/20]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Health the details of his engagements with the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board from 1 January to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27628/20]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been denied access to primary care psychology services which they have been referred to purely on the basis of their address. — Paul Murphy. [27631/20]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Health the position for personal trainers working in gyms in Dublin during the current level 3 Covid-19 restriction; the actions personal trainers can and cannot take in the gym setting in view of the fact that individual training is allowed in gyms with protective measures; if further clarity will be provided regarding the obligations of gym owners in order to allow personal training to continue if possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27632/20]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Health the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27644/20]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27662/20]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no exit interviews when a person leaves their employment in University Hospital Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27671/20]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is proper for a general practitioner to charge a medical card holder the fee of €60 to carry out a medical exam for a new driver licence; and the services that should be provided without charge by general practitioners to those with a valid medical card. — Robert Troy. [27679/20]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a review of restrictions on maternity services in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27681/20]

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

\*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of piglets that had their teeth clipped or grinded in each of the years 2017 to 2019; the percentage of the overall piglet numbers these represent; and the reason given by producers for carrying out the procedure. — Joe O'Brien. [27410/20]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of pigs that had their tail docked in each of the years 2017 to 2019; the percentage of the overall piglet numbers these represent; and the reason given by producers for carrying out the procedure. — Joe O'Brien. [27411/20]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the different antibiotics administered to pigs in the pig industry in each of the years 2017 to 2019; the level of antibiotic used in the pig industry; the measures being put in place by his Department to reduce the use of antibiotics in the industry; and the research carried out by his Department on the long-term effects on the human population of antibiotic use in pigs. — Joe O'Brien. [27412/20]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of pigs that have been exported live to date in 2020; the age of the majority of pigs, that is over 75%, that were exported live; the countries they were exported to; the number by each country; and the reason pigs are being exported live. — Joe O'Brien. [27413/20]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to recruit veterinary inspectors and technical agricultural officers for County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27458/20]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the GLAS scheme is due to be phased out this year; if so, his plans for a scheme to replace it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27466/20]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a 2015 basic payment scheme penalty applied to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be struck off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27532/20]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will commission a review of the wool sector with a view to developing a viable commercial use for this premium product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27536/20]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to provide financial support to the tillage sector in view of the challenges resulting from the exceptionally wet autumn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27537/20]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent on media monitoring services by his Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27570/20]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts he is making to retain full funding for existing farm schemes in the CAP transition phase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27595/20]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if GLAS, ANCs, TAMS, BDGP, BEEPS, sheep welfare and organic schemes will be continued with maintained payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27596/20]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts he is making to secure the maximum permissible level of national co-financing of 57% in the CAP RDP post-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27598/20]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the commitment in the Programme for Government for a new REPS 2 programme will be in addition to the national co-financing commitment from the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27599/20]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase payments to €300 per cow for beef farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27600/20]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to streamline the grant process for cattle underpasses, simplifying the administration process and making the scheme attractive to all farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27601/20]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is seeking a strengthening of the Brexit contingency fund as announced in Budget 2020; if the €110 million agriculture fund will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27610/20]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will seek further funding to restore the farmer forestry premium; if he will introduce a harvesting plan grant; if he will review the ash dieback scheme to include an income compensation element; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27611/20]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will work with the Minister for Finance to secure a 0% VAT rating for animal vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27614/20]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a national food ombudsman will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27615/20]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeline and method by which he plans to implement the recommendations of the Independent Aquaculture Licensing Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27616/20]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farm safety scheme will be introduced with increased funding for health and safety equipment under TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27617/20]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of measures in place to detect and prevent the emergence of African swine fever in the pig sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27629/20]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that his Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27634/20]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of his Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27652/20]

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

\*288. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the amount spent on media monitoring services by her Department; if the role is provided by private contract operators or in-house services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27571/20]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands the amount expended on access to online and hardcopy media publications since May 2020 to date; and the breakdown of online and hard copy subscriptions including the publications that her Department subscribes to. — Catherine Murphy. [27637/20]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Community and Rural Development and the Islands if she has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct media monitoring and or provide reports on media coverage of her Department; if so, the costs of same; and the companies engaged. — Catherine Murphy. [27655/20]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,  
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 2020**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the steps she plans to take to ensure the long term survival of the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors here in view of the serious effects the Covid-19 pandemic is having on society; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26626/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to reintroduce a local authority swimming pool programme. — Matt Carthy. [27363/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the sports capital grant scheme is an annual funding scheme; the reason there was no funding round in 2019; if the funding rounds will be opened in 2020 and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [27683/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the recommendations she has made for a roadmap for the arts and live entertainment sectors to reopen safely, protecting the public and workers across arts and entertainment in addition to ensuring the survival of the sectors as Ireland moves out of Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27483/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the supports being offered to sporting organisations to ensure compliance with Covid-19 guidelines for sports spectators. — Pa Daly. [26515/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to expand the more than €5 million pilot performance programme from the recently activated July stimulus to the live entertainment and event sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27482/20]

7. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta maidir le ceist uimhir 310 ar an 28ú Iúil 2020, an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú ar stádas Phlean Teanga Chathair na Gaillimhe; an bhfuil an plean faofa aici; cén dáta a fhoilseofar é; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [27095/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if specific funding will be provided for the events and entertainment industry due to the ongoing and adverse impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the sector and the resultant loss of employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27422/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the extra supports that have been made available for athletes whose participation in the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26859/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of the actions taken to date to support the events industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27378/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the supports that have been put in place to support and encourage Irish speaking communities outside the Gaeltacht and increase engagement by young persons with the Irish language outside of their formal education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [27364/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the details of her recent meetings with sporting organisations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [26514/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the funding in place to support sporting organisations in implementing Covid-19 safety regulations. — Thomas Gould. [17381/20]

14. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta cé na céimeanna a ghlacfaidh sí chun a chinntiú go ndéanfaidh RTÉ agus craoltóirí áitiúla a gcuid dualgas reachtúil i leith na Gaeilge a chomhlíonadh, go háirithe i gceantair Ghaeltachta, agus é fógartha anois nach mbeidh seirbhís nuachta náisiúnta raidió ar fáil tar éis 7 i.n. do phobal na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27397/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if supports will be made available to the tourism sector in view of the July stimulus package (details supplied); and if he will grant support to bars, restaurants and hotels to help them make their premises Covid-19 safe. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15750/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the reason no additional funding has been announced for the live events sector since the July Stimulus; and the reason it took until September 2020 to provide an application mechanism for that funding. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27394/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the progress that has been made for the ionad pobail at Inis Meáin which was approved under the National Development Plan; the stage the project is at; and the date for construction and completion. — Mairéad Farrell. [24442/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of the redevelopment of Dalymount Park; and the timeline and funds allocated. — Gary Gannon. [27428/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if the suggested €3.5 million will be allocated to clubs (details supplied) to keep them functioning into 2021 and potentially beyond; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27427/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the supports available to the tourist industry including tour operators and guides in view of the extent of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27431/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the additional supports in place for local sports clubs to avail of during Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27392/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the further financial measures that will be considered to support the tourism sector in County Donegal in view of recent public health measures introduced in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27370/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans for further supports for the music and events workers that continue to be among the hardest hit by ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [26590/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the progress of the Arts and Culture Recovery Task Force; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [27359/20]

25. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta cé na pleananna atá beartaithe ag an Rialtas maidir le tithíocht agus pleanáil tí sa Ghaeltacht, chun cuidiú le teaghlaigh bogadh ar ais chuig an nGaeltacht; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [27369/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the supports for artistic venues and artistic enterprises that are not supported through the Arts Council which face closures without such needed support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27430/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the number of bed and breakfasts that have availed of the restart grant since she announced that bed and breakfasts could avail of it; her other plans to assist this industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27500/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if consideration will be given to extending an invitation to the organisers of the Tour de France (details supplied) for future stages of the race to be held along the Wild Atlantic Way. — Cathal Crowe. [25971/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the recommendations has she made for Budget 2021 that will provide additional supports to performers, artists and arts workers during ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and beyond; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27481/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the way in which she plans to support the live gig industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27393/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the actions taken to date to promote continued participation in sport during Covid-19. — James O'Connor. [27522/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when sports capital grants will be released in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27519/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if it is a condition of being granted a film certificate that a producer company together with the qualifying company is required to give an undertaking in respect of quality employment and training and the compliance with same requires an undertaking by the film company that they are the employers of the crews working on the production and in the event of a dispute being referred to the Workplace Relations Commission that the undertaking clearly establishes that an employment relationship exists between the companies and the crews; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27479/20]



34. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the mission statement of her Department in respect of media, tourism, arts, culture, sport and the Gaeltacht with particular reference to the urgent needs arising from the Covid-19 pandemic; the extent to which she has engaged with the stakeholders involved; the parameters within which she expects to be in a position to assist towards maintaining and increasing employment and public interest in the sectors in the difficult times presenting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27366/20]

35. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta céard iad na tosaíochtaí beartais atá aici i leith na Gaeilge don bhliain seo romhainn; cá mhéad airgead atá ar fáil aici i mbliana don Ghaeilge agus don Ghaeltacht; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26627/20]

36. 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 entertainment industry, are represented on the Covid-19 Arts and Culture Recovery Task Force. — Paul Murphy. [27477/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she has increased the funding available to disability groups to provide sporting opportunities to those with a disability during the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the fact that many have been confined to their homes for long periods of time and need an outlet; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27496/20]

38. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta céard atá déanta ag a Roinn chun cuideachtaí a mhealladh go hEastát Tionscail na Tulaí i mBaile na hAbhann, Contae na Gaillimhe; an bhfuil imní uirthi faoi líon na bpost a cailleadh san eastát sin le blianta beaga; agus cén plean atá ag a Roinn chun cúrsaí tionscail san eastát a athbheochan agus cuideachtaí eile a spreagadh chun athlonnú ann. — Mairéad Farrell. [26836/20]

39. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta maidir le cliantchomhlachtaí Údarás na Gaeltachta, an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú ar líon na bPleananna Teanga atá curtha le chéile ag an Údarás in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 agus 2020; an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú ar an gcóras monatóireachta atá i bhfeidhm chun a chinntiú go bhfuil an Ghaeilge á húsáid go nádúrtha agus go forleathan; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [27096/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to further promote and expand the tourism offering of the midlands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [27382/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if further urgent consideration will be given to the detailed requests of the events and entertainment industry for adequate financial support for the sector in view of the very severe and ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the sector and the loss of employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27423/20]

42. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil coinníollacha teanga i bpleanáil tithíochta agus forbartha sna ceantair Ghaeltachta pléite aici leis an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta, nó an bhfuil sé i gceist aici iad a phlé; cé na céimeanna atá i gceist aici chun pleanáil teanga agus pobal na Gaeilge a chosaint i gcúrsaí pleanála agus forbartha sna ceantair Ghaeltachta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27398/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she will keep to the aim of the previous Government of doubling the arts budget by 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27497/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if a financial scheme will be introduced to assist local authorities to develop areas for use by motorhome and campervan owners. — Matt Carthy. [27362/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she envisages the Irish language summer schools in the Gaeltacht proceeding in 2021 as they are a vital resource for rural communities. — Sean Sherlock. [24449/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if consideration will be given to restoring pre-recession funding to the development scheme for Irish run by an organisation (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the fact that funding for an officer to run the scheme was cut from five days a week to four when the economic crisis hit; her views on the valued contribution the organisation at its branch in Nenagh, County Tipperary makes towards the use and promotion of the Irish language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27361/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans for the development of the Ireland's Hidden Heartlands Tourism brand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26662/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the actions taken to date to support high-performance athletes during Covid-19 restrictions. — James O'Connor. [27521/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the fact that two of the major film producer companies here currently engaged in co-productions with major US networks which have been the beneficiaries of corporation tax relief in the past five years (details supplied) are subject of a significant number of claims before the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court including penalisation for appearing before the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Culture, Heritage on the Gaeltacht. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27480/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans to support cultural events in line with the recently published Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27380/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the timeline for the reopening of the large scale sport infrastructure fund; the amount of funding to be allocated to the next round of the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [27405/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the progress of plans to promote areas such as the Lee valley as being near the Wild Atlantic Way; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [27426/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if she has engaged with the Minister for Finance ahead of Budget 2021 on the ongoing need to ensure that the tax regime here remains supportive and attractive for film and television production. — Niamh Smyth. [27377/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question No. 16 of 22 July 2020, the status of the performance delivery agreement with Galway 2020; if the Irish language officer has been reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27092/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of consideration of the report by the Tourism Recovery Taskforce. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [27379/20]

56. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil an t-athbheithniú arna ghealladh ar struchtúr Údarás na Gaeltachta tosaithe go fóill; an féidir léi an gealltanais a thug an tAire Stáit in agallamh teilifíse le TG4 a neartú os comhair na Dála, arb é go ndéanfaidh an Rialtas toghcháin Údarás na Gaeltachta a thabhairt ar ais. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27395/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if her attention has been drawn to the recent closure of a venue (details supplied) and the statement by the directors of the venue in the media on 23 September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27429/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of safety guidelines for the events and music sector to continue their trade in bars and music venues. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [26591/20]

59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta cá bhfuil na dréacht-chaighdeáin teanga do Bhille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla a gealladh sa Chlár Rialtais laistigh de thrí mhí ó bunaíodh an Rialtas nua; agus é ráite aici agus ag an Aire Stáit go bhfuil leasuithe ag teastáil sula n-achtófar Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, cé na lochtanna atá sa Bhille, a bhí os comhair na Dála deiridh, atá i gceist acu iad a leasú sula n-achtófar é. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27396/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the supports in place for sporting organisations whose running costs remain the same but have lost income as a result of reduced fundraising opportunities and loss of script, membership and affiliation fees. — Thomas Gould. [17382/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht 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. [27478/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if an association (details supplied) will be encouraged to roll out pay equality for the senior Irish women's football team with their male counter-parts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [27406/20]

63. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta cén dáta a fhoilseofar Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [27094/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the degree to which she can assist the events, tourism and sport sectors which have been severely and negatively hit by the Covid-19 virus; the extent to which she has engaged with those involved with a view to a longer term strategy in an effort to maintain employment in these vital areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27367/20]