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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [25398/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the National Risk Assessment for 2020. — Alan Kelly. [27098/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27113/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Mick Barry. [28555/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28557/20]
6. 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]
7. 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]
8. 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]
9. To ask the Taoiseach the amount his Department has spent on advertising for online, print and broadcasting to date in 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28894/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee which addresses the Economy will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [25608/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee which addresses the economy will next meet. — Mick Barry. [26731/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee which addresses the economy will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28548/20]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with transport last met. — Mick Barry. [28810/20]

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

16. 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]

17. To ask the Taoiseach his plans for public services reform to be driven by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28337/20]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28338/20]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that addresses matters relating to justice will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28339/20]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Social Affairs and Equality last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [28351/20]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that addresses matters relating to the arts will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28556/20]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28893/20]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the Special European Council meeting on 1 October 2020. — Alan Kelly. [28350/20]

26. To ask the Taoiseach the number of special advisers allocated to him; and the cost of each of these advisers in terms of salary, expenses and so on. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28550/20]

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

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the affordable housing plan. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28829/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the number of planned housing first places compares to the identified need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28488/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his policy response to the increase in the number of deaths of persons accessing emergency homeless accommodation and or sleeping rough. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28830/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the ban on evictions will be reinstated in view of the reinstatement of Covid-19 restrictions and the increase in cases. — Paul Murphy. [28327/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a commitment will be given that public land to be developed for housing can only be used for public housing. — Joan Collins. [27756/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it will be ensured that substantial financial provision is made for the voids programme in 2021 due to the valuable and important work being undertaken under the programme in 2020 and the need to make further progress in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28448/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to amend the terms and conditions of the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28223/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide more affordable housing options in the Dublin area and put affordability at the heart of the housing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27750/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that public land is reserved for the building of public housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28326/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the relationship between the new Covid-19 levels and the protections for tenants; if the protections will be enhanced if the levels change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28425/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional financial support will be made available to local authorities to make up for the shortfall in non-rates revenue and additional expenditure due to Covid-19. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28369/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the causes of the recent increase in homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28322/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the preparations that have been made for the right to housing referendum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28424/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of queries and complaints made by landlords and tenants to the Residential Tenancies Board (details supplied); the average wait time for a response to the relevant queries in the last nine months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [28437/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the start date for the construction of the new fire station in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26426/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the capital advance leasing facility rules will be amended to allow approved housing bodies to provide both social and affordable homes particularly when acquiring turnkeys from the private sector. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28371/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered a scheme to encourage the turning of over-the-shop premises into housing as a way to revitalise rural communities. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28435/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied with the way in which the management plan for SPA and SAC the Gearagh, County Cork is progressing; the next stage in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [27425/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will take following the recent release of homeless figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28553/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in the context of Covid-19 and particularly in rising infection rates his views on whether it is unacceptable from a public health point of view to allow families and persons to become homeless; the measures he plans to take to ensure this does not happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28542/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a restoration of the eviction moratorium will be supported in view of the most up-to-date homeless figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28554/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if provision will be made in Budget 2021 for a latent defects redress scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28368/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding alleged planning irregularities in Wicklow County Council; his plans to investigate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28334/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the fact that persons have been on the housing waiting list for two decades, there are more than 68,000

persons and families on the housing waiting lists and over 8,700 persons are in homeless emergency accommodation; and his plans to tackle the housing emergency. — Joan Collins. [27755/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to concerns in relation to the recruitment and retention within the retained Fire Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28333/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the increasing length of time it is taking to process HAP applications; and his further views on the impact the delay may be having on tenants. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28367/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a housing needs analysis will be commissioned for the offshore islands in view of the fact that the housing has been identified as a major issue by many living on the islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24323/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Galway Social Housing Taskforce; the number of times the taskforce has met to date; the reports completed to-date by same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28457/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the role of the EPA in ensuring water quality on Achill Island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25165/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has been consulted on the role his Department can play in ending direct provision. — Paul Murphy. [28325/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans in relation to local government budgetary shortfalls in Louth County Council due to Covid-19, rising local government costs and costs on servicing land bank loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28475/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the review of the National Parks and Wildlife Service; his priorities in relation to the service in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28228/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will issue a circular to planning authorities arising from the Flemish Decree judgement of the European Court; the effect this judgement will have on Irish planning practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28224/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of projects under construction or planning for Cork under the Land Development Agency; and the locations of same. — Thomas Gould. [28331/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to expand the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme to include the refurbishment costs in addition to the capital costs of the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26864/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the outstanding issues in relation to the lack of designation of special areas of conservation here and the consequences

of biodiversity loss as a result will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28227/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the acute housing shortage in County Mayo; the steps that will be taken in 2020 to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28465/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of income eligibility limits for social housing will be finalised; if it will be ensured that limits for areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan will be improved as a matter of urgency due to the unrealistic limits applicable at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28447/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the precise targets he has identified in respect of the provision of local authority affordable housing to meet the ever pressing needs of those on local authority housing lists and others whose incomes are insufficient to afford to purchase a house on the open market; the extent to which he expects to purchase houses on the market to meet this requirement; the number of houses to be built for the local authorities in the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28440/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the criteria for the tenant purchase scheme will be reviewed to permit pensioners to purchase their local authority house in cases in which they can show the means to be able to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27757/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his engagement with Irish Water on the matter of pollution on the south Dublin coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [28433/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the need for cost-rental housing provision in regional towns to accommodate those unable to secure a mortgage from a bank or lending facility. — Brian Stanley. [28356/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the roll out of a national choice-based letting scheme and website to support households accessing the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28235/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of criteria which each local authority applies with respect to residency for persons looking to access homeless services and support. — Pa Daly. [28299/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the issue of councils not accepting new applicants for housing supports that are in receipt of Covid-19 payments will be examined. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28551/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional funding not already committed that was allocated in the July stimulus to small sewerage schemes in villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28421/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the fact that the vast majority of strategic housing developments awaiting planning or having received

planning, are doing little to provide the much needed affordable housing that is required, but are for the most part profit driven developments, often inappropriate for the sites in question and, if developed, will be unaffordable for the vast majority of those impacted by the ongoing housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28543/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the way in which the commitment in the Programme for Government to make housing a social and economic imperative is possible with a lack of services such as public transport in some areas; his plans to provide the communities under his remit with access to such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [28462/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of plans to introduce a social housing passport scheme to allow households to move from one local authority list to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28234/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the historically low level of prosecutions for wildlife crime, said to be only 90 prosecutions over the past 8 years, when compared with an average of 75 prosecutions per annum from 1977 to 1987 and the expectation of the principal officer of the National Parks and Wildlife Service at that time that there should be at least 200 prosecutions per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25962/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the implementation plan for family oriented housing first by Louth County Council; the expected timeframe and resources; if there have been delays in the implementation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28474/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a scheme will be put in place for private sector rent write-offs for tenants that have lost income as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Paul Murphy. [28323/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the financial packages that will be put in place to support Cork City and County Councils to offset the financial deficits they are facing. — Thomas Gould. [28332/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his review on co-living. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28370/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he expects to address the housing needs of families nationwide that are unable to provide themselves with affordable housing on the open market; the extent to which he expects to be in a position to meet the requirements of the local authorities in respect of housing adaptation grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28441/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the anti-eviction legislation will be reinstated for renters. — Joan Collins. [27754/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will carry out a review of the function and remit of the Land Development Agency; when the inventory of State owned lands will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28456/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a list will be published in relation to the communications, meetings or exchange of documents he has had with the developers of Moore Street, Dublin, (details supplied), Dublin City Council and other parties in the past year. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28230/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for ending the eviction moratorium in view of the fact that many industries such as the events, hospitality and related industries are closed and in further view of warnings from senior health officials that Covid-19 will continue to affect the country for the next several months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28232/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the criteria for postal ballot eligibility will be expanded in order to align it with those in Northern Ireland. — Pa Daly. [27753/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme will be extended to include the refurbishment cost in addition to the capital cost of the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28420/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on his review of co-living and shared accommodation; the way in which the review is being conducted; when the review is due for publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [28231/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when replacement housing in the Moyross regeneration area will be completed as part of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that no construction is ongoing in the area at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28446/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address the position of persons whose income is above the threshold for social housing but not sufficient to secure a mortgage from a bank or a lending facility. — Brian Stanley. [28357/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

92. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the nature and the full extent of the response by Ireland to the fire at the Moria refugee camp on the Greek Island of Lesbos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28469/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures he is taking to assist hauliers here to deal with the anticipated delays at ports in the UK particularly at Dover. — John Brady. [28470/20]

94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the violation of human rights in Xinjiang; the steps he and his EU colleagues will take in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28489/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the response of Ireland to escalating tensions between Turkey and a number of EU member states in the eastern Mediterranean over access to gas fields for exploration purposes. — John Brady. [28471/20]

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

96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he, through the EU and UN, continues to engage with NGOs and others involved with seeking an improvement in which refugees are treated internationally; the efforts being made to ensure a reasonable standard of emergency accommodation is available and that renewed efforts are made to address the cause of such mass migration whether it be war or economic factors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28443/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the immediate priorities of Ireland's membership of the United Nations Security Council; and the resources that are being invested to maximise membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [28481/20]

98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of work undertaken by his Department in the advancement of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation agenda as Ireland approaches the beginning of its Secco term. — Eoghan Murphy. [28225/20]

99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of emergency repatriations carried out since March 2020 by his Department. — Pa Daly. [28297/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he discussed the upcoming US Presidential elections and the ongoing Black Lives Matter movement during his visit to Washington DC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28444/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there have been discussions with the American Ambassador to Ireland with regard to the very worrying comments from the current President of the United States, stating they will not accept the results of the upcoming Presidential election if they do not win; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28552/20]

102. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will write to his Polish counterpart to call for an end to the discrimination against Polish LGBT+ people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28426/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to Washington DC, USA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [28493/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the Brexit Readiness Action Plan and the role of his Department in implementing same. — Alan Kelly. [25029/20]

105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the diplomatic representations that were made to Israel regarding its annexation plan; and if his attention has been drawn to the town of Beit Sahour (details supplied) affected by the annexation in the occupied West Bank. — Pa Daly. [28298/20]

106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the call by the Hungarian President for the resignation of the European Commission Vice President for Values and Transparency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28484/20]

107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if, as the 20th anniversary of the second Palestinian Intifada is passed, his attention has been drawn to the escalating policy of silent transfer of Palestinians from occupied east Jerusalem; the measures the EU is discussing to address the behaviour by Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28547/20]

108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the response by Ireland to attempts by the United States of America to reimpose sanctions on Iran. — John Brady. [28451/20]

109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he had discussions during his recent visit to the United States in relation to the difficulties facing the undocumented Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28450/20]

110. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland and the EU have taken to address the ongoing instability in Yemen; his plans to increase Irish Aid funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28460/20]

111. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the ongoing persecution of Kurdish activists by the Turkish Government. — John Brady. [28453/20]

112. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to contact Mr. Michel Barnier and his UK counterpart in view of recent statements on Brexit from the UK Government. — Sorca Clarke. [23760/20]

113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans there to extend Ireland's diplomatic footprint through the EU and the world in order to forge new alliances post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27752/20]

114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects the European Commission to take legal action against the UK over its internal market Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28479/20]

115. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans for a colour coded common travel agreement within the EU in relation to foreign travel during Covid-19. — Paul McAuliffe. [28428/20]

116. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has discussed with his counterparts across Europe with the Chinese Government and or the Chinese Ambassador, the human rights abuses with regard to the Uighir people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28546/20]

117. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has discussed with his colleagues in Europe or if he has concerns regarding the statements made by President Donald Trump that he would not accept the outcome of the forthcoming US elections if he does not win; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28544/20]

118. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on reports of escalating violence between Armenia and Azerbaijan. — John Brady. [28454/20]

119. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of securing the movement of higher education students, staff and research funding between the two jurisdictions on the island of Ireland

in the wake of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28466/20]

120. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the developing situation at the Moria refugee camp on the Greek Island of Lesbos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [28491/20]

121. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if additional supports have been provided to the Palestinian people to help suppress the current Covid-19 surge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28427/20]

122. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland is taking to show solidarity with the people of Belarus at this time of unrest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27751/20]

123. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to progress referenda on Irish unity. — Matt Carthy. [22612/20]

124. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the humanitarian crisis developing at Moria Camp on the Greek island of Lesbos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28355/20]

125. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the ongoing detention of defenders (details supplied) of women’s rights in Saudi Arabia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28455/20]

126. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of Ireland on the ongoing conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28445/20]

127. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the average wait time for applications in the foreign births register section; the capacity at which the section is operating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [28434/20]

128. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the barring of the Catalan President from public office; if the issue will be raised with his EU counterparts. — John Brady. [28452/20]

129. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the situation in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28354/20]

130. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of preparations and changes made by his Department to ensure full participation by Ireland as a member of the UN Security Council. — Eoghan Murphy. [28226/20]

131. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the removal from office of the Catalan President for the crime of disobedience to the Spanish state; his views on the fact that he is the third successive Catalan president to be removed from office by the Spanish authorities; and the steps the Government has taken and will take to support democratic politics in Catalonia. — Martin Browne. [28467/20]

132. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions taken to support the people of Yemen. — Thomas Gould. [28336/20]

133. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress made to date on resolving the issue of undocumented Irish persons in the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28422/20]

134. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of engagements he has had with the Minister for Justice with regard to finding long-term solutions to support persons affected by the fire in the Moria refugee camp in Greece; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28458/20]

135. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the UK Foreign Secretary in relation to the Dublin Monaghan bombings 1974 and the need for a full investigation with access to UK files and papers pertaining to the atrocities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28449/20]

136. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the main obstacles to a deal between the European Union and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28486/20]

137. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that will be taken in 2020 and the resources that will be made available to deliver on the commitment in the Programme for Government to develop third-level opportunities at University of Ulster Magee Campus, County Derry. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25615/20]

138. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the current situation in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [28482/20]

139. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the 9th round of Brexit negotiations with the EU and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [28492/20]

140. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason Ireland has been quiet on the human rights abuses against the Uighur Muslim population by the Chinese Government; and if the treatment of the Uighur people will be condemned by way of a statement in Dáil Éireann. — Peadar Tóibín. [25416/20]

141. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if progress has been made on establishing an E3 visa agreement between Ireland and the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28423/20]

142. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will use the upcoming role of Ireland on the UN Security Council to highlight the ongoing human rights violations being perpetrated on ethnic Uighurs in China, in particular with his Chinese counterpart on the Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28459/20]

143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the plans that have been given consideration to ensure no infrastructure or checks are placed along the Border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28476/20]

144. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the representations he has made to foreign governments to build pressure on the Government of the United Kingdom to fulfil its commitments to the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement and to safeguard the Good Friday Agreement. — Peadar Tóibín. [25600/20]

145. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the recent and upcoming political engagements he has had internationally in relation to the Brexit withdrawal agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28477/20]

146. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he continues to make alternative provisions in respect of the post-Brexit era in the event of no agreement and limited access to the UK land bridge for exporters and importers here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28442/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*147. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the establishment of the Future of Media Commission outlined in the Programme for Government; the timeline for progression of same. — Paul Kehoe. [28281/20]

*148. To ask the Taoiseach if the group of experts from the public service, academia, NGOs and the private sector has been convened as committed to in the Programme for Government to devise a set of non-economic-based indicators to measure wellbeing and progress; if so, if a list of those on the group will be provided; and if not, the reason. — Louise O'Reilly. [28075/20]

*149. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28925/20]

*150. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period. — Catherine Murphy. [28943/20]

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

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of workplace inspectors in the employ of the HAS; the estimated full year cost of their employment; and the percentage of businesses inspected by them in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28186/20]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of workplace inspectors in the employ of the Workplace Relations Commission; the estimated full year cost of their employment; and the percentage of businesses inspected by them in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28188/20]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the publication of a report commissioned on the Economic and Sustainability Impact Assessment for Ireland of the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28112/20]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a person working in Ireland under the work permit programme can transfer to another employer in the same specific sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28143/20]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of workplace inspectors in the employ of the HSA; the estimated full year cost of their employment; and the number of businesses inspected by them in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Bríd Smith. [28192/20]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of workplace inspectors employed by the Workplace Relations Commission; the estimated full year cost of their employment; and the number of businesses inspected by them in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Bríd Smith. [28195/20]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to reports that an organisation (details supplied) is refusing to engage unions on issues relating to sick pay for workers in meat plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28252/20]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will intervene in situations in which employees of meat processing plants are laid off due to the fact they live in direct provision. — Holly Cairns. [28253/20]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will authorise Enterprise Ireland to release some funds granted under the Disruptive Technologies programme to companies such as a company (details supplied) without the venture private capital being in place first in view of the impact of Covid-19 on the venture capital markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28572/20]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28609/20]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28698/20]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will be producing an action plan for jobs in 2020 or 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [28715/20]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the basic eligibility criteria for businesses to avail of the credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [28724/20]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures being considered to support SMEs facing difficulties with commercial rents and arrears due to significantly reduced turnovers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [28725/20]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take in the liquidation of a company (details supplied) to ensure there is a fair settlement for the workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28861/20]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a county specific list is to be published of all establishments which will participate in the spend and save scheme; if this list is to be made available and easily accessible for persons that wish to support their local businesses while also benefitting from the scheme; if the information will be provided by the Government or Fáilte Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28870/20]

*167. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28914/20]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28932/20]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the expected circular life expectancy of plastics has been explored in a deposit and return scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28083/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a cost comparison has been carried out to establish if the set-up and maintenance costs of a deposit and return scheme that includes plastics would provide better value than other forms of intervention aimed to reduce the use of plastics by manufacturers and retailers in the first instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28084/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy does not propose new recycling targets or schemes to reduce waste from the construction and demolition sector in view of the fact that the sector accounts for 25% to 30% of waste generated annually across the European Union versus 10% for household waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28085/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which he plans to ensure that proposals such as reducing the sale of multi-buy packs or buy one get one free deals do not disproportionately impact on lower-income households; if an economic impact

assessment has been carried out or is planned to be carried out on these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28086/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if all submissions received during the public consultation on the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy will be released. — Thomas Pringle. [28087/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the reason he plans to allow for permit exemption here for specific waste streams under Article 24 of the 2008 Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EU); the further reason it is proposed in the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy that construction and demolition waste one of the largest waste streams here will receive an exemption permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28088/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a thorough environmental impact assessment has been carried out to take account of unintended, harmful consequences from plans outlined in the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy to create new rules to encourage construction firms to reuse more of their building waste in other construction projects; the safeguards that will be put in place to prevent firms from self-declaring certain construction and demolition waste as by-products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28089/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of upcoming SEAI grant schemes for works to private dwellings. — Robert Troy. [28182/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on additional car charging points (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28877/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when a location (details supplied) will have access to fibre broadband in view of the instruction to work from home where possible and the rising number of Covid-19 cases the roll out of same needs to be expedited. — Robert Troy. [28093/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the smart meters being rolled out by the ESB under the smart meter program are capable of differentiating between night and day; if not, if this will impact on the ability of the meter to register for night-time discounts for electricity users or on the feasibility of feed-in tariffs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28181/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a grant is available for persons generating their own energy; if not, his plans to introduce a grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28209/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the review by his Department of the security of supply of natural gas and electricity networks here; if he is satisfied with the security of supply arrangements in view of the potential implications caused by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28270/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 153 of 22 September 2020, if a decision has been made on the resumption of works

on the homes of the persons over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28289/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland will permit a contractor to commence works under the better energy warmer homes scheme in the house of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28290/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a definitive timeline for the rollout of high-speed broadband in County Cork will be provided. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [28516/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the options available to persons (details supplied) that are included in the National Broadband Plan but are currently receiving an inadequate service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [28518/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will request a company (details supplied) to establish a more accessible contact facility by phone or email to better facilitate queries in relation to the national broadband rollout. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28562/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28610/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will give consideration to the recommendations in the report prepared for an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the need to provide an annual public service obligation for the post office network of €17 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28671/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider legislative measures in which workers and students are not at a loss in terms of light, heat and waste bills due to having to work and study at home in view of such a scheme in Spain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28747/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a person (details supplied) will be connected with a high-speed broadband connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ryan. [28784/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if it is the case that works on the SEAI warmer home scheme were suspended or are suspended due to Covid-19; the number of homes affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28793/20]

*192. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28915/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28933/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to install continuous welded rail along Stoney Road, North Strand, Dublin 3 as part of the DART expansion programme. — Neasa Hourigan. [28099/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of current Exchequer funding provided for 2019 and forecast to be provided for 2020 and 2021 for the provision of public transport via the National Transport Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28124/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if the emergency designation of five strategic maritime routes as PSO routes for a period of three months will be extended; if so, the Exchequer funding provided for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28125/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a dedicated greenway from Blackrock to Greenore, Carlingford, County Louth (details supplied). — Peter Fitzpatrick. [28213/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport when driver tests will be facilitated for persons (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28753/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) that has to complete their driver test in Donegal town is not allowed to wear their own mask which they wear for medical reasons during the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28100/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the 7 a.m. train from Dublin to Cork which goes through Thurles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28106/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase trains from Thurles to Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28107/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of the €8.6 billion allocated for transport as part of the National Development Plan that has been drawn down; and the commitment in each year to date in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28131/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of the €8.6 billion allocated for transport as part of the National Development Plan that has been pre-committed for 2021. — Mairéad Farrell. [28132/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of waiving all public service vehicle renewal fees for licences issued in respect of taxis. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28135/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of waiving all renewal fees for taxi licences issued in respect of taxi drivers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28136/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of waiving all suitability test fees for vehicles operating as taxi. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28137/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of providing electric and disability accessible vehicles for the entire taxi public services vehicle fleet including charging stations. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28138/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons resident in Ireland who hold a UK driver licence that have not exchanged their licence for an Irish licence ahead of the end of the Brexit transition period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28161/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that driver instructors that are legally required to accompany their learner drivers to test centres for their test are refused access to the testing centre and its toilets and are forced to stand in the test centre carpark for 45 minutes while their learner drivers are undergoing their test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [28163/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if further supports will be made available to protect jobs in the travel agents sector; if a special range of supports are being reviewed; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28180/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if further details will be provided on the search and rescue carried out for two paddleboarders (details supplied) on 13 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28202/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the Road Collision Reporting Guidelines produced by an organisation (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28250/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to plans by Bus Éireann to close a number of its intercity routes, including the x8 from Cork city to Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28256/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if the renewal of a driver licence will be expedited due to exceptional circumstances in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28267/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure that Bus Éireann retains all of its expressway services and to improve regional connectivity following announcement of plans by Bus Éireann to cut services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28274/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the change in Dutch aviation policy in which a maximum aircraft movement cap was introduced on Schiphol Airport; if consideration will be given to introducing such a cap on Dublin Airport as part of the planned review of national aviation policy here in view of the dominance of Dublin Airport which handles

86% of all air traffic here the second highest figure for any airport in Europe after Schiphol (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [28300/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if routes 51, Galway to Cork, will be maintained on the current route. — Sean Sherlock. [28312/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be allocated an appointment for a driver test. — Sean Sherlock. [28318/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider instructing the Road Safety Authority to install sheltering facilities such as ultra cabins at driver test centres in which approved driver instructors can await the return of their vehicles which are being used by driver test candidates for the duration of the practical exam (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [28328/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a possible development of a free-zone at Rosslare Europort, Rosslare, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [28347/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if an exchange agreement exists between Ireland and the UK regarding recognition of driver licences; if licences from the UK but that originated in other countries with which Ireland does not have a pre-existing agreement with the original country can be accepted here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28537/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of BusConnects for the Dublin region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [28541/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the status and timeline of the N11/M11 interchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28581/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the basis of NDLS requiring a physical copy of Irish residency permit cards in circumstances in which PSC cards cannot be produced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28582/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28619/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures are being taken to clear glass from cycle lanes, particularly on the N11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28623/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the potential negative impact on the movement of Irish freight within and outside the EU due to a disorderly Brexit; and his plans to address the matter. — Ged Nash. [28635/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the capacity on direct routes to continental ports and the contingency capacity should additional support be needed due to a disorderly Brexit; his plans for sourcing additional capacity if required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28636/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport his views relating to the sole reliance on the privately run and owned shipping sector in the case of a disorderly Brexit; his views on whether the Government should intervene to create a semi-State shipping sector in view of the fact this is a vital link in the supply chain here which is not in public hands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28637/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the creation of a semi-State shipping sector as opposed to the current private monopoly will help guarantee the delivery of goods and services and safeguard the economic viability of Ireland which is dependent on the ability to trade effectively. — Ged Nash. [28638/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 29 September 2020, the total amount of additional Covid-19 related Exchequer expenditure for 2021 for his Department; if he will provide a breakdown by line items of this additional expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28701/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to deal with the long delays in getting appointments for driver licences in Dublin; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many people are left with no choice but to travel out of Dublin to other test centres in order to get an appointment which results in them breaking Covid-19 emergency period restrictions and also to waste fuel; if he will consider a postal service for driver licence renewals such as the process in place for passport renewals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28746/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase supports to designated regional airports to cover all core activity costs for 2020 in view of the travel restrictions which have seriously impacted on income and revenue streams for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [28749/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the City of Derry Airport is included in the forthcoming Regional Airports Programme to reflect that 40% of the passengers, that is 200,000 per year, are from County Donegal; if he will restore the PSO for the Derry to Dublin air route to reflect the reality that there is no rail or motorway connecting the north west region of 500,000 persons to the capital city. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28755/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport his vision for the way in which the communities from the south-west area, the west and on to counties Sligo, Donegal and Derry can be connected by rail and his plans to advance this vision. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28756/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question 664 of 30 June 2020, if he will provide an expected timeline for the release of the latest rail review report on the western rail corridor commissioned in 2019, in view of the fact the publication of the report is already delayed by more than six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28768/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount collected in fare evasion fines from 1 March to 29 September 2020 by Irish Rail, Dublin Bus and Luas operators. — Catherine Murphy. [28777/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on tests for driver licences in view of circumstances in which persons have been given an appointment for February 2021 but

require a licence to be able to take up employment now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28782/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether it is permissible for holders of Northern Ireland licences that work for the Irish Coastguard to remain on the driver's laminate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [28835/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting a driver test for 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9 and more than 9 months, respectively in each testing centre nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28865/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the instructions or guidance being given to public transport operators regarding persons that are unable, due to a physical or mental illness, to wear a mask on public transport; if he will consider the issuance of a card for those affected in order that they are not unduly discriminated against in view of the fact Covid-19 will be here for the medium to long-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [28872/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the decision as per the current DART west scheme to cease the line at Maynooth; and if he plans to extend the project to Kilcock, County Kildare. — Catherine Murphy. [28887/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost of the M7 Naas Newbridge bypass upgrade, M7 Oberstown interchange and R407 Sallins bypass; if the project has come in on, under or over budget; and the amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28888/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional staff and testers will be hired in the Naas driver test centre in order to clear the backlog of driver test applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28907/20]

*245. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28926/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28944/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance the expiry date for the help-to-buy scheme; and his plans to extend it. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [28141/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) has not received VRT quotes; when the situation will be improved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28592/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures which have been introduced to prevent developers increasing house prices in line with the increases to the help to buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28624/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance when the decision was taken to suspend processing all primary medical certificate applications by the HSE; if applicants have been informed that the scheme has been suspended; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some areas of the HSE are refusing to issue application forms for primary medical certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28710/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of appeals in relation to refusals of applications for a primary medical certificate that are now on hold as a result of the Supreme Court ruling of 18 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28736/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review refusals of primary medical certificate applications as a result of the Supreme Court ruling of 18 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28737/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance if the stay and spend scheme will be extended to a bed and breakfast (details supplied) in County Kerry that is not registered with Fáilte Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28874/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to make changes to the diesel rebate scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28111/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a practice (details supplied) in relation to insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28134/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of current or pending legislation outlawing dual or differential pricing in the insurance market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [28139/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the review of flat rate expenses being carried out by the Revenue Commissioners; if this review has been impacted by Covid-19; if the Revenue Commissioners can be instructed to not alter tax credits for frontline workers including teachers, shop assistants and other sectors that have made a huge contribution to the fight against the virus on behalf of the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28151/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the working from home allowance for the winter months given the costs of heating and so on will be greater during these months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28155/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to increase the dependent relative tax credit in line with the incapacitated child tax credit as requested by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28243/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if eligibility for the home carer tax credit will be extended to include single working carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28244/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to allow carers to claim tax relief on the cost of employing a care worker while also claiming the dependent relative incapacitated child tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28245/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that have been taken to determine a case (details supplied) in view of the recent judgment of the decision of the Supreme Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28291/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the steps that have been taken to determine a case (details supplied) in view of the recent judgment of the decision of the Supreme Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [28292/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a copy of all correspondence between an association (details supplied) and his Department, including offices of all Ministers of State under the aegis of his Department, from 1 June 2017 to the 30 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28313/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to correspondence received (details supplied) in relation to preliminary tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28321/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in County Wexford that availed of the wage subsidy scheme; the total amount provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28386/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider some form of tax relief for the renovation of vacant housing property which will result in the additional availability of dwellings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28388/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider in the upcoming Budget, a reduction of the tourism VAT rate to 9% to assist the hospitality and hotel sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28389/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that have been taken to determine the case of person (details supplied) in view of the recent judgment on the decision of the Supreme Court to quash the decision of the Disabled Drivers Board of Appeal not to grant a primary medical certificate to the person. — Louise O'Reilly. [28411/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that have been taken to determine the case of person (details supplied) in view of the recent judgment on the decision of the Supreme Court to quash the decision of the Disabled Drivers Board of Appeal not to grant a primary medical certificate to the person. — Louise O'Reilly. [28412/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to provide a statement on the continued processing of applications for a primary medical certificate in view of the recent judgment of the Supreme Court (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [28413/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to banks withdrawing the negative equity trade up product; if he will engage with them to reopen it to applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28577/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28611/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason State Claims Agency figures have doubled since the previous year; the reasons for this; if the cause can be clarified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28620/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance the support that will be made available to persons on the pandemic unemployment payment or employment wage subsidy scheme that receive notification from their bank that they have now withdrawn their mortgage holiday; his plans to discuss the issue with the major banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28634/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details of the tax status of those employed in recent months and availing of the temporary wage subsidy scheme (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28695/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that have been taken to determine the case of the two children named in the recent judgment of the decision of the Supreme Court to quash the decision of the Disabled Drivers Board of Appeal not to grant a primary medical certificate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28707/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applicants for primary medical certificates that have been granted and refused since the Supreme Court decision (details supplied); if the scheme has been suspended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28708/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance the position on continued processing of applications for a primary medical certificate in view of the Supreme Court decisions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28709/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has suspended processing all applications and appeals of primary medical certificates; the date the scheme was suspended; the reason for same; when the scheme will be resumed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [28711/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance when changes will be made to Regulation 3 of the Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers (Tax Concessions) Regulations 1994 in view of the Supreme Court Judgment of 18 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28727/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance the factors he is considering in creating a tax allowance or credit for those remote working either at home or an alternative location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [28760/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that processing VAT refunds on diesel for haulers has increased from three months to nine months; if his further attention has been drawn to the significant difficulties for haulers and the added difficulties of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [28767/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider implementing an optional 40% rate of automatic withholding tax for self-employed persons providing services to the State at the option of the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28771/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend the measures which provide for staycation payments to render them payable as a grant rather than as a tax rebate in order that persons on pensions or other benefits whose incomes are below the tax threshold can also avail of the grant. — Paul Murphy. [28785/20]

*286. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28916/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28934/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of his meeting with a person (details supplied) on 1 July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28945/20]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated full year cost of paying TDs all salary increments due between now and the end of 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28127/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to the visit by the Minister of State for the OPW, if he will seek reports from the local authorities on the recent flooding events in west County Cork during August 2020 to address flood mitigation works for the areas concerned. — Holly Cairns. [28254/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason some equipment in a park (details supplied) has been removed while the same equipment is in other OPW sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28379/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a premises in an OPW site (details supplied) will be up for tender to rent and or lease out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28380/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief scheme in Enniscorthy, County Wexford; when he expects construction to start; if an estimate of the full costs involved will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28381/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief scheme for Wexford town, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28382/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief scheme for Rosslare Strand, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28383/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Garda stations within the Tipperary division that were refurbished by the OPW over the past 18 months; the nature of works carried out in each station; if each of the refurbishment works are completed or still ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28397/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 93 of 30 June 2020, if the LRC recommendation (details supplied) will be honoured; the action taken in the past seven years by his Department to engage with the employees concerned to identify suitable vacancies and to match the vacancies with this cohort of employees, some of whom have been on the re-deployment panel for that period; the number on the panel; if a senior official from his Department will be appointed to assist the staff concerned to be redeployed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28497/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28616/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the proposals in respect of increases proposed for An Post pensioners have been considered by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28621/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total space in square metres occupied by car parking space at Donnybrook Garda Station, Dublin 4; the precise number of car parking spaces; if the OPW has responsibility for the usage and maintenance of the car park; if alternative development on this space has ever been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28627/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the review of pay structures of the medium term project being led by his Department relating to the high level plan Strengthening Our Defence Forces; the status of the medium term project; the deadline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28641/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide statistical information and costings (details supplied) in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [28667/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Secretary General of his Department consulted with SIPO in advance and or after the fact regarding their appointment to an organisation (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [28670/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Secretary General of his Department made an application to the Outside Appointments Board in order to take on their role with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28672/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works will be requested to carry out the necessary works to recover the remains of persons (details supplied)

in line with the wishes of their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28858/20]

*306. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28923/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28941/20]

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

*308. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the breakdown of salaries, expenses and so on paid to Board members of RTÉ in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [28719/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht her plans regarding cancelled events and festivals in County Louth (details supplied). — Peter Fitzpatrick. [28210/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when applications will be open for the next phase of sports capital grants (details supplied). — Peter Fitzpatrick. [28212/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the status of the development of the website of her Department (details supplied). — Peter Fitzpatrick. [28214/20]

*312. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Meán, Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta soiléiriú a thabhairt i dtaobh na hidirghníomhaíochta a bhí aici le RTÉ ó dheimhneigh an Coimisinéir Teanga in 2018 gur sháraigh RTÉ an dlí craolacháin maidir lena dhualgas i leith na Gaeilge agus 99.3% dá sceideal teilifíse i mBéarla amháin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [28305/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the advice and position of sporting clubs and organisations in County Dublin to travel outside of the county to participate and play sport while the county is in phase three of Living with Covid-19 National Framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28385/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht when the sports capital grant scheme funding rounds will be opened in 2020 and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [28571/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the cost to her Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish

law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28615/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the level of additional expenditure in 2021, in comparison to 2020, disaggregated by precommitted expenditure, such as demographics, PSSA and so on, Covid-19 related expenditure and Brexit-related expenditure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28740/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht if a capital sports grant appeal by a club (details supplied) will be examined. — Robert Troy. [28837/20]

*318. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of her Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28922/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht the number of staff in her Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by her Department over the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28940/20]

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

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposal in respect of the seal culling scheme that was recently announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28315/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the outcome of the review by his Department of the decision of the European Court of Justice known as the Flemish decree; if the ruling of the ECJ will be reflected in the plans of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28496/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a proposal to initiate a cull of seals has been considered by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [28743/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of farmers that participated in the Shannon Callows farm plan scheme; the cost of the scheme in each year in which it operated; if consideration is being given to re-establish the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28079/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the historical 25” ordinance survey map for folio No. WD1515 is conclusive proof of the boundary of this folio no; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28101/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of Dublin City Council’s application under Call 2 of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund for works in

the Clongriffin, Belmayne area including a feasibility study for a greenway along the River Mayne Corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28110/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated full year cost of providing emergency accommodation for homeless persons and families in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the estimated cost for 2021 including all supports paid to local authorities and subsidies to third-party providers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28116/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of fines which have been issued to the State under Annex V of the European Habitats Directive in relation to conservation of the Irish hare, *lepus timidus hibernicus*; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [28130/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans approved in principle and drawn down in each local authority area in the first two quarters of 2020, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28160/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for allowing the method of culling seals with high velocity rifles; if all other non-lethal options were considered in relation to the management of seal rookeries; and if a full biodiversity and environmental impact assessment was conducted in relation to the consequences of issuing licences. — Catherine Murphy. [28198/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the serious environmental and animal welfare concerns raised in relation to the planned pilot seal culling programme by which wild seals will be shot in the sea from boats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28200/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has been given to granting a Ministerial Order to extend planning time periods in counties at level three of the Plan for Living with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28201/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status in relation to the investigation into the death of 23 buzzards in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28216/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of illegal burns that have occurred to date in 2020 on land owned by the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28217/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the maximum net income limits in the Social Housing Assessment Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [28258/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to allow all local authority RAS tenants to have access to the social housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [28259/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is possible within current legislation to resolve issues in which local electoral areas are partially within rent pressure zones, and partially without, due to redraws of boundaries. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28286/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the future progress of fabric replacement schemes; and the way in which it can be expanded within Cork City to take in greater numbers of houses and flats. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28287/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria which apply regarding the sale and allocation of new houses and housing developments in Gaeltacht areas to ensure the Irish language is maintained and protected in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28360/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is compulsory in all Gaeltacht areas that a language impact assessment accompany planning applications for new housing developments; the way in which such an impact assessment should be prepared; the legislation, regulations and guidelines which informs same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28361/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26679/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status as of 29 September 2020 regarding a local government funding baseline review which sought to inform the distribution of such funding that could become available for general operational purposes; and if he was consulted regarding the deferral of the valuation date for local property tax from November 2020 until November 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [28372/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to roll out affordable housing in the midland's region. — Brian Stanley. [25963/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of septic tank inspections and the number of prosecutions for same in County Wexford since inspections started; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28391/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of development plans agreed by local authorities nationally relevant to his Department and planning policy; if his Department views these plans of the policy and desire of policy and desire of local councils to have their respective counties developed in a particular way and to guide planners and developers alike; his plans to bring forward a new policy in this area or amend legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28402/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a time frame is in place for the completion of the retrofitting of social housing in view of the urgency of the matter. — Thomas Gould. [25020/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff employed in the Residential Tenancies Board; a breakdown of the sections the staff are applied within the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [28436/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress being made on the reduction of lead, pesticides, aluminium, trihalomethanes and cryptosporidium in drinking water here; if he has had any engagement with Irish Water regarding their commitment to remove all lead piping in the public water network by 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28511/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will support the application for funding under the Community Monument Fund for Togher Castle, Dunmanway, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [28540/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the refurbishment and retrofitting of all local authority housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25177/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when decisions will be made on applications made to the Urban Regeneration Development Fund 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28573/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the application process for persons to apply for the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28585/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when refurbishment of houses in the St. Mary’s regeneration area will be completed as part of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28599/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the community centre in the St. Mary’s regeneration area will be completed as part of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28600/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when refurbishment of houses in the Southill regeneration area will be completed as part of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28601/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when refurbishment of houses in the Ballinacurra Weston regeneration area will be completed as part of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28602/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when refurbishment of houses in the Moyross regeneration area will be completed as part of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28603/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if businesses which are accessing the commercial rates waiver can continue to do so if they are also on the vacant sites register. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28631/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he has taken to date and the proposed timeframe for the development and completion of a national youth homelessness strategy as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28664/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he has taken to date and the proposed time frame for the development and establishment of the electoral commission as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28665/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Tipperary County Council has been refused funding under the Multi-Annual Funding Programme to proceed with the taking in charge of estates; the funding that has been provided to Tipperary County Council for the taking in charge of estates; the reason this funding has been refused for 2020; the number of estates with applications to be taken in charge by Tipperary County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28702/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to issue licences for seal culls in the near future; if so, the reasons for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28744/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason he has extended the pyrite mediation scheme to County Limerick while refusing to do the same for homeowners affected by pyrite in County Clare. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28751/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties that have been secured to purchase arising from his call for housing; a breakdown of the number of houses secured by local authority type and number of bedrooms. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28752/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding required to deliver an integrated constructed wetland as a treatment system for the village of Glen, Co. Donegal as applied for under the Rural Water Programme in 2019. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28776/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will identify the precise number of affordable, local authority houses he expects to provide by county based on the number of housing applicants in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28796/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the development of private sites as a means of ameliorating the housing shortage by county taking into account the specific needs of each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28797/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he expects to ensure the availability of adequate resources through the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme or alternative with a view to addressing the housing shortage directly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28798/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he expects local authorities to refurbish void houses in the coming year thereby alleviating the threat of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28799/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his proposals for direct and rapid build housing as required in each local authority area nationally with a view to making provisions to avoid homelessness in the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28800/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the various locations throughout County Kildare earmarked for local authority or affordable housing by way of purchase or direct build in the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28801/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of families on Kildare County Council housing list; when he expects them to be accommodated through the various proposals before him via the private sector or the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28802/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the sewerage treatment works in County Kildare to meet domestic and industrial demands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28803/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he proposes to support, fund and or develop specific heritage projects throughout County Kildare with particular reference to houses or sites of an historic nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28805/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the continued protection of heritage houses or sites nationally with particular reference to those threatened or likely to be threatened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28806/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his proposals to protect, preserve and promote various houses, buildings sites or locations of an historic nature throughout County Kildare with potential use for tourism and education in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28807/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of units acquired by local authorities in 2018, 2019, and to date in 2020, in tabular form under the standard and enhanced long-term social leasing schemes by county; and the costs associated with each acquisition. — Catherine Murphy. [28885/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the number of strategic housing development applications granted permission in north County Kildare since 2018; the number of commencements; if an assessment of the potential increase of population is considered and or if use of CSO data is utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28886/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the historically low level of prosecutions for wildlife crime (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28908/20]

*379. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28920/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28938/20]

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

*381. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on diplomatic clearances sought from Ireland by embassies in advance for overflight of Irish sovereign airspace by foreign states and military aircraft; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28644/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the plans which have been considered to ensure no infrastructure or checks are placed along the Border. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28473/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which Ireland contributes to reducing global poverty (details supplied); the strategies being taken to reduce humanitarian need in these countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28103/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland is close to achieving the target of allocating 0.7% of gross national income to official development assistance by 2030 (details supplied); if not the reason preventing the goal being achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28104/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the widespread detention of prominent human rights activists, journalists and opposition leaders in Bahrain in view of the deteriorating situation in terms of human rights in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28133/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing humanitarian situation in Lesbos, Greece; if he has engaged with his Greek and other European counterparts in this regard; his plans to accommodate persons from Lesbos here; and the assistance he is providing to mitigate the situation. — Catherine Murphy. [28203/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland plans to take in respect of the ongoing refugee crisis in Europe in view of the recent fire in the refugee camp in Lesbos, Greece; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28283/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement held with the European Commission and other EU agencies to prepare for Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26727/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports reported lost or stolen to the Passport Office in 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28399/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the role of his Department in expanding university places in Derry. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26807/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his engagements to date with the European Commission following the statements and actions by the UK Prime Minister in relation to the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25169/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the plans being put in place in order to deal with the attempt by the UK Government to circumvent the Irish Protocol through the International Market Bill. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26517/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the support being offered to assist with the fallout following the fire at Moria refugee camp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [28534/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will meet with victims and survivors of the Glenanne gang. — Peadar Tóibín. [25602/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress with the UK Government regarding the UK customs preparations for Brexit. — Verona Murphy. [26652/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland is sending observers to monitor elections under the auspices of the OSCE this year; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28566/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28612/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of diplomatic clearances sought from Ireland by embassies in advance for overflight of Irish sovereign airspace by foreign states and military aircraft in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; the number of diplomatic clearances granted for foreign state and military overflight of Irish sovereign airspace for the same period; the countries seeking clearance; and the foreign military aircraft that were seeking clearance and subsequently granted clearance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28642/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has held discussions with the Minister for Justice and Equality on diplomatic clearances sought from Ireland by embassies in advance for overflight of Irish sovereign airspace by foreign states and military aircraft; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28643/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will meet with the victims and survivors of the Glenanne gang. — Peadar Tóibín. [28468/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the Greek authorities in relation to the Moria camp in Lesbos; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [28817/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and the international community have engaged with the situation in Lesbos with the objective of addressing the issues arising from the destructive fire there and consequent homelessness in respect of the refugees; if he and his EU colleagues can identify a formula to address the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28818/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which progress is being made between the European Union and the UK in the context of Brexit; the extent to which alternatives preparations are being made to facilitate industry here in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28820/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of the discussions taking place at EU and UN level to address the situation at various war zones worldwide including the Armenian Azerbaijan strife; if particular initiatives are contemplated to address the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28821/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which bilateral and multilateral aid from Ireland continues to find the destination for which it was intended; the exceptions to the rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28822/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland continues to live up to international commitments in terms of overseas aid, bilateral and multilateral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28823/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which discussions between the EU and countries in the western Balkans continue in the context of EU enlargement; the level of agreement reached to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28824/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the EU and UN continue to monitor the activities of the Boko Haram and Al Shabaab; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28825/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the EU and UN continue to focus on various trouble spots worldwide in which child soldiers are involved in conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28875/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which efforts continue in the Middle Eastern peace process in particular with reference to the need for permanent structures to encourage progress in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28816/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had discussions with the UK Government in relation to decision not to prosecute British soldiers for their role in the Bloody Sunday massacre. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28472/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the embassies in which cultural officers for Ireland have been appointed; the date of each respective appointment; the number of applications that were

received for each respective post; the further embassies in which cultural officers have yet to be appointed; when such appointments will be made; the role of the cultural officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [28871/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has personally raised the issue of correction camps in Xinjiang province in China with his Chinese interlocutors; if the issue has been raised by his officials with the Chinese authorities or in other multilateral fora; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28892/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress that has been made on securing additional direct shipping routes to the continent in order to circumvent the UK land bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [28905/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his position regarding the situation pertaining to the refugees in Lesbos; the number Ireland plans to accept; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [28906/20]

*416. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28917/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28935/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*418. To ask the Minister for Defence if a circular (details supplied) details the fact that members of the Defence Forces are classed under the same pay and conditions as public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28199/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of a matter (details supplied) in relation to the awarding of medals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28278/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to exam leave for Army recruits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28295/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Defence if a club (details supplied) will be permitted to use again the Gaelic pitch at Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines, Dublin 6, which it has used for many years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28373/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Defence the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28607/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Defence the specific time frame for which the two completed reports, with regard to the R2 Tech 2-6 pay arrangements of the high level plan Strengthening Our Defence Forces, will remain under consideration before a decision is taken on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28639/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Defence the definition of a medium-term project (details supplied); the status of the medium-term project; the deadline for completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28640/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Defence if consideration will be given to extending the upper age limit for sergeants to 56 years of age and senior non-commissioned officers to 60 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [28697/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Defence the dates on which the Curragh Forum has met over the past three years; the details of its work programme; if there have been recent developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28862/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the most recent meeting of the Curragh Forum; the areas addressed and actions taken arising from the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28863/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Curragh Forum has discussed the infilling of the hollow next to Donnelly’s Hollow; the details of the discussions; the actions taken arising from such discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28864/20]

*429. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28912/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28930/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the implementation of the Public Service Pay Commission recommendations on recruitment and retention in the Permanent Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28946/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*432. To ask the Minister for Education if adherence to distancing, capacity and other anti-Covid-19 measures on buses serving a school (details supplied) will be investigated. — Pa Daly. [28092/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education if enough buses are contracted to ensure that every child in Ballyboughal, County Dublin that requires a school bus service can have one; the timeline in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28189/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education the status of additional accommodation for a school (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [28097/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD class places at primary level for new enrolment available for the year 2021/2022 in Bray, County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28114/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education her policy if there are no ASD class spaces for primary level available for incoming students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28115/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education if an example will be published of the way in which the algorithm used in calculating leaving certificate grades works; the measures taken to preserve accuracy and fairness in the results; the way in which the algorithm was validated; the parameters used to ensure that the marks generated by the system reflected student performance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [28121/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education if his Department will engage with DEIS 1 schools in the Dublin 8 area to see the way in which the band 1 designation can be improved and that the schools most capable of dealing with the complex issues some children have can do so, rather than children being diverted to schools without the facilities and so on to help them. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28123/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria used by her Department when it compelled 39 schools across south Dublin in July 2020 to open special needs classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28144/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education the schools in an area (details supplied) that were compelled in July 2020 to open special needs classes by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28145/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education when the outcome of the compelling orders that were issued to schools in south Dublin in July 2020 will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28146/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education if a newly built school (details supplied) was compelled to open a special needs class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28147/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary school transport applications received by county after the closing date of 4 August 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28156/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education if a school is within its right to refuse admission to a student on the basis that the student is unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [28164/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school pupils that are in classes of more than 20, 25, 30 and 35 students by county, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28165/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school classes with more than 20, 25, 30 and 35 students by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28166/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school classes in the State by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28167/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make a commitment that the Covid-19 level of capitation funding for each primary school pupil will be maintained at a minimum in the upcoming Budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28168/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education when the number of primary school assistant principal posts will be restored to pre-2009 levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28169/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive a reply on their leaving certificate appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28206/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applicants that applied for redeployment through GRETB; the number of successful applicants in the past three years; her plans to widen the scope for transfers between education and training boards in different counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28272/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education the funding streams within her Department that provide for the construction of school sports halls; and the process by which the school applies for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28282/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education when an upgrade of broadband can be expected for a school (details attached) in County Dublin; and if broadband plans can be accelerated due to the increased demand placed upon the school and others to provide blended learning and internal streaming of lessons between two locations in the same school. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [28301/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education if the SNA allocation for a school (details supplied) will be re-examined for the school year 2020/2021. — Robert Troy. [28362/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a special needs unit for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28390/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent by her Department on school minor works project in each of the years of 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28398/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education the reason two pupils (details supplied) in County Mayo are not being accommodated on the school bus in view of the fact that there is capacity on the bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28403/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education if the boundaries surrounding Belmayne, Balgriffan, County Dublin will be reviewed in view of the fact the area has undergone significant development recently which has not been reflected in the school boundaries or the number of school places available for the area. — Louise O'Reilly. [28408/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a bus pass was refused for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28505/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a case in County Carlow (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [28509/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 373 of 21 July 2020, the status of the further submission under consideration in her Department; if the school is now operating in compliance with all Department circulars; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28515/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a situation at a primary school (details supplied) with an attached autism unit in which children in the unit are not being allowed to integrate with their mainstream classmates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28531/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of increasing the capitation grant for post-primary schools by 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% and 50%, respectively in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28538/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of increasing the capitation grant for primary schools by 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% and 50%, respectively in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28539/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in place to minimise the movement of SNAs in circumstances in which they currently care for many students in different classes making contact tracing very difficult. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [28559/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education if her officials will engage with a school (details supplied) to expedite the provision of a permanent site for the school within the Ballybrack or Loughlinstown area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28580/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria for school transport to be provided to a Gaelscoil (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [28591/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education the cost to her Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28608/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department was informed or consulted on the change in the admission policy of a school (details supplied); the advice which can be provided to parents whose children are currently pupils of another school and had an expectation that their children would be given priority as a selection criteria to the priority categories of applicants to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28626/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education the reason so many students were downgraded from H1 to H2 in the recent leaving certificate examination, especially when those students were identified as among the school's highest achievers in that subject; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [28680/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 29 September 2020, if she will provide the total amount of additional Covid-19 related Exchequer expenditure for 2021 for her Department and a breakdown by line items of this additional expenditure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28683/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she is taking to end the ongoing pay inequality for teachers here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28694/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education when a reply will issue to a person (details supplied) following a letter to her Department dated 2 September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28705/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education the number of leaving certificate students in County Kerry that have had errors with their calculated grades identified; the nature of these errors; and the way they are categorised in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [28706/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied with the levels of computer literacy amongst students leaving secondary school; the computer literacy education second level students receive in all schools; if all students receive a basic level of computer literacy education in secondary schools; if not, to her plans ensure that computer literacy education is provided to all second level students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28745/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for a new educational campus at Fortunestown Lane, Saggart, Co. Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28754/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of contracting all third-party companies to deal with the leaving certificate grades in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [28764/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that can be taken by a national school to ensure that a neighbouring secondary school continues to recognise a national school as a feeder school in order that children from the locality may have access to a local secondary school as identified (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28770/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education when CIÉ will be providing school transport for a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28781/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education if a dedicated fund will be established for schools to support the purchase of PPE for medically vulnerable and pregnant teachers in view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will consider reviewing maternity leave arrangements for pregnant teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28832/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to develop an online curriculum for primary school children isolating at home due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28847/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to develop an online curriculum for post-primary school children isolating at home due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28848/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Gaelscoileanna nationally; the breakdown by county; the percentage of total primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28849/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education if she has future plans to open additional gaelscoileanna; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28850/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students in secondary schools studying different subject areas for the leaving certificate in particular trades; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28851/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the errors in determining the leaving certificate calculated grades; if the State will be compensated for the errors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28868/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education the number of families in County Kildare that have requested home tuition supports in 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of applications that have been successful; the corresponding figures for 2018 and 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28889/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education if there was a tender process that secured the contractor (details supplied) for the modelling of the predictive grade system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28904/20]

*489. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of her Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28913/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff in her Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by her Department over the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28931/20]

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

*491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the legislation that outlines the time frame in which deaths must be reported; the current time frame; her plans to shorten same in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28309/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person can still claim the pandemic unemployment payment in cases in which they are on the pandemic unemployment payment and seeking to improve their future career prospects by enrolling in a part-time springboard course; and if not, if they are required to switch to another form of social welfare which may be of a lesser value and as such act as a disincentive. — Steven Matthews. [28343/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that will be provided to assist persons that have to take time off work to self-isolate in cases in which a family member living in the same household awaits a Covid-19 test result; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that at present some persons have to take annual leave or may receive no income in respect of such days not in

work; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that the present necessary and appropriate self-isolation is causing financial difficulties for some persons and families, particularly for those on lower incomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28632/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if provisions are being considered with regard to sole traders and the provision of redundancy to staff if they are to face closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [28883/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average time from sole traders completing and submitting a form for the €1,000 grant to the local Intreo office to receipt of the funding. — Gary Gannon. [28078/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive the correct rate of pandemic unemployment payment; when arrears will be issued in view of the fact they are at the lower rate and have provided all documentation advising they should be on the higher rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [28117/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be considered for the fuel allowance on a temporary basis to allow the fuel allowance to be awarded to those that are just above the threshold and cocooning at home. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28149/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the different rates of pandemic unemployment payments including the sectors in which the recipients previously worked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28176/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of paying all in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment a rate of €350 until the end of April 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28177/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full year cost of increasing all social welfare payments to €350 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28178/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full year cost of increasing all social welfare payments to €300 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28179/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of granting a €1,000 bonus to all recipients of the carer’s allowance. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28184/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of moving all social welfare claimants including pensioners to a living wage. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28185/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those on the pandemic unemployment payment or similar will be deemed eligible for retraining grants that are ordinarily reserved for those on jobseeker’s allowance rather than have to lose out on money by switching to the latter in view of the unprecedented circumstances due to Covid-19. — Cathal Crowe. [28204/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who commences a part-time springboard course can still be in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Robert Troy. [28205/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to commence the restoration of the carer's allowance income disregard to ensure that those on the average industrial income can qualify; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28236/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the costs associated with caring can be deducted from reckonable income for carer's allowance applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28237/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the disregard allowable in the capital formula for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28238/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the carer's support grant will be increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28239/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend eligibility for carer's benefit to include those that are self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28240/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if eligibility for domiciliary care allowance will be extended to children residing in hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28241/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a report on proposals to enact a pension for family carers in recognition of their invaluable contribution to society; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28242/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding community employment participants that are over 55 years of age; the maximum number of years they can be on the scheme; and the variation that may apply to those that entered community employment under the part-time jobs opportunity. — Brian Stanley. [28268/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlement to the Covid-19 payment in the case a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28275/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position in relation to the implementation of the Labour Court recommendation that community employment supervisors should be entitled to a pension or gratuity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28303/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position with regard to the combined community employment procedures manual 2016 which states that persons over 55 years of age may stay employed on a CE scheme for up to six years. — Robert Troy. [28316/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a statement currently on the Citizens' Information website which states that persons employed on a scheme prior to July 2017 can stay on the previously existing eligibility rules. — Robert Troy. [28317/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 519 of 22 September 2020, if a review of the carer's benefit application will be carried out in view of

information provided (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [28365/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in County Wexford in receipt of the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment by age range (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28387/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if payments to those on the back to work enterprise allowance scheme will be extended for the period in which those on the scheme were not allowed to trade during the lock down earlier in 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [28410/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a State (contributory) pension will be approved for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28499/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a means test relative to a claim for a State (non-contributory) pension for a person (details supplied) will be reassessed. — John McGuinness. [28500/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when persons that had pandemic unemployment payment claims that were not paid will receive their backdated arrears; if she can provide a timeline for same; if this timeline will be communicated to the public via the Department website; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28517/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views regarding the implementation of the Labour Court recommendation that community employment supervisors should be entitled to a pension or gratuity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [28565/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the pension increase due to workers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28578/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28597/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost to her Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28617/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 547 of 22 September 2020, if this jobseeker's benefit application will be approved with effect from 30 March 2020, in view of the fact the application meets with the criteria of the scheme for payment from that date; if this application will be finalised without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [28625/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age that are in receipt of jobseeker's allowance, jobseeker's benefit and signing for credits, respectively by county in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [28647/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age that are in receipt of jobseeker's allowance, jobseeker's benefit and signing for credits, respectively for 12 months or more by county in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [28648/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons aged between 25 years and under 30 years of age that are in receipt of jobseeker's allowance, jobseeker's benefit and signing for credits, respectively by county in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [28649/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons aged between 25 years and under 30 years of age that are in receipt of jobseeker's allowance, jobseeker's benefit and signing for credits, respectively for 12 months or more, by county in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [28650/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age that are receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment, by county in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [28651/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons between 25 years and under 30 years of age that are receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment by county in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [28652/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons on the €203, €250 and €300 rates of payment per week of the pandemic unemployment payment in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [28653/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age that are on the €203, €250 and €300 rates of payment per week of the pandemic unemployment payment in tabular form. — Ged Nash. [28654/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures she will take in Budget 2021 to implement the commitment in the Programme for Government to improve jobseeker supports for persons under 24 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28655/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a student can continue to claim the pandemic unemployment payment in circumstances in which they were in receipt of part-time employment prior to the pandemic and subsequently claimed the payment and is now due to return to college but the part-time employment remains closed due to Covid-19. — Patrick O'Donovan. [28668/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the road passenger transport operators based in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Westmeath, Leitrim and Longford that received payment from her Department in respect of the carriage of free travel pass holders in each of the years 2015 to 2019; and the individual routes in respect of which payment was made. — Bríd Smith. [28669/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants accepted for payment of the pandemic unemployment payment in August 2020 and separately in September 2020; and the number of these who have been placed on each category of payment, that is, €203, €250 and €300, in tabular form. — Bríd Smith. [28676/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether social welfare inspectors should be able to enter the home of local authority tenants to carry out unannounced inspections; her further views on whether the home is private and that tenants should be given notice of advance inspections in order that they can protect their right to privacy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28233/20]

*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to extend the qualifying criteria for the Enterprise Support Grant to include persons that are in receipt of a State pension but are also working in view of the fact that those persons were already refused the pandemic unemployment payment as a result of their age. — Denise Mitchell. [28750/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Christmas bonus for those in receipt of social welfare will be paid this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28765/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of applications (details supplied) for PPSNs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28775/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to a previous Parliamentary Question please provide the total amount of additional Covid-19 related exchequer expenditure for 2021 for her Department; and the breakdown by line items of the additional expenditure. — Claire Kerrane. [28795/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Galway in view of the fact they made the application some months ago. — Michael Ring. [28869/20]

*547. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of her Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28924/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff in her Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by her Department over the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28942/20]

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

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention or that of his predecessor has been drawn to a protected disclosure that was not investigated by Tusla or a nominated third party (details supplied); and the reasons for same. — Catherine Murphy. [28098/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the cost of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and Certain Related Matters by year to date; a breakdown of costs related to salaries, fees, operational costs, legal costs any other costs;

the cost of the collaborative forum process and a breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28393/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason for the small number of unaccompanied minors to be taken in here from the Moira refugee camp following the fire there; and his plans to welcome more minors here. — Sean Sherlock. [28416/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will address a matter in relation to a nursery (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [28569/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28605/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if increased investment will be provided to youth work services in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28645/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the measures he will take in Budget 2021 to implement the commitment in the Programme for Government to continue to invest in youth work recognising its value in preventing harm and in responding to the needs of vulnerable families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28646/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on the situation faced by minors and young persons that have been born here or that are long-term resident here but that are not Irish, EU, UK, EEA or Swiss citizens in terms of discrimination they may face in accessing education, public services and employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28692/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his Department or agencies under his remit are informed or notified of minors being deported from the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28693/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will acknowledge receipt of a document (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28734/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if increased childcare supports will be rolled out to new mothers that are unable to return to work and therefore down an entire salary due to the reduced number of childcare places amid the Covid-19 pandemic. — Cathal Crowe. [28884/20]

*560. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28910/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020;

the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28928/20]

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

*562. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason carer's benefit is included as reckonable income as part of a SUSI application when carer's allowance is not; and the reason the carer's support grant is included in reckonable income if in receipt of carer's benefit but is disregarded if in receipt of carer's allowance (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [28320/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of applications received and approved under the apprenticeship incentivisation scheme since March 2020, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28657/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the time frame for the development and completion of the apprenticeship action plan 2021 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28658/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices enrolled and participating on each of the 57 apprenticeship programmes in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28659/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices enrolled and participating on each of the 57 apprenticeship programmes in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28660/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of women and men, respectively enrolled and participating on each of the 57 apprenticeship programmes in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28661/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices aged 16 to 17, 18 to 21, 22 to 24, 25 to 29 years and over 30 years of age in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28662/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the introduction of a national access to apprenticeship programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28663/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if supports will remain in place for language schools to allow the industry to protect itself and recover over the next 12 to 18 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28722/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that will be taken to assist parents and students that have paid for accommodation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28090/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports available for students that have been denied SUSI that did not meet the criteria; if other supports are available for persons that are still struggling to pay fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [28118/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will work to facilitate apprentice hairdressers getting back on site to continue their educational training; and if he will engage with those businesses providing the on-the-job work experience side of the training to ensure these apprentices can complete their apprenticeships. — Louise O'Reilly. [28162/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the procedure to be followed or expected in the case of a person (details supplied) who has been awarded their second choice place in DCU, and who has now been informed that the course will operate as a virtual course; if they are entitled to a refund of the maintenance element of their payment which they have already made to the college in respect of accommodation; if the course is likely to continue remotely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28269/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional third-level college places in nursing will be provided; the location these places will be provided; the closing date for applications for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [28302/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional third-level college places in nursing will be provided; if so, the locations in which places will be provided; the closing date for application to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [28306/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of the way in which the additional funds for universities are used; if he has been involved in any talks about a discount or reduction on tuition fees for students in view of the changes to the level of access students have to campus and educational offerings compared to pre-Covid times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28512/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered financial assistance or concessions for student nurses and midwives on nursing programmes when they are prevented from working part-time jobs due to infection control measures across clinical sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28513/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28613/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 29 September 2020, if he will provide the total amount of additional Covid-19 related Exchequer expenditure for 2021 for his Department and a breakdown by line items of this additional expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28682/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he supports the principle of persons born in the State that are not Irish, UK, EEA or Swiss nationals and who qualify under the residency and other requirements of the schemes being able to access SUSI grants and the free fees scheme on the same basis of Irish, UK, EEA and Swiss nationals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28688/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provision in place or that will be put in place for students that have limited or no access to internet connectivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28891/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if correspondence was received from this Deputy on 23 September 2020 regarding a letter from international students in Ireland; and if a reply will issue shortly. — Gary Gannon. [28899/20]

*584. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28918/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28936/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a residency clause was in place stating that the children of returning Irish emigrants must have been resident in the State for three out of the previous five years prior to their student grant application prior to enactment of the Student Support Act 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28947/20]

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

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 166 of 23 September 2020, when the additional three-week parental leave will be enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28140/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice if an offer has been made to the Greek authorities to accept a significant number of asylum seekers impacted by the disastrous fire in the Moria refugee camp; his contacts to date with the Greek authorities in relation to the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [28215/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to increase the number of refugees that Ireland will offer to relocate from Greece before Christmas 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [28589/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice if a management company is obliged to invite all owners that pay service charges to the annual AGM of the management company under the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011. — Emer Higgins. [28703/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for Donnybrook Garda station, Dublin 4; and if it will continue to operate under the current reduced hours. — Eoghan Murphy. [29087/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of single persons, families, children and number of persons being accommodated in the temporary direct provision centre in Bray, County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28094/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons in direct provision accommodation in Bray, County Wicklow for 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28095/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice when the contract ceases for direct provision in Bray, County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28096/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for family reunification by a person (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [28154/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons to be accommodated in the Dominick Street Complex Direct Provision Centre, Galway by unit in tabular form; when the facility will be fully occupied; the person or body responsible for the maintenance and security of the centre; if there will be no charge to the residents for the provision of utilities including electricity, bins, heating and wifi; the plans in place for the provision of childcare facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28207/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received greater clarity and guidance on the way in which the GDPR safeguards apply in the case of children after calls made after the Council working party discussions on the scope of the report on the evaluation and review of the Regulation to the Council and European Parliament; the implications this will have for the amendment and commencement of section 30 Of the Data Protection Act 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [28208/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will expand the plans to lease properties in Galway city centre to house asylum seekers nationwide and to remove asylum seekers from congregated settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [28249/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice the value of contracts awarded by his Department to a company (details supplied), its subsidiaries and each body and local authority under his remit from 1 January 2016 to 14 July 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28260/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of animals reported stolen or missing to An Garda Síochána in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28261/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions and convictions secured in County Laois regarding the theft of animals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28262/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of animals reported stolen or missing to An Garda Síochána nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28263/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions and convictions secured regarding the theft of animals nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [28264/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the administration of civil justice; when the review will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28342/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost to her Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26679/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Justice the protocol in An Garda Síochána to act upon reports of a potential suicide. — Róisín Shortall. [28394/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deaths in custody by year, by prison, by gender and by cause of death in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28536/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of Irish residency permit card renewals; the current turnaround time; if there is a procedure in place for urgent applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28583/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Justice the Irish position regarding the European Public Prosecutor's Office; the formalised permanent cooperation there is between Ireland and the office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28586/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Justice the maximum number of persons who might be working in Donnybrook Garda Station, Dublin 4 at any one time; the average number of persons working in the station at any one time; the number of full-time gardaí attached to the station; the number of parking spaces at the station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28628/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason her Department does not collect statistics on the number of minors deported from the State; if this has always been the policy of her Department; her plans to change this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28689/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason her Department does not collect statistics on the number of Irish-born non-Irish, UK, EEA and Swiss citizens deported from the State; if this has always been the policy of her Department; her plans to change this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28690/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for her Department's policy paper on the regularisation of undocumented persons; if it will be open to receiving submissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [28691/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the inordinate delay regarding a review of a stamp 4 visa for a person (details supplied); and if she will commit to a time frame for making a decision on the review of the case. — Peadar Tóibín. [28718/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to provide a new Garda station in Citywest, County Dublin which has been the subject of a long campaign (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [28759/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the Legal Aid Board office in Finglas, Dublin 11 which has temporarily relocated to Smithfield Law Centre; when Finglas Law Centre will re-open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28790/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28794/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to revise legislation on the duty of care or negligence in the context of the ongoing insurance crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28852/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to implement the findings of the Law Reform Commission Report Capping Damages in Personal Injuries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28853/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to make social media companies accountable in Irish law for false, misleading and defamatory publications on social media platforms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28854/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to provide greater powers to gardai to access information in relation to false, misleading and defamatory publications on social media platforms and prosecute if and when the need arises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28855/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of population numbers to each Garda for every county here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28856/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding provided under the Garda youth diversion scheme in the past two years; the amount provided to each project during the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28867/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Justice if the decision taken on 25 September 2020 to limit all students on a stamp 2 will be reconsidered in view of the fact that it restricts students to only 20 hours per week of work including graduating students that have submitted dissertations but are awaiting results; if there is a method to permit graduating students permission to work full-time whilst awaiting to avail of the third-level graduate scheme, otherwise known as the 1G visa; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28898/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff in her Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by her Department over the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28939/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the number of disease control workplace inspectors in the employ of the HSPC; the estimated full year cost of their employment; and the percentage of businesses inspected by them in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28187/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health if it is necessary to redeploy occupational therapists to Covid-19 testing centres in view of the fact that there is already a waiting list of up to two years after referral for a child to be seen resulting in the child missing out at a crucial time of intervention. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28560/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which whistle-blower accounts will be managed now that a service (details supplied) is to close; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28903/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28080/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1171 of 8 September 2020, the status of the investigation; the date of publication of the report; if he will report on his meeting with the Farrelly Commission on 21 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28081/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if the inequality in income vis a vis a trainee, a child and educational psychologist and a clinical psychologist undertaking a doctorate that receive a starting salary of approximately €33,000 will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [28091/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in providing spinraza to persons with spinal muscular atrophy type 3 such as a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28102/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health when permission will be given to senior citizens day centres to open, even in a limited way to help tackle the isolation which elderly residents in the complex feel, especially those with limited mobility and or poor visibility, whose only human contact other than medical appointments is often the hour or two which they spend at the day centres when open. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28109/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the import and distribution of medicinal cannabis through community pharmacies following a referral from a general practitioner or consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28119/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the process for access to medicinal cannabis through the EMA compassionate use access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28120/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if a suicide crisis assessment nurse will be provided in counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Niamh Smyth. [28122/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines for an event (details supplied); if he will provide a contact person for the event organisers to liaise with either in the HSE or his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28126/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28142/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been issued with a summons in respect of an alleged breach of guardian ad litem regulations given that they were unable to persuade their child otherwise; if instead urgent action will be taken in respect of their child; if immediate arrangements will be made to provide a course of adequate treatment for the child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28148/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on dental and orthodontic services waiting lists; the number waiting 0 to 6, 6 to 12 months, 1 to 2, 2 to 3 and 3 plus years, by LHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28157/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with special needs on dental and orthodontic services waiting lists; the number waiting 0 to 6, 6 to 12 months, 1 to 2, 2 to 3 and 3 plus years, by LHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28158/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on dental and orthodontic services waiting lists; the number of persons waiting 0 to 6, 6 to 12 months, 1 to 2, 2 to 3 and 3 plus years at the end of quarter 2 and 3 2020 compared to quarter 2 and 3 2018 and 2019, by LHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28159/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments attended in HSE primary care dental services nationally for the period from 4 March 2019 to 31 May 2019 and from 2 March 2020 to 29 May 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28170/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that had their appointments cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic from 2 March 2020 to 1 September 1 2020, by HSE CHO region in tabular form; the number of these cancellations that refer to patients from mainstream national schools, special classes in mainstream schools, special schools, adults in special care, other special care children and orthodontic patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28171/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of students in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class by CHO region that prior to service disruption due to Covid-19, that is the beginning March 2020, were targeted for dental services for the academic year September 2019 to June 2020, by class; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28172/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the average WTE number of dental staff redeployed as part of the Covid-19 efforts, by HSE CHO region, on a weekly basis from 1 March to 1 September 2020, comprising dentists, dental nurses and dental hygienists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28173/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults by HSE CHO region that are waiting for dental treatment under general anaesthetic; the maximum waiting period per region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28174/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children by HSE CHO region that are waiting for dental treatment under general anaesthetic; the maximum waiting period per region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28175/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff redeployed and deployed through Be on Call and other campaigns as part of the swab, test and trace system to identify Covid-19 cases by origin that is, HSE pre-existing, HSE new for Covid-19, Be on Call and so on, by occupation, by CHO by weekly average for the period 1 March to 30 September 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28183/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to raise the threshold for over 70 years of age couples applying for a medical card from €900 to €1,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28191/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of disease control workplace inspectors in the employ of the HSPC; the estimated full year cost of their employment; and the number of businesses inspected by them in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Bríd Smith. [28193/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health when community social day care facilities for older persons are expected to reopen; when respite care facilities will open their doors for older persons and their families (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28197/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health when full services will be restored to a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28218/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a statutory homecare scheme that will provide for appropriate respite each year and a carer needs assessment for full-time carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28246/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health if the carer general practitioner visit card will be extended to those carers that are in receipt of the carer's support grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28247/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that were allocated home help support in County Monaghan for each year since 2015 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; the number of home help hours allocated in County Monaghan for the same periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28248/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 testing centres in west County Cork will be reinstated. — Holly Cairns. [28255/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that audiology services are minimally impacted by Covid-19 with particular reference to ensuring regular testing as required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28266/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will be willing to lease its property in Tipperary Town, County Tipperary to a person who would be interested in developing and operating a facility that would comprise a nursing home with a specialised dementia unit, a mental health facility with psychiatric beds and a centre to treat drug addiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28271/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health when a service (details supplied) in County Carlow will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28273/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available to the disability sector in particular to a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28279/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has plans to recruit a paediatric gastroenterologist in the Cork area as currently no such service is provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [28294/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to upgrade the Covid-19 testing system here by using a new test (details supplied) that only takes 15 minutes to provide results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28307/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a study conducted on levels of vitamin D (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [28308/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if ballet schools come within the definition of Schools, Early Learning and Childcare Services as defined in the Plan for Living with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [28319/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the home help waiting list in County Mayo as of 29 September 2020; the number of persons awaiting homecare packages in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [28329/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if medical cards will be provided for those women that have had severe life altering and ongoing complications from transvaginal mesh implants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28340/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in counties Cork and Kerry that have been redeployed to testing and tracing; and the locations in which staff have been redeployed from in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [28344/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment process for 60 new staff to be assigned to testing and tracing in counties Cork and Kerry; and the way in which the figure of 60 was deemed to be sufficient. — Thomas Gould. [28345/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health when the staff that have been redeployed to testing and tracing in Cork will be returned to their original posts. — Thomas Gould. [28346/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if the nasal flu shot will be rolled out in schools; if parental consent must be sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28348/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to reopen day care centres for the elderly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28358/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 995 of 14 July 2020, if an urgent appointment for surgery at Temple Street Hospital will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [28359/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 773 of 15 September 2020, the statistics gathered on staff derogations from requirements to self-isolate; and the basis on which they are collated, if by service or geographic area. — Pa Daly. [28364/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests taken in a location (details supplied) to date; the number of positive cases at the same location; the number of persons that failed to show up for Covid-19 tests; the average waiting period for a test at this location; the average waiting time for the return of results at the location; the number of staff by qualification at the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28375/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that carry out a Covid-19 test to all persons admitted to the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28376/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all Covid-19 cases for the period of March 2020 to date in County Wexford by county council electoral divisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28377/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to locate additional Covid-19 testing centres in County Wexford or the north Wexford area; if so, the locations in which the test centres will be based; the timelines on any works that are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28378/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a sufficient supply of the flu vaccine for all that choose to have the flu vaccine administered in the coming months; if he foresees a shortage of the flu vaccine; his plans to have the vaccine rolled out to all schools here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28374/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths that have been declassified following the incorrect classification as a Covid-19 related death (details supplied); the correct number of deaths associated with Covid-19; his views on whether it is correct to classify all deaths as a Covid-19 death simply due to a positive test result in cases in which the death may have not been related to Covid-19; if the public will be informed of the number of deaths that fall into this category; the number of Covid-19 related deaths that are subject to a coroner's report; the number of deaths have been deemed to be incorrectly classified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28392/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend by the HSE on Covid-19 to date; a breakdown of the main areas of expenditure; the amount of increased capacity that has been added to the health care system since the onset of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28395/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for speech and therapy appointments in County Tipperary; if full speech and therapy services have resumed in the county;

if there is a full complement of speech and language therapists working the county; if not, if are vacancies waiting to be filled; if speech and language therapists have been redeployed to other areas since Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28396/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health when day and overnight respite sessions will recommence in each CHO in tabular form. — Mattie McGrath. [28400/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to open a new dual energy X ray absorptiometry scanning unit in South Tipperary General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28401/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the chronic shortage of general practitioner services in Balbriggan, County Dublin which has created lengthy waiting lists for appointments; his plans to alleviate the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [28407/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if a Covid-19 testing facility will be opened in Balbriggan, County Dublin; if not, if a facility will be opened in another area of north County Dublin which is in walking or cycling distance for persons living in the area in view of the size of the population and the fact the nearest test centre is 20km away in Swords. — Louise O'Reilly. [28409/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that the HSE pay those employed as contact tracers working in tracing centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [28415/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients being paid for fully or partially by the State in the various nursing homes run by a private operator (details supplied); the amount paid to each facility operated by the group in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28417/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to private nursing homes here in each year of the past five years; the nature of the funding; the number of patients involved; the type of services provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28418/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health if an inquiry will be carried out into the care of a patient (details supplied) with schizophrenia in a nursing home; the psychiatric qualifications of the staff responsible for their care in each year of their residences; the details of consultation and care-plans devised between the nursing home, the social worker of the patient and local psychiatric services; the number of visits by the social worker; the number and nature of liaisons with local psychiatric services and local general practitioners involving their care; the nature of the dental care organised by the facility for the patient; if the full record of the patient at the home will be provided to their next of kin by categories (details supplied); the amount paid by the State to the home for the care of the person in each year of their residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28419/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 607 of 03 June 2020, the steps he will take or has taken to provide the services and supports for a person (details supplied); the action he will take and the funding he will provide to address the issues raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28495/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the ongoing rollout of the SAP payroll system throughout the HSE; the number of HSE employees directly involved in the project; the number of consultants involved and the cost of same; the travel and accommodation costs associated with the national integrated staff records and pay programme; if there was a procurement process, and if so, if he will provide the details and outcome of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28498/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health if a custom-made orthotic device will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28501/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health if an earlier appointment will be arranged for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28503/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment at the ENT department will be arranged for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [28504/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the professional fees (details supplied) paid to facilitate ward of court applications brought by the Health Service Executive in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [28507/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that adult day services has received to date (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [28508/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health when monies paid by a person (details supplied) will be reimbursed. — Kathleen Funchion. [28510/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if additional staff including general practitioners will be deployed to Balbriggan primary care centre in view of the long waiting times for general practitioners and medical services in the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [28532/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the waiting lists to be seen by a general practitioner in a facility (details supplied) and if it will be ensured that a greater number of general practitioners service the Balbriggan area to take pressure of the various medical centres and practices in the town. — Louise O'Reilly. [28533/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home helps that have retired from the HSE since 2008; the number of new home helps that have been employed in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28535/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the decision by the HSE to cap monthly quantities of vital lifesaving prescribed products to a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary to treat maple syrup urine disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [28563/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 related deaths reported in August and September 2020 that occurred in a hospital setting; the other settings in which these deaths occurred; the number of deaths that occurred in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28564/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure greater use in prescribing generic and biosimilar medicines; the estimated extra saving envisaged next year by the increased use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28568/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health when the medical card threshold for persons aged over 70 years will be increased. — Paul McAuliffe. [28570/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of children (details supplied); if he will request an urgent case conference to discuss the health, services and support that are required for these children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28574/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to issue guidelines to home care service providers that will ensure clients do not lose out if a carer cannot make an appointment due to unforeseen circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28575/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish details of the reason behind the requirement for face coverings in schools, including any international evidence or risk assessments considered by NPHET; if there is an ongoing review of the effectiveness of the policy; the stage in the National Framework on Living with Covid-19 it is expected the requirement would be lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28576/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours and homecare packages provided nationally in each of the past five years; the number of such hours in north County Kildare in the same time frame; the cost of such provision to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [28587/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the refurbishment works at Kanturk Community Hospital; the time frame for their completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [28594/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the refurbishment works at St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Millstreet; the time frame for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [28595/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the refurbishment works at Macroom Community Hospital; the time frame for their completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [28596/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28614/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health when the increased eligibility guidelines for medical cards for persons over 70 years of age announced in Budget 2020 will be enacted. — Cathal Crowe. [28622/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 929 of 29 September 2020, if there is an addiction or recovery policy unit in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [28630/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health if additional resources will be provided to local and regional drugs taskforces in particular to deal with the impact of Covid-19 in Budget 2021 and in line with the commitment in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [28656/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health if a vaccine or medical procedure can be administered on a mature minor, that is, over 16 years of age with an intellectual disability without the consent of their parents following the enactment of recent laws. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28666/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the number of employees of the National Ambulance Service; and the number on sick leave currently by county in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [28677/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the overall budget assigned to the running of officer response vehicles within the National Ambulance Service. — Pa Daly. [28678/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health if a capacity review been carried out in the National Ambulance Service; and if are there plans to base an ambulance in Killorglin, County Kerry or Abbeyfeale, County Limerick. — Pa Daly. [28679/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make the FreeStyle Libre device available for type 1 diabetes patients through the long-term illness scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [28681/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health his views on legislating to allow for nurses prescribe controlled drugs and opiate substitution therapy, for example, methadone and buprenorphine, as was previously done on controlled drugs in areas such as palliative care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28684/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health his views on enhancing independent regulatory oversight and inspection on addiction treatment services, such as through HIQA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28685/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for reform and investment in addiction treatment services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28686/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to publish a Traveller and Roma mental health action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28687/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the body to which a respite care centre (details supplied) can apply for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [28696/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in counties Laois and Offaly that were granted home help hours in 2020; if numbers are above or below the national average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [28699/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that CHO 8 is experiencing a long waiting time for approval and delivery of home help services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [28700/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cycles used in the PCT testing here for the detection of Covid-19; if he has concerns regarding the over sensitivity of these tests; the steps he is taking to introduce more rapid testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28704/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28712/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28713/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 29 September 2020, the amount of additional Covid-19 related exchequer expenditure for 2021 for his Department and the breakdown by line items of this additional expenditure. — David Cullinane. [28716/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request that St. James's Hospital expedite the provision of medical records by the hospital as required by a patient for Tallaght Hospital and as requested under FOI by the patient concerned (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [28723/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health if both Gorey and Thomastown District Hospitals had been designated as Covid-19 step down facilities; if the stepdown designation of both Gorey and Thomastown District Hospitals has been removed, when this occurred; if the two hospitals have reverted to their pre-Covid-19 operation status and use; the reason St. Brigid's Hospital has not reverted to its pre-Covid-19 status in the same manner as the similar facilities outlined; when St. Brigid's will have its Covid-19 designation removed and begin resumption of normal operation at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [28728/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health if both Gorey and Thomastown District Hospitals had been designated as Covid-19 stepdown facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28729/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health if the stepdown designation of both Gorey and Thomastown district hospitals has been removed; when this occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28730/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health if Gorey and Thomastown hospitals have reverted to their pre-Covid-19 operational status and use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28731/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the reason St. Brigid's Hospital has not reverted its pre-Covid-19 status in the same manner as other facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28732/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health when St. Brigid's Hospital will have its Covid-19 designation removed and begin resumption of normal operations at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28733/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for a primary medical certificate that are now on hold as a result of the Supreme Court ruling of 18 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28735/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated expenditure by his Department in 2021 compared to 2020, disaggregated by precommitted expenditure such as by demographics, PSSA and so on, Covid-19 related expenditure and other additional expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28738/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the reason SouthDoc in Blackpool, Cork is closed; and if a timeline can be given for the reopening of this facility. — Thomas Gould. [28739/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that received post termination of pregnancy care in maternity hospitals from January 2019 to date; the number of those that were for medical abortions provided by general practitioner or community, family planning or sexual health clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28741/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to include data on all adverse outcomes specific to medication used in the provision of termination of pregnancy services in the annual National Healthcare Quality Reporting System; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28742/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health when will CAR T-cell therapy be available here; when he expects it will be approved for reimbursement; the arrangements that are currently being worked on in relation to facilities for the therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28766/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the State Claims Agency is opposing claims by those that allege to have developed narcolepsy as a result of a faulty batch of the swine flu vaccine in view of the fact that the claims are supported by medical proof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28772/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the first narcolepsy case related to a claimed bad batch of the swine flu vaccine to go to trial was not settled before an estimated €10 million was spent on the case approximately three weeks after going to trial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28773/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the reason over 90 cases been taken by individuals that claim to have developed narcolepsy as a result of a faulty batch of the swine flu vaccine are being taken to trial instead of mediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28774/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the terms of reference of the National Public Health Emergency Team. — Peadar Tóibín. [28778/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have died as a result of Covid-19; the number of persons that have died of other illness but also had Covid-19; the number of persons that died of other illness that had Covid19 but were Covid-19 asymptomatic, in the last year. — Peadar Tóibín. [28779/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the distribution of PPE to dentists. — Catherine Murphy. [28780/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if a provision can be made in relation to the case of persons (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [28786/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a health appointment for person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28787/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health if plans are being considered to make eye tests free at high street opticians for children under 12 years of age on medical cards outside of school testing; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many children experience sight deterioration outside of school tests and the cost of the test can be an impediment to low income families accessing such diagnostics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28788/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health if carers employed by the HSE that are required to travel on official business will be paid the travel and subsistence rates approved by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [28789/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the type of contracts that will be offered to the additional 700 swabbers and 500 contact tracers provided for in the winter plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28791/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health if work has begun on the Traveller and Roma Mental Health Action Plan as per the Programme for Government commitment; his plans to publish the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28792/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the level of Covid-19 testing carried out in the past two weeks by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [28831/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE plans to reintroduce day care services for the elderly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [28834/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff employed by profession or type of employment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28838/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancies within the HSE by profession or type in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28839/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed by profession during the Be on call for Ireland campaign in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28840/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed temporarily by profession during the Be on call for Ireland campaign in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28841/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of temporary contracts for the Be on call for Ireland campaign that have ceased by profession in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28842/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres here; the breakdown by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28843/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the coming five years to increase the number of primary care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28844/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the ratio of population to general practitioners for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28845/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering changing the medical card payment process for general practitioners from a fixed annual payment per medical card holder to paying the GP per consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28846/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health if longer notice will be given to businesses when announcing changes to Covid-19 restrictions to prevent unnecessary losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28857/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons tested for Covid-19 in each residential centre for persons with a disability in the CHO7 area in the past month; the number of persons that tested positive for Covid-19 in each of these settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28859/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to provide funding to prevent the closure of the mental health charity (details supplied) in Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [28860/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide routine Covid-19 testing for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28876/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health the number of wholetime equivalent speech and language therapists employed by the HSE for the catchment area of County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28878/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults awaiting speech and language therapy in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28879/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults awaiting occupational therapy in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28880/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the number of wholetime equivalent physiotherapists employed by the HSE for the catchment area of County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28881/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults awaiting physiotherapy in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28882/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the review of a service (details supplied) undertaken in 2019 by the HSE which last week was reported to stakeholders that it will not be completed beyond a draft report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28900/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the stage at which during the review of a centre (details supplied) the decision was made that the investigators had gone beyond the terms of reference; the reason this was not realised at the regular briefing meetings in view of the fact it was not a legal review, the legal constraints that prevented the examiners going beyond the terms of reference if they deemed it necessary. — Gary Gannon. [28901/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health if the Tusla inspection report on a service (details supplied) published online on 14 July 2020 was a factor in the decision making to close a centre; and the measures taken by the HSE when it was made aware of the findings of the Tusla inspection. — Gary Gannon. [28902/20]

*781. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28919/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28937/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health if work has commenced on the Traveller and Roma mental health action plan as per the Programme for Government commitment; when he intends to publish the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [28948/20]

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

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of additional staff or whole-time equivalents that have been sanctioned for the purposes of supporting the Forest Service and forestry appeals process. — Sean Sherlock. [28366/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which funding for the greyhound industry was spent in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, for example, the amount spent on welfare and on which initiatives in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28113/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans in place to ensure conformity of regulations between Ireland and Northern Ireland in view of proposed new EU regulations governing the purchase of veterinary medicines in respect of the availability and authorised dispensing of such products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28152/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure the continuation of the existing right of suitably qualified persons to sell veterinary medicines to farmers and not restrict such authorisation to qualified veterinarians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28153/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of cattle that go down with TB and are actually that are found to have it when slaughtered in the factory; and the uses made of the meat from those animals. — Claire Kerrane. [28190/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspectors in his Department employed as inspectors at meat processing and food processing facilities; and the full year cost of their employment. — Bríd Smith. [28196/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants per county per year since 2015 for the organic farming scheme; the number of successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28219/20]

*791. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén fáth nár chuir a Roinn fáisnéis i nGaeilge ar fáil don phobal maidir leis an bpróiseas comhairliúcháin phoiblí a bhain leis an Dréacht-Bhille Foraoiseachta (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2020 chun go gcuirfí ar a gcumas a bheith rannpháirteach i nGaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [28280/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the analysis carried out by his Department into the carbon sequestration potential of coniferous forests here; the comparative analysis his Department has carried out regarding the carbon sequestration potential of deciduous forests as opposed to coniferous forests here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28404/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of requests made to the SFPA by other EU member states with regard to the application of penalty points to Irish sea-fishing boat licences in cases in which the licence holder was found to have carried out serious infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy in the territorial waters of other EU member states in each of the years 2011 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28405/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of occasions the SFPA has assigned penalty points to Irish sea-fishing boat licence holders which were found to have carried out serious infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy in Irish waters; the number of occasions the SFPA has assigned penalty points to foreign licence holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28406/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial supports available for farmers that wish to start snail farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [28506/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the dredging of Howth harbour; if it remains his intention to lodge a planning application for the Howth dredging project in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [28514/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if dedicated sector specific supports will be provided to the forestry sector in view of the impact of Covid-19 on same. — Louise O'Reilly. [28588/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost to his Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by

directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28604/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of salaries, expenses and so on paid to members and employees of an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28717/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has received an appeal from a person (details supplied) in County Cork regarding a breach of the Nitrates Regulations. — Michael Creed. [28726/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 896 of 22 September 2020, the date he proposes to have a veterinary presence on livestock consignments to third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [28748/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details on any fish and shell fish quota swaps that the State has made with other EU States in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020; if he will provide the basis for these swaps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28761/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage and value of the full annual catch of fish that has been registered as taken from Irish waters under the Common Fisheries Policy for each of the years 2000 to 2019 and to date in 2020 including the nationality of the boats landing the catch. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28762/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that none of his predecessors signed off on the equivalent of S.I 318 of 2020 this year, before An Taoiseach did so on 26 August 2020. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28763/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria on mileage and usage for vehicles that were used by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority and then auctioned by Irish Machinery Auctions; the estimated amount that was raised by the sale of the vehicles and where the funds were allocated. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28783/20]

*806. 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 online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of his Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28909/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff in his Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by his Department over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28927/20]

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

*808. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of emergency funding provided to community projects since March 2020, by name of the project, sector and type of funding in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [28284/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of emergency funding provided to social inclusion projects since March 2020, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [28285/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the €1 billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund that has been drawn down; and if she will provide the commitment in each year to date in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28128/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the €1 billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund that has been committed for 2021. — Mairéad Farrell. [28129/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when decisions will be made under the Town and Village Accelerated Measures round 3 scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [28567/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cost to her Department to date of all fines paid by Ireland for non-transposition of EU directives into Irish law; the breakdown, by directive of the lump sum cost and the daily cost of each fine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28606/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the plans in place for a rollover and transition funding for the 34 Leader companies across the country whose contract ends on 31 December 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28673/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects a new Leader programme to be in place, particularly in regard to the 34 Leader companies across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28674/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the same format will be kept in place for the next programme of Leader, particularly with regard to the 34 Leader companies across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28675/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress that has been made to ensure that the commitment in the Programme for Government that the new LEADER programme will be led by independent local action groups will be honoured; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28769/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has engaged a third-party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020 to conduct online and or social media monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of her Department; if so, the cost of same; and if the name of the social media platforms being monitored will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [28911/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of staff in her Department on sick leave between March and September by month in 2019 and to date 2020; the pay arrangements that exist for staff on sick leave for an extended period of time; the number of sick days accounted for by her Department over the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28929/20]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28558/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the implications of delaying the census by a year. — Mark Ward. [28809/20]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with housing last met. — Mick Barry. [28811/20]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his decision to delay Census 2022. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28895/20]