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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*1. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the membership of the Media Commission was selected; and if a person with local media and news publishing experience will be included in the Commission. — Dara Calleary. [30147/20]

\*2. To ask the Taoiseach the contracts with public relations agencies and management consultants entered into by his Department; and the remit of these contracts including the costs in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29362/20]

\*3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide information on a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [29415/20]

\*4. To ask the Taoiseach if a list of Cabinet Committees that has been established will be provided; the membership and purpose of each; and the additional Cabinet committees he expects to be set up in 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29529/20]

\*5. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Departmental Committees established; the membership and purpose of each; and the additional Cabinet committees he expects to be set up in 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29530/20]

\*6. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which the members of the Future of Media Commission were selected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [29336/20]

\*7. To ask the Taoiseach when the citizens' assembly on drug use will be convened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [29282/20]

\*8. To ask the Taoiseach the amount spent on public relations, promotion and advertising, including multimedia, in his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and up to 30 June 2020 prior to his appointment as Taoiseach. — Barry Cowen. [29864/20]

\*9. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the current Cabinet Committees including the policy areas that each committee covers in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30122/20]

\*10. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the divisions within his Department including the policy areas allocated to the work of each in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30123/20]

\*11. To ask the Taoiseach the details of policy format and organisational process by which the groupings for Taoiseach Oral Parliamentary Questions are decided within his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30124/20]

\*12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide details of his Department's senior management team to include the senior officials with responsibility for each of the divisions within his Department in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30180/20]

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

\*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the date on which the statutory instrument to change the name of the Department of Business, Enterprise, and Innovation to the Department and Minister for Enterprise, Trade, and Employment will be signed. — Louise O'Reilly. [29708/20]

\*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will investigate the safety of window restrictors, which are difficult to open, to ensure they comply with standards under the scope of his Department (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29878/20]

\*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [29926/20]

\*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review the restart grant qualifying criteria in order to allow companies with high turnovers but very low profit rates in exceptional circumstances, that is, turnover of over €5 million but a very low profit margin.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29928/20]

\*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to meet with striking workers (details supplied) who he has acknowledged have been treated poorly; and the actions he plans to take regarding unfair treatment of workers in Ireland. — Sorca Clarke. [23761/20]

\*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of moneys paid as of 30 September 2020 from the restart grant by county in tabular form; the amount of moneys paid as of 30 September 2020 from the restart plus grant by county in tabular form; the amount of moneys paid as of 30 September 2020 to each local authority from the restart grant by county in tabular form; the amount of moneys paid as of 30 September 2020 to each local authority from the restart plus grant by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [29596/20]

\*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the grants and supports available to a small business that is not a ratepayer to a local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [29672/20]

\*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the extension of the Temporary Framework for state aid until at least June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29758/20]

\*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of new investment arising from IDA sponsored enterprises in counties Meath and Westmeath, respectively in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [25956/20]

\*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of new investment arising from Enterprise Ireland grant aided enterprises in counties Meath and Westmeath, respectively in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [25957/20]

\*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the protections that are in place to stop companies from moving assets to other holding companies thereby reducing the potential for employee redundancy payments if the trading company becomes insolvent in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29890/20]

\*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a work permit for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29917/20]

\*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a public policy on remote working. — Louise O'Reilly. [29958/20]

\*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to expedite examinership lite for SMEs and microbusinesses (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [29959/20]

\*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a bespoke support package will be given to pubs and restaurants that have to close due to level 3 public health restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29960/20]

\*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of HSA inspections of workplaces that have been carried out for compliance with Covid-19 regulations from March 2020 to date by sector; if the workplace was compliant; the number of inspections that were unannounced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29961/20]

\*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if supports will be put in place to assist seasonal businesses with rent costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30182/20]

\*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has engaged with retailers offering designated shopping hours for vulnerable groups to encourage them to take steps to enforce designated hours to ensure vulnerable persons have a safe and comfortable shopping experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30229/20]

\*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the Athy food hub; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30326/20]

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

\*32. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the criteria for the LEO trading online voucher will be broadened to include social media (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29613/20]

\*33. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the county councils that have applied for the electric vehicle public charge point grant; the reasons for the low uptake of the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [29693/20]

\*34. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will investigate the existing grants that are available to assist in purchasing electric commercial vehicles through SEAI in view of the fact this only applies to vehicles such as vans; and if it has been considered to expand this to include cars for commercial use. — Steven Matthews. [30103/20]

\*35. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a person (details supplied) will be facilitated for broadband connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29578/20]

\*36. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 483 of 3 December 2019, when the review of the Climate Action Plan will be completed, in particular the recommendation in relation to the issue of revisits for additional works under the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [29666/20]

\*37. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a situation regarding houses on either side of an address (details supplied) by which one house is covered by high speed broadband but the other is not; if a timeline for full implementation of broadband at this address will be provided; and if he will expedite the implementation. — Thomas Gould. [29841/20]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the delay in the provision of the warmer home grants due to increased demand; his views on whether this increased demand is due to a change in criteria; if he will allocate funding to meet the additional demand; if he will review a case and expedite an application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29909/20]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the banning of single use plastics here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29941/20]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which his Department is examining the need for increased involvement in local community groups to engage with climate action initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29942/20]

\*41. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the incentives being designed to encourage greater commercial uptake of electric vehicles in the private and public sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29943/20]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of wind energy production and projections here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29944/20]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if commercial grants are available to assist a business in becoming more energy efficient and environmentally friendly such as upgrading of in-store refrigeration units and installation of solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [29950/20]

\*44. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he has contacted electricity and gas providers in relation to proposed increases in prices during the Covid-19 pandemic; the providers he has made contact with; the outcome of these discussions; his views on not increasing energy prices during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [29962/20]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the impact the large increase in the PSO will have on electricity customers during the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the fact hundreds of thousands of persons are already struggling financially. — Darren O'Rourke. [29963/20]

\*46. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cén uair a chuirfear tús leis an Acht Forbartha Mianraí 2017; cén uair a bheidh sé ar fáil i nGaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [30055/20]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for an expansion of the SEAI better energy warmer homes scheme; his plans to allow persons that have availed of the scheme to be eligible again.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30081/20]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the national retrofitting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30082/20]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the provision of electricity connection for a business (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30248/20]

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

\*50. To ask the Minister for Transport the specifications a greenway project must fulfil to receive funding; his views that the current one size fits all approach to greenways is the most appropriate approach particularly for environmentally important areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [29691/20]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of meetings that have taken place with the Dublin Airport Authority in relation to the provision of an airport testing regime since 1 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29775/20]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address illegal parking of cars on pavements and cycle lanes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [29568/20]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Transport his view on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29572/20]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated for LocalLink by county for each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [29647/20]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver test will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29661/20]

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\*57. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding available for greenway projects; if all available funding has been allocated; to provide a list of all greenway projects that have received funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [29692/20]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill; when he expects the Bill to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [29749/20]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a case (details supplied) regarding a vintage car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29752/20]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the National Transport Authority to provide extra buses and other forms of public transport in view of the way the reduced capacity is impacting on school and college students along with employees going to and from work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29786/20]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the nomination and election process for the Taxi Advisory Committee; if there are vacancies on same at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29787/20]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver tests cancelled due to the Covid-19 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29818/20]

\*63. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons currently waiting for a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29819/20]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that did not show up for their scheduled driver test in 2019 and 2020 before the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29820/20]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure that the Road Safety Authority has enough resources to appoint sufficient driver testers to deal with the six month waiting list of applications for driver tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29836/20]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29940/20]



\*67. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to enter the proposed Lucan Luas line and or extension in the planning process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [30039/20]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide provisions for coach and bus services that have been asked to pay back tax for several months as a consequence of being taken off the road and have not paid motor tax during the period in which they were off the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [30079/20]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Transport if the need to include County Wexford will be examined in a programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [30097/20]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for a roads project (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30146/20]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the status and timeline of plans for the delivery of the Luas to Lucan, County Dublin. — Emer Higgins. [30185/20]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Transport for an Irish Rail engineers’ report on the upgrades made to the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line to determine if it is possible to increase speeds on the line to improve the service and entice more users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30220/20]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will work with Irish Rail to review the timetables on rural routes such as the Ballybrophy to Limerick and the Limerick Junction to Waterford lines and make minor changes to suit commuters and students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30221/20]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will appoint a regional manager to oversee operations on rural lines in particular the Ballybrophy to Limerick line and to work with local third level institutions and large workplaces (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30222/20]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Transport the make and model of all seafaring vessels based at each Irish Coast Guard station in tabular form; the number of crew at each station that have completed the appropriate training relating to the seafaring vessels based at their station in tabular form; the number of crew at each station that have not received appropriate training relation to the seafaring vessels based at their station in tabular form; and the number of crew based at each station in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [30253/20]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Transport if changes proposed under EU regulation 2020/698 to the A2 motorcycle driver licence test are to be adopted on 1 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30268/20]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Transport if changes are proposed to the A2 motorcycle driver licence test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30269/20]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which County Clare will benefit from the expanded local bus service detailed in and funded by the July Stimulus Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30307/20]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date in providing a permanent Irish Coast Guard facility in north Connemara at the site of the airstrip at Cluain Leacht an Abba, An Cloigeann; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30310/20]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Athy distributor route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30325/20]

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

\*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the processing of medical certificates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [30061/20]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of an application for a service by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [30102/20]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to address the price and lack of choice for insurance cover for walking and mountaineering guides; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30145/20]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [30155/20]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of an application for a service by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [30156/20]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of an application for a service by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [30157/20]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had regard to the Supreme Court judgement that has caused the cessation of the scheme to assist persons with disabilities in mobility grants such as VRT, toll free journeys and VAT. — Sean Sherlock. [30190/20]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the scheme to allow for persons building their own homes (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [30247/20]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to address concerns raised by employers that the delay of up to six weeks to receive subsidy payments under the employment wage subsidy scheme could cause cash flow problems; if he will adjust the employment wage subsidy scheme to enable access for lower paid and seasonal workers who primarily work within the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29611/20]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if the threshold for voucher bonuses from employer to employer will be increased from €500 to €1,000; if it will be made available across at least two payments over 12 months (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29614/20]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a financial institution (details supplied) will not offer six-month payment breaks and moratoriums to persons

that drew down a mortgage after 31 March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29680/20]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Finance his views in respect of mortgage applicants of whom Covid-19 review teams within banks are requesting documentation and credit checks from their employers to ascertain if a company is in receipt of employment wage subsidy scheme in view of the fact that the employee is not in receipt of the payment or has been removed from the scheme; if this is permissible under legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29710/20]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Finance if the special Cabinet committee on insurance reform has met to date; the membership of the committee; the brief of the committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [29748/20]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Finance the financial support measures planned if Ireland needs to go to a Plan for Living with Covid-19 level 4 designation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29771/20]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Finance the financial support measures planned if Ireland needs to go to a Plan for Living with Covid-19 level 5 designation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29772/20]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has suspended the applications process for primary medical certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29821/20]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to ensure that processing of applications for primary medical certificates for tax relief available to disabled drivers will recommence following a decision of the Supreme Court; his plans to introduce new legislation or a statutory instrument as a result of the judgement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29835/20]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Finance the recourse available for lenders that have disputes with financial institutions in circumstances in which loans have been sold off on a number of occasions and there is a dispute as to who owns the loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29844/20]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take to address the increasingly high cost of motor insurance in particular for young drivers and drivers of vehicles such as caddies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [29899/20]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29903/20]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Finance if payments issued under the restart grant and restart grant plus will be exempt from payment of income tax and other tax liabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [29929/20]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Finance if the stay and spend scheme will be expanded to include takeaway meals in view of the recently announced restrictions on indoor dining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29965/20]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the pandemic unemployment payment and level three restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30059/20]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 283 of 6 October 2020, if his attention has been drawn to delays in processing VAT refunds on diesel for haulers from Northern Ireland and other European states that have filled their vehicle here and subsequently applied for a VAT refund. — Louise O'Reilly. [30063/20]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take to assist families that are facing an inordinate number of direct debit and credit related fees on top of account maintenance fees from banks and financial institutions at a time when they are facing severe financial hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30070/20]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax reliefs available to persons that are working from home; and if he is considering further tax credits to support workers in this regard. — Paul McAuliffe. [30075/20]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to lower the VAT rate for the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30076/20]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if an employer remains eligible to recoup the maximum allowable weekly subsidy for an individual employee based on their ARNWP for January and February 2020 in relation to the Revenue Commissioners' guidelines on the temporary wage subsidy scheme if the employee had since been subjected to a short time working week and was in receipt of jobseeker's benefit for days of unemployment during the short time week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30077/20]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will seek to recoup an overpayment of subsidy in the case of an employee that has been placed on a short time working week and is in receipt of Department of Social Protection benefits and their net pay for each remaining day of paid employment during the week exceeded one fifth of their ARNWP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30078/20]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to price increases on new developments being imposed on first-time buyers availing of the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30158/20]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he will introduce for persons with disabilities in the area of VRT and VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [30189/20]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being assessed to support persons most in need of assistance with regard to pay and file deadline (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [30200/20]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered reintroducing the tax deductions on donations for charities in view of the shortfall many charities are facing due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30208/20]

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

\*114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a single authority to manage the River Shannon will be appointed to address issues including water level and maintenance of channels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29952/20]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if an application has been received from a county council (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [29966/20]

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

\*116. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding is available to a local authority in the case of a facility that it owns that is at risk of closure (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30140/20]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the findings of a study (details supplied) and its follow-up reports; the steps she is taking to address the linguistic emergency in intergenerational transmission of Irish and its use in social networks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [30284/20]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29594/20]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the process for the appointment of a recruitment firm (details supplied) as the search partner for the selection of independent directors to a new 12-person board; and if this contract was put out to public tender. — Chris Andrews. [29641/20]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to address the concerns of tour operators undergoing difficulties as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [29646/20]

\*121. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad iad na plananna atá ar bun ag an Roinn chun cúiteamh a thabhairt do chuideachtaí bus agus cuideachtaí eile sa Ghaeltacht a chaill amach ar ioncam de bharr na coláistí samhraidh sa Ghaeltacht a bheith curtha ar ceal i mbliana da bharr Covid-19; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [29663/20]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider allocating increased funding to community sports clubs due to the decrease in revenue in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29703/20]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to increase funding to the Arts Council in 2021; if she will provide details of the final Arts Council budget for 2020; if she is continuing to seek additional funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29768/20]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to increase funding to Culture Ireland for the international promotion of writers from Ireland through translation, podcasts and virtual festivals providing new opportunities and income to writers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29769/20]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views in relation to investment being made in Irish language centre in towns and cities here (details supplied); and if she will ensure that the appropriate funding to such centres is included in Budget 2021 for Foras na Gaeilge to distribute. — Mark Ward. [29814/20]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration will be given to considering swimming lessons as essential education rather than a training or exercise class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29846/20]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the advice and rules given to gym operators during the Covid-19 pandemic regarding their opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29877/20]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if after ten years of reduced funding for Foras na Gaeilge she will provide an additional €4.5 million in Budget 2021 to Foras na Gaeilge to fund the projects agreed by 80 Irish language and Gaeltacht groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29910/20]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an additional €6 million will be provided to Údarás na Gaeltachta in its line budget to create jobs and contribute to language planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29911/20]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an additional €910,000 will be provided for the Irish language community scheme, SPG, organised by Foras na Gaeilge to guarantee that groups have sufficient funding to coordinate the Irish language in their areas under the scheme and that other groups in various constituencies have the opportunity to join the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29912/20]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will establish a scholarship scheme as recommended in the investment plan agreed by 80 Irish language and Gaeltacht groups to assist disadvantaged school pupils to attend summer college courses in the Gaeltacht; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29913/20]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on whether investment should be made in Irish language centres in towns and cities nationally as has been done in Northern Ireland to give the language a focus in the community; if she will establish a fund to assist these centres to operate as recommended in the investment plan agreed by 80 Irish language and Gaeltacht groups; if the appropriate funding to fund such centres is included in Budget 2021 for Foras na Gaeilge to distribute; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29914/20]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason for cancelling dance classes for children as part of level three restrictions; the reason drama and singing classes can go ahead but dance classes cannot; if her attention has been drawn to the stress that many children are experiencing and the stress relieving properties of dance; the supports

available to assist persons running dance classes during level three restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [30167/20]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason dance has been excluded from new guidelines issued by the arts unit in her Department on the activities allowed children's arts and culture under level three restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [30168/20]

\*135. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén fáth nár chaith a Roinn €1.72 mhilliún a cuireadh ar leataobh dóibh anuraidh le caitheamh ar scéimeanna Gaeltachta agus ar an bpleanáil teanga; agus cá rachaidh an t-airgead seo ina áit sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30254/20]

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

\*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will seek increased funding for the NPWS farm plan scheme in designated areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29583/20]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to deal with the backlog of deer hunting licence applications; when persons can expect to have their licences issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [29700/20]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider paying the compensation under the turf cutting compensation scheme in a one-off bulk payment as opposed to an annual payment; his plans to cover the remainder of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30126/20]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct county councils containing Gaeltacht areas to prohibit the building of English speaking housing estates in areas in which Irish is a community language, that is, areas designated A and B (details supplied) of a study pursuant to section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [30459/20]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct that each application for planning permission affecting land in the Gaeltacht be accompanied by a linguistic impact assessment prepared by an independent expert in sociolinguistics and or language planning that must objectively prove that the proposed development will increase the use of Irish relative to English locally as provided for by regulation under section 33(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [30460/20]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct that persons that establish by means of assessment under a university's objective (details supplied) a B2 level of fluency in spoken Irish be deemed to have local housing needs for the purpose of a planning permission application and that this be the sole measure of language ability used, pursuant to section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [30461/20]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will direct that the percentage of holiday homes in an electoral division within a Gaeltacht area not exceed 10% of the housing stock of that electoral division and in cases in which it does exceed 10% that planning permission applications that would increase the number of holiday home there be refused, pursuant to section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [30462/20]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 333 of 15 September 2020, in relation to the National Coastal Change Management Strategy Steering Group if the steering group will welcome direct testimony (details supplied) from residents of coastal areas; if persons who have lost their homes and properties to coastal erosion and flooding or are at immediate risk from it will be allowed to address the steering group; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29632/20]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons on the HAP or RAS schemes are entitled to be placed on the transfer list; the location of the relevant document in which this entitlement is recorded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [29650/20]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending the current legislation and or regulations in view of the current number of persons working at home and the policy regarding remote working to make provision for backyard offices to be allowed in houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [29670/20]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to commence housing construction on the glass bottle site, Ringsend, Dublin 4. — Jim O'Callaghan. [29673/20]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the issues that led to an agreement not being agreed between Dublin City Council and his Department regarding a site (details supplied); if he has reengaged with Dublin City Council to resolve the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [29694/20]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the price range of homes to be available under the affordable housing scheme for first-time buyers; if a 10% deposit will be required by applicants; if a grant or targeted financial supports will be available for applicants as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29722/20]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter in relation to a location (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [29731/20]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the reviews of income limits for social housing by local authorities will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29751/20]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the refurbishment of a fire station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [29763/20]



\*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason affected homeowners in County Donegal have to pay 10% of the costs of making their homes safe under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme and cover the full costs of relocation and storage during construction (details supplied); and if his attention has been drawn to the financial barriers for the affected families in County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [29764/20]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual funding drawn down by Limerick City and County Council for regeneration projects in each of the years 2014 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Brian Leddin. [29777/20]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projects that are included in the Limerick Regeneration plan for 2020; and the funding he plans to provide to the projects. — Brian Leddin. [29778/20]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a list of regeneration projects and associated costs in Limerick city and county in 2019 and to date in 2020 will be provided. — Brian Leddin. [29779/20]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the duration of time it takes the underwriter of the Housing Agency to adjudicate on loans can be reduced as it can hamper timely options for first time buyers. — Richard Bruton. [29796/20]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to change the HAP scheme; and his plans to change the level of support for each county to allow inter county HAP applications to be successful. — Duncan Smith. [29812/20]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish a quarterly Traveller accommodation construction pipeline report similar to that currently produced for social housing to enable the Houses of the Oireachtas to track the progress in the delivery of Traveller accommodation under the new TAPs. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29869/20]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish a quarterly serviced sites fund accommodation construction pipeline report similar to that currently produced for social housing to enable the Houses of the Oireachtas to track the progress in the delivery of affordable accommodation to rent and buy under the fund. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29870/20]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the delivery of the 20,000 homes including 8,000 discounted price homes assisted through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund which was to see the delivery of these homes by the end of 2019; the status of the spreadsheet of each LIHAF funded project including the number of discounted units delivered to date; and the price of the discounted units. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29871/20]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to publish new heads of bill for the Land Development Agency; and if he plans to consult with the Joint Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage before proceeding to finalisation of the legislation and publication of the final LDA Bill. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29872/20]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing first tenancies created in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and the breakdown for each local authority for each of the years and to date in 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [29873/20]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the recently published report into LGBTQ+ youth homelessness (details supplied); if he will implement the recommendations as set out in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29879/20]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will issue guidance to local authorities to take prior breaches of building regulation into account under section 35 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29882/20]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to planning applications that have been refused based on past failure to comply as provided for in Section 35 of the Planning and Development Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29883/20]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of investigations that have been carried out for breaches of rent pressure zones; the number of same that were initiated by the RTB without a complaint made by a tenant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29891/20]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if guidelines will be issued on the need for electric car charging points in new estates; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in some high density estates in which persons do not have driveways charging points and cannot be installed as they create a trip hazard; the retrospective steps that can be taken in such developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29892/20]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Minister of State within his Department that is responsible for Traveller accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29894/20]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has formally notified An Gard Síochána of the demolition and removal of No. 40 Herbert Park, a protected structure and national monument, in breach of the Planning and Development Acts and national monument legislation. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30052/20]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of officials permanently assigned to the LIHAF section by grade in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [30130/20]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of officials permanently assigned to the capital infrastructure unit; and the breakdown of staff by grade in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [30131/20]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are provisions in legislation for a second extension of duration for a planning application due to expire in December 2020 that has become necessary as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions since March 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [30162/20]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to extend the commercial rates waiver for the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [30201/20]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the pyrite mica scheme for counties Mayo and Donegal is more restrictive than the existing pyrite remediation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [30206/20]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that local authorities are compliant with the statutory imperative pursuant to a section of an Act (details supplied) that county development plans for counties containing a Gaeltacht area must include objectives for the promotion of Irish as the community language of the Gaeltacht; if this objective is assessed; if so, the way in which it is assessed; the results of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [30285/20]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to direct local authorities containing Gaeltacht areas to prohibit the building of housing estates in areas in which Irish is a community language, that is, areas designated A and B in a study pursuant to a section of an Act (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [30286/20]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide by regulation under a section of an Act (details supplied) that each planning application for planning permission affecting land in the Gaeltacht be accompanied by a linguistic impact assessment prepared by an independent expert in sociolinguistics and or language planning which must objectively prove that the proposed development will increase the use of Irish relative to English locally; his views in relation to the assertion that the use of letters of support by current or former elected representatives for assessment by planning consultants with no language planning qualifications are insufficient and unsatisfactory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [30287/20]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans pursuant to section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to direct that in the case of a person with long established links to a part of an electoral division within a Gaeltacht area, the linguistic impact assessment not be determinative for a one-off house on land in that electoral division to which that person has the freehold title for over five years, but that planning permission granted contain a condition to prevent the occupation of the house by non-Irish speaking household other than the person to whom permission was granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [30288/20]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans pursuant to section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to direct that persons that establish by means of assessment under the objective of a university a B2 level of fluency in spoken Irish be deemed to have local housing needs for the purpose of a planning permission application in a Gaeltacht area and that this be the sole measure of language ability used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [30289/20]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans pursuant to section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to direct that the percentage of holiday homes in an electoral division within a Gaeltacht area not exceed 10% of the housing stock of that electoral division and in cases in which it does exceed 10%, that planning permission applications that would increase the number of holiday homes be refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [30290/20]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take following the demolition of O’Rahilly House, 40 Herbert Park in Ballsbridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30320/20]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if floating storage regasification units (details supplied) qualify as infrastructure developments under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006. — Holly Cairns. [30334/20]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be provided to local authorities to enable them to suspend rates of payments for SMEs impacted by the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30335/20]

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

\*184. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the planned response and action to deal with the crisis between Armenia and Azerbaijan. — John Brady. [29697/20]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will preserve and enhance the Overseas Development Aid budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29880/20]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there is provision for persons with a disability in the rapid response and election observer public competitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29884/20]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to reform the election observation roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29885/20]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 109 of 23 September 2020, if the application forms of roster members that contain their addresses have been retained; if so, if he will provide a breakdown between roster members that gave an address in the island of Ireland versus those that live overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29886/20]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the date on which and the reason it was decided that embassies would refuse to process the issuing of visas that have been granted for travel here; if this decision was made in relation to all embassies; and if not, the embassies to which it relates. — Patrick Costello. [30003/20]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has outlined the Irish position on the move by the EU to qualified majority voting with regard to the EU and foreign policy to the EU Commission (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30046/20]

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

\*191. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [29569/20]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the former married quarters in the Curragh military camp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29574/20]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Defence the date on which the Defence Forces intranet system was created and designed; the date on which it is due to be redeveloped; the estimated cost to modernise the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29801/20]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Defence if Naval Service or Army personnel that were prevented from completing education or courses due to the Covid-19 restrictions that entitles them to additional pay will be provided with that additional pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29802/20]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of times the Naval Service planned to send ships to sea in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, but were cancelled due to personnel shortages; the number of times ships were sent to sea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29803/20]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Defence the effective strength and the establishment strength of the Reserve Defence Forces by rank in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29804/20]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Defence the average age of the Reserve Defence Forces by rank in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [29805/20]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Defence the process for allowing former reservists re-enlist in the Reserve Defence Forces to serve overseas in specific circumstances and allowing retired members of the Permanent Defence Forces move over to the Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29806/20]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated cost of not subjecting the overseas pay of the Army and Naval Service to income tax in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29807/20]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of soldiers recruited and discharged in each of the years 2012 to 2019 and to date in 2020, for the Army, Air Corps and Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29808/20]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Defence the establishment strength for Air Corps technicians; the number of apprentices recruited in 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29809/20]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount of unspent allocation by the Defence Forces and his Department returned in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the subheads underspends arose from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29810/20]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Defence the steps that have been taken towards establishing to commission on the future of defence as promised in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29862/20]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Defence if Ireland will reaffirm the commitment to working with the UK on defence issues post-Brexit, as was previously agreed in 2015 with the Memorandum of Understanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29863/20]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Defence when will the commission on the Defence Forces be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30047/20]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will consider permitting an association (details supplied) to associate with a representative body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30048/20]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to deal with issues in the Defence Forces concerning allegations of sexual abuse, bullying and harassment of personnel; his plans to implement safeguards; his plans to establish investigations or enquiries into the allegations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30192/20]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Defence if an organisation (details supplied) will be considered for alignment with a representative body. — Cathal Crowe. [30217/20]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Defence the duties undertaken by Óglaigh na hÉireann during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30304/20]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Defence the date on which a decision will be made regarding permitting the affiliating union of the Defence Forces to an organisation (details supplied); the reason this decision has been delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30360/20]

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

\*211. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29565/20]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the future building programme; the works scheduled to be carried out under the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29576/20]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Education if injury at work leave will be provided for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29625/20]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Education if funding and resources will be provided to enable schools to provide for students who need access to technology and the internet outside of the classroom; if her attention has been drawn in particular to this need within the Traveller community; the steps she will take to provide internet and device access in the homes of students who do not have access to these resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29630/20]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Education is she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29652/20]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post primary school transport ticket holders in County Kerry for each academic year since 2015 to 2020/2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29668/20]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Education if a student that sits the leaving certificate in November can elect to sit the exams in a school or educational setting in their area that are facilitating the

November exams that are not the school that the student attended. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29688/20]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that did not receive an offer for a place on their course on their CAO application due to places on such courses being offered to students that received inflated grades resulting from the coding error in the grade algorithm; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [29690/20]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the case of a school (details supplied). — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [29698/20]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building for a school (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [29711/20]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Education if an appeal by a person (details supplied) regarding the leaving certificate will be investigated. — Pa Daly. [29712/20]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29725/20]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided in the case of persons (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [29757/20]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reinstate the school library fund; the amount of funding allocated to the fund in its final full year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29770/20]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of persons (details supplied); if she will investigate the case to ensure all procedures were correctly followed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29781/20]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if she will investigate the case to ensure all procedures were correctly followed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29782/20]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider extending the deadline for leaving certificate appeals in view of the calculated grade errors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29783/20]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Education if she will increase the number of ASD places in primary schools with particular emphasis on south County Dublin which is suffering a shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29785/20]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to three siblings in County Mayo (details supplied). — Michael Ring. [29797/20]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Education the status of members of boards of management members for both primary and secondary schools in view of the escalation of restrictions to level 3; if boards can meet during the current level 3 restrictions; the supports her Department will give to these boards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29826/20]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Education the date the lines of code containing the error in the context of the leaving certificate calculated grades model were last edited; and if further oversight and tests were carried out by the National Standardisation Group after the most recent changes were made to the code. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29827/20]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Education the number of lines of original code, excluding code contained within imported libraries, written by a company (details supplied); if all code was written uniquely for her Department or formed part of a pre-existing product; and if so, the title of the base product. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29828/20]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Education the programming languages used by a company (details supplied) in developing the system used for calculated grades. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29829/20]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Education if the leaving certificate calculated grades code was written entirely by a person (details supplied); and if there was an oversight of their work within the company. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29830/20]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Education the location the servers that hosted data relating to leaving certificate calculated grades is or are based; the company that hosts same; and if the site portal had an up-to-date SSL certificate at all times that Irish student data was hosted on such a server. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29831/20]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) retired from an organisation or associated third party institute or foundation; and her views on whether it is proper in view of their close relationship with the organisation and that the organisation was chosen to complete the independent review of the calculated grades model and work, including that of the person. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29832/20]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Education the positive factors which led to the choosing of a company (details supplied) to supply the leaving certificate calculated grading model; and if there was work of a similar purpose, or with a similar level and skill required, undertaken by the company previously. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29833/20]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Education the level of oversight applied over the calculated grading formula; if all previous testing was replicated after it was amended to remove any aspect of school profiling in the days before the results were released. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29834/20]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Education if the bonus for completing leaving certificate exams through Irish was taken into consideration when the algorithm was being applied to give calculated grades to students from Gaelscoileanna; and if these students received the bonus for 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29838/20]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 203 and 204 of 20 May 2020, her plans to address the shortage of special class places in areas of County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29851/20]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made in relation to the issue of school secretaries pay inequality; the date on which an acceptable proposal will be put forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29852/20]



\*242. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 519 of 29 September 2020, when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29859/20]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Education if she will issue best practice guidelines to teachers on the best way to approach textbooks that contain racist language or racial slurs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29888/20]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the progression of the building of a secondary school in Ballincollig, County Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29905/20]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Education the exact guidelines the schools applied to predict grades and ranking; if this was properly proofed; if this includes the junior certificate for 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29908/20]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applicants for school transport that are now availing of the stipend for private travel by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29918/20]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Education the status of school bus services; her views on reports of the cancellation of services by Dublin Bus for a number of schools including a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29930/20]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Education her plans regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29949/20]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which the appeals process for Leaving Certificate 2020 students will be complete and all results available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30011/20]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that all instances in which students were incorrectly marked for the 2020 leaving certificate have been identified; the number of those affected; if the CAO rounds of offers were made while errors in the grading were being identified; if so, the number of students who missed out on a place in third-level education as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30012/20]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Education if the 2020 leaving certificate appeals process was closed before all errors in the grading mechanisms were identified; if so, if students will have another opportunity to appeal decisions in the way in which they were graded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30013/20]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Education the dates on which the first calculated grades were made in relation to the 2020 leaving certificate results; the date on which the rounds of CAO offers were made; the date on which errors were discovered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30014/20]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to publish an autism strategy for Limerick city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30025/20]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Education the list of schools in Limerick city with ASD units with students in them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30026/20]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Education the list of schools in Newport, County Tipperary with ASD units with students in them in Limerick city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30027/20]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to support children with autism that are suffering due to the lack of ASD units in primary schools in County Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30028/20]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to support children with autism that are suffering due to the lack of ASD units in secondary schools in County Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30029/20]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide ASD units to secondary schools and feeder schools in Limerick city. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30030/20]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide ASD units to secondary schools and feeder schools in Newport, County Tipperary. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30031/20]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to reduce class sizes each year until the average is comparable to that of EU and OECD countries (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [30034/20]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to end pay inequality (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [30035/20]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure that that the pupils of a school (details supplied) do not end up in overcrowded classes of over 30 children to a single teacher due to her officials refusing to allow the retention of a twelfth teacher from 24 October 2020 onwards; if she will she intervene to have the decision reversed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30038/20]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the case of a provisional teacher allocation to a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [30040/20]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a review of an application by a school (details supplied) under the emergency works grant. — Thomas Gould. [30041/20]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 520 of 29 September 2020, the reason persons (details supplied) have not been facilitated with school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30069/20]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request her officials to provide for the temporary retention of a fourth first class teacher at a school (details supplied) for the duration of the 2020/2021 school year. — Paul Murphy. [30107/20]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [30119/20]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education if an IT upgrade will be expedited for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [30128/20]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 674 of 30 July 2020, the status of the new school on the Mercy Convent site in Naas, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [30166/20]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which the results of the leaving certificate calculated grading appeals will be known. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30169/20]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to reverse the decision to remove a teacher from a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the school is asking for the temporary retention of the teacher until June 2021; her views on whether the removal of the teacher will make it more difficult to maintain social distancing in view of the fact that it will result in four classes of 24 students becoming three classes of 32 students; her further views on whether the disruption caused by the removal of the teacher will have a negative impact on the progress of the students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [30178/20]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education the amount due in respect of subcontractors that are due outstanding payment for works carried out at a school project (details supplied) in County Kildare; the number of subcontracts affected by the termination of the contract; the party that initiated and concluded the contract termination; the amount paid to secure the site since March 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [30179/20]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education if an organisation (details supplied) or another independent body will carry out a full audit of the coding provided by a company for the leaving certificate 2020 calculated grades process following the discovery of additional errors during the review by the organisation of a sample of the coding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30186/20]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for leaving certificate appeals; the timeline for dealing with administrative errors; the options available for students whose position is not improved on appeal; and the capacity of the appeals system to expedite individual cases. — Michael Creed. [30209/20]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the long delay by the Teaching Council of Ireland in registering an application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [30210/20]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a larger bus is not being provided to accommodate children in the case of children attending a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [30216/20]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education if school boards will be allowed to meet in person in line with social distancing guidelines in appropriately sized venues in order to discuss sensitive matters. — Cathal Crowe. [30219/20]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown by gender in respect of the calculated grades process in cases in which students had their predicted grades downgraded and upgraded subsequently; if she will provide a similar breakdown by gender concerning the coding error; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [30242/20]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Education if enforced absences of teachers due to children going into isolation has been factored into allowed absences under the sickness absences circular; if her

attention has been drawn to the fact that this may not have been adequately factored in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [30258/20]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a backlog in certificates of results applications from the State Examinations Commission; and if receipt of a certificate in the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Thomas Gould. [30297/20]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30299/20]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which school transport will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [30300/20]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new building for a school (details supplied); to appraise recent developments; her plans to bring this project to fruition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30329/20]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new building for a school (details supplied); her plans to appraise recent developments; her plans to bring this project to fruition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30330/20]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Education her views on increasing the school transport remote area grant to reflect the cost for children that live on an island and attend school on the mainland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30345/20]

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

\*286. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to tackle bogus self-employment. — Louise O'Reilly. [29957/20]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the basic rate of the old age pension or provide a special Covid-19 top up for the duration of the pandemic in view of the additional costs associated with the Covid-19 pandemic such as purchasing PPE. — Cormac Devlin. [30020/20]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the basic rate of the carers' allowance or provide a special Covid-19 top up for the duration of the pandemic in view of the additional costs associated with the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [30021/20]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the basic rate of jobseekers' allowance or provide a special Covid-19 top up for the duration of the pandemic in view of the additional costs associated with the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [30022/20]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the basic rate of all disability and illness payments or provide a special Covid-19 top up for the duration of the pandemic in view of the additional costs associated with the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [30023/20]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered assessing self-employed persons' incomes for the pandemic unemployment payment as income minus expenses rather than their gross wage (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [30024/20]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29564/20]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the criteria for the white van grant (details supplied) will be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29612/20]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if women who took parental leave in 2017 or 2018 will obtain credits for this period to entitle them to social welfare supports during the Covid-19 pandemic; her plans to ensure that parents who take parental leave are not discriminated against in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29636/20]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29640/20]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider facilitating a return to fortnightly social protection payments for persons that collect payments at post offices; and if such persons make such a request on the basis of ensuring that they may be allowed to take all reasonable precautions to avoid presenting themselves at post offices in person in order to adhere to public health guidelines and increase their chances to avoid crowded scenarios. — Sean Sherlock. [29707/20]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility criteria for a person that is in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment that wishes to apply for a course through a scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29726/20]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average waiting time for persons applying for a PPS number. — Claire Kerrane. [29760/20]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received for a PPS number to date in 2020; the number approved and processed; the number being examined; and the number refused. — Claire Kerrane. [29761/20]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of PPS number applications to be decided upon. — Claire Kerrane. [29762/20]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a plan in place in her Department to quickly and efficiently process pandemic unemployment payment applications if Ireland needs to go to a Plan for Living with Covid-19 level 5 designation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29773/20]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a plan in place in her Department to increase the levels of pandemic unemployment payment rates if Ireland needs to go to a Plan for Living with Covid-19 level 5 designation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29774/20]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of fuel allowance; the number of applications for fuel allowance; the number of refusals for fuel allowance over the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29811/20]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application to remain on the rural social scheme will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [29839/20]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding an application for an invalidity pension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29840/20]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of officials in her Department that are private secretaries; the role, salary scale and allowances of each; the Minister that they are assigned to; the way in which they were chosen for the role, be it open competition or closed internal competition; and if she will also include the grade of each private secretary. — Catherine Murphy. [29874/20]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for the back to education allowance can be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29875/20]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29904/20]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to recognise fibromyalgia as a condition under which sufferers are entitled to the disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29915/20]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a PPS number by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [29951/20]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person's time on maternity leave is credited as a contributory period, either paid, credited, reckonable contribution and so on for the purposes of the social insurance fund and access to certain benefits; if such a period on maternity leave is not treated as a credited period for their contributions record, her plans to change the regulation governing this for persons on maternity leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29953/20]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent on buying individual portions of bottled water as part of the school lunch programme in DEIS schools; the amount spent per each school involved in the programme; and the average according to the expenditure per student covered in the programme in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [30016/20]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an allowance will be made for the deployment of the mobile PSC unit in order that a person (details supplied) can receive their PSC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [30032/20]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the case of a person will be examined (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [30073/20]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30090/20]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average wait times for a PPS number by county in tabular form; the steps she is taking to reduce wait times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30091/20]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will investigate the possibility of reducing the minimum threshold a person must be in receipt of social welfare in order to gain access to a community employment scheme in the context of the pandemic (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30105/20]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if former public servants that are not in receipt of a State pension (contributory) qualify for the living alone allowance and fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [30160/20]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if financial supports are available for wheelchair users that have a free travel card but that cannot use public transport to attend medical appointments due to their disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [30161/20]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a disability allowance application will be examined with a view to payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30183/20]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a jobseeker's payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30184/20]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a health worker that was in receipt of €600 to €700 per week that has had to stand down due to a Covid-19 contact can avail of a Covid-19 support payment; the level of payment at which they can avail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30203/20]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9 who is in receipt Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment is eligible to take up a free Springboard course and keep their payment at the same time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30211/20]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons returning to work after Covid-19 have a period during which secondary benefits are retained and in particular, the length of time rent supplement can be retained. — Richard Bruton. [30293/20]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rate of payment to participants in the work placement scheme. — Richard Bruton. [30294/20]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pension of a person (details supplied) will be examined with a view to reconciling their tax records with their pension stamps to maximise their pension payment. — Patricia Ryan. [30321/20]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pension of a person (details supplied) will be examined with a view to reconciling their tax records with their pension stamps to maximise their pension payment. — Patricia Ryan. [30322/20]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pension of a person (details supplied) will be examined with a view to reconciling their tax records with their pension stamps to optimise their pension payment. — Patricia Ryan. [30323/20]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pension of a person (details supplied) will be examined with a view to reconciling their tax records with their pension stamps to optimise their pension payment. — Patricia Ryan. [30324/20]

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

\*330. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of the need for increased funding for the National Youth Council of Ireland in view of the mental health impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30006/20]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if an additional €4.7 million in funding for youth work services in 2021 will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30080/20]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to address school absences in view of the results of the annual attendance report for the 2017 to 2018 school year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30237/20]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children in the care of Tusla in residential placements in the United Kingdom; the number on short term or specialist placements; the number on long term placements; the implications of Brexit on these placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [29570/20]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children in the care of Tusla in foster placements in the United Kingdom; the number on short term or specialist placements; the number on long term placements; the implications of Brexit on these placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [29571/20]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will consider setting up hubs at mother and baby home sites or nearby so that both the history can be preserved and that records could be accessed on a regional basis. — Kathleen Funchion. [29730/20]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to reports from parents that some crèches are no longer accepting the national childcare scheme (details supplied); the percentage of crèches availing of the scheme; the measures being taken to reduce barriers to uptake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29765/20]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children aged under 12 and aged under 18 resident here by Tusla LHO area in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [29853/20]



\*338. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a person (details supplied) will be entitled to part funding to allow them avail of the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29854/20]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will increase investment in youth services including services such as an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29895/20]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to expand the counselling services and supports available for victims of sexual abuse following court proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29931/20]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason parents are required to keep their child’s full attendance up in a crèche or risk funding being cut in view of the fact that County Dublin is in level 3 restrictions and there is a strong encouragement to work from home and have less social contacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29932/20]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the capital supports available to private childcare providers that need assistance in developing premises for early childhood education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29935/20]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the truancy rate for children with a disability at primary and post-primary level; the engagement by school attendance officers with schools and parents in such instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30033/20]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the provisions in place for childcare facilities with staffing difficulties due to Covid-19. — Kathleen Funchion. [30110/20]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of ECCE deposits and the mechanism of refunds. — Sean Sherlock. [30121/20]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason qualified and experienced childcare providers that run their businesses from home are prohibited from registering with Tusla preventing them from accessing the national childcare scheme; his plans to change the rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [30164/20]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the funding available to preschools for developing and maintaining premises; the funding opportunities that can be availed of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30176/20]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if allowance has been made for an increase in the income thresholds for the national childcare scheme; and the thresholds of proposed increases. — Richard Bruton. [30295/20]

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

\*349. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29575/20]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the terms of SUSI grants will be revised to reflect the 2020 income year, rather than the previous year in view of the unprecedented financial circumstances facing parents and students in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29669/20]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the way the leaving certificate process in 2020 impacted Disability Access Route to Education and Higher Education Access Route students; the supports that will be put in place for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29784/20]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the ballet teaching school sector are within Schools, Early Learning and Childcare services and Higher and Adult Education of the Resilience & Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19 in view that the sector follows internationally recognised exam syllabi up to vocational level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29798/20]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provisions that are being made to assist the 20,000 leaving certificate CAO applicants that sat their exams in previous years and are now at a disadvantage as a result of the 2020 points inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29857/20]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the case of person (details supplied) that applied for a springboard course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29860/20]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a sector (details supplied) is included in the Resilience & Recovery 2020-2021 Plan for Living with COVID-19 for Schools, Early Learning and Childcare services, and Higher and Adult Education. — Emer Higgins. [29897/20]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of the 6,500 students that were erroneously upgraded in the 2020 leaving certificate results that were given a place through the CAO process to a course (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30015/20]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps to be taken by persons that are entering university while waiting on results from citizenship applications; and the documents that need to be provided to universities in terms of deciding fees and SUSI applications by persons awaiting citizenship applications. — Mark Ward. [30044/20]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a person (details supplied) cannot continue their course in further education online; her plans to introduce online classes for ETB run courses in a college and other further education facilities in the short-term due to the level 3 regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [30181/20]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of actions taken to provide additional college places to students that have qualified for a different course following a review on foot of coding errors identified in the calculated grades process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30238/20]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the substantial increase in health insurance costs resulting from the Health Insurance Authority decision to categorise non-EEA students studying here on courses of more than one academic year as ordinarily resident for the purposes of the Health Insurance Acts; the impact this will have on the ability of third-level institutions to attract international students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [29855/20]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost to date of all National University of Ireland Galway legal fees in relation to court cases involving a number of staff (details supplied); the estimated final cost of all legal fees in respect of these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29858/20]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a SUSI grant was refused in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29916/20]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to ensure affordable access to student accommodation for third-level students here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29948/20]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30333/20]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional funding will be provided to college and university library services to enable students to access academic textbooks online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30354/20]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional funding will be provided to college and university online virtual learning environment management systems which in some cases do not have the capacity to accommodate the amount of students currently using the systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30355/20]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if colleges or universities that receive funding from his Department have asked students with disabilities or underlying health conditions to defer their place for a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30356/20]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will direct third-level institutions to enable all students to apply for the laptop scheme through a separate means testing system. — Holly Cairns. [30358/20]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many student nurses and midwives will return this

week to unpaid placement; if he will work with the Minister for Health to ensure that there are sufficient financial supports to remunerate student nurses and midwives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30359/20]

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

\*370. To ask the Minister for Justice if a fairer share of refugees from the Moria camp, Lesbos, Greece will be accepted here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29674/20]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will commit to increasing maternity leave and benefit to nine weeks in acknowledgement of the difficult situation parents of new babies are in as a result of the public health emergency; the amount that current legislation permits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [29865/20]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons in the direct provision system for less than 6 and between 6 and 12 months; the number in excess of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years, respectively; the corresponding figures for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29964/20]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will issue a visa (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [30004/20]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 587 of 6 October 2020, her views in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30133/20]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the Changing Places Ireland initiative (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30340/20]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenship applications granted in 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29579/20]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Justice if there has been a delay in the processing of citizenship applications due to the Covid-19 pandemic; if so, the size of the application backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29580/20]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered moving citizenship ceremonies online due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29581/20]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of knife crime convictions in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29593/20]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of knife seizures by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2005 to 2019, including the age range of those holding the knives by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29599/20]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stabbing assaults in each of the years 2005 to 2019, including the age range of perpetrators in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29600/20]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to tackle the issues of knife crime and knife holding among teenagers and young persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29601/20]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Justice if automatic renewals of visas for passports of Venezuelans whose passports expired will be provided similar to that currently provided in the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29631/20]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of CCTV schemes that have been approved for funding since the scheme commenced; the way in which many of these schemes have been approved in 2020; if all local authorities are now signed up to the scheme; the areas that have been successful in their applications in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29701/20]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied) to regularise their status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29702/20]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Justice the last time a personal application was accepted by the Probate Office; the current post-Covid-19 wait time for personal applications; if personal application interviews are currently being conducted face to face, online or over the phone; if not, when the Probate Office will reopen for personal applications; the different fees charged for personal and law firm applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [29750/20]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29788/20]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide extra funding to An Garda Síochána to increase overtime and reinitiate the public order units that were available during the acute phase of the pandemic during April and May 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29789/20]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Justice the waiting times for hearings of family law issues (details supplied) in each of the District Courts in tabular form; the District Courts not taking new applications for hearings of family law issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [29816/20]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Justice the family law hearings (details supplied) heard by each District Court from 20 March 2020 to the latest available date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [29817/20]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time gardaí attached to Dundrum Garda Station, Dublin 14; the number of parking spaces at the station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29822/20]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time gardaí attached to Stepside Garda Station, Dublin 18; the number of parking spaces at the station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29823/20]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time gardaí attached to Blackrock Garda Station, County Dublin; the number of parking spaces at the station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29824/20]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time gardaí attached to Rathfarnham Garda Station, Dublin 16; the number of parking spaces at the station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29825/20]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [29842/20]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to phase out the reliance on direct provision centres as a method of housing asylum seekers especially in view of the overcrowded conditions of centres increasing the likelihood of Covid-19 transmission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29927/20]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to make changes to the youth diversion programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29937/20]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures being taken to ensure that court facilities are appropriately structured to hear family law cases separate to other cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29938/20]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to introduce paid leave for victims of domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29939/20]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons waiting on results from citizenship applications. — Mark Ward. [30042/20]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of students waiting on results from citizenship applications. — Mark Ward. [30043/20]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that can be taken by a person (details supplied) due to their circumstances. — Mark Ward. [30045/20]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a delay in the Garda vetting process. — Thomas Gould. [30060/20]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Justice if a decision on an appeal application for a long stay visa will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30065/20]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Justice the processing times for visa appeals. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30066/20]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has included measures that will address the abusive practice of strategic lawsuits against public participation which increasingly threaten media freedom in the heads of a bill in view that a report on the reform of the law on defamation was submitted to

her in early 2020 with a view to bringing forward legislative proposals in due course. — Patrick Costello. [30120/20]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Justice if travel documents held by her Department will be returned to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30129/20]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay in renewing an application to remain here in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will expedite the matter. — John McGuinness. [30144/20]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has engaged with a third party company in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, to conduct monitoring and or provide reports on social media coverage of her Department across social media platforms (details supplied); and if so, the cost of same. — Catherine Murphy. [30165/20]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Justice the policy on the wearing of face masks by prison officers while on duty in prisons; if the policy is in line with national public health guidance; if compliance with the policy is monitored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30170/20]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to develop a central register of wills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30172/20]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the Dublin County Registrar is not sitting for taxation of costs hearings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30193/20]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the significant backlog of applications to the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators of the High Court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30194/20]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Justice the processes open to a child not born in the European Economic Area that wishes to join their parent here and is over the age of 18; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30239/20]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Justice the date on which the final report by a judge of their scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied) will be published. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30243/20]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a visa application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30263/20]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 590 of 6 October 2020, if all owners of a management company that pay service charges to the annual AGM of the company attend the AGM. — Emer Higgins. [30296/20]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30319/20]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for cuts to legal aid fees relating to persons in the international protection appeals process; and the impact same will have on waiting times for persons in the system. — Holly Cairns. [30336/20]

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

\*420. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his Department's efforts to progress reforms to the fair deal, nursing home support scheme specifically reforms that will provide for the inclusion of farm land leased to third parties, in line with other Government policy on inheritance under agricultural relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29623/20]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Health if those undertaking educational psychology and counselling psychology doctorates will receive grants and funding as is the case for clinical psychology doctorates. — Louise O'Reilly. [29675/20]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a funding application for the reopening of day services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [29706/20]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to health and safety breaches at an ambulance depot (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [29728/20]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Health if a commitment to provide survivors of mother and baby homes with medical cards will be put in place. — Kathleen Funchion. [29730/20]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Health his views in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29876/20]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve travel services for persons with disabilities. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [30049/20]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the way in which gyms can operate indoors under level 3 restrictions. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [30050/20]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Health if a primary care centre (details supplied) will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [29566/20]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Health if residential care will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [29567/20]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29577/20]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the publication of the report by the implementation, monitoring and evaluation group established to examine the need for legislative change, the operational details and the phasing of the implementation in relation to a health diversion approach to personal drug possession. — Thomas Gould. [29597/20]



\*432. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of the health diversion approach to personal drug use possession due to commence in the third quarter of 2020. — Thomas Gould. [29598/20]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support amputees with the financial cost of prosthetics in view of the fact that they are not included on the long-term illness scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [29603/20]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he has not provided for the reduction in prescription charges set to come into effect on 1 July 2020; if medical card holders will see the reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29635/20]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Health if disability services will continue in level 5 Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [29637/20]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE policy in relation to remote working during the Covid-19 pandemic, in particular for hospital employees whose work can be done from home; if a forum is available for workers to contact should they feel that they are being put under pressure to return to the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [29638/20]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that members of the Covid-19 Expert Panel on Nursing Homes may have worked in institutions that have been involved in cases of mismanagement of incidences of Covid-19 outbreaks; if this will impact its work in advising his Department in relation to the way in which nursing homes are managed through the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29642/20]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Health if a drug (details supplied) is in short supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [29643/20]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who suffers a failed abortion here will receive a repeat service if the failed procedure has caused them to pass the 12 week mark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29644/20]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of the 12,500 additional health care staff posts following the recent announcement by the HSE in view of the fact that almost €1 million is spent daily on agency staff; and if all posts will be directly employed by the HSE. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29645/20]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Health the policy of the HSE with regard to administrative hospital staff working from home where possible during the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [29654/20]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures in place for Covid-19 testing for staff and residents at two facilities in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29655/20]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29656/20]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29657/20]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29658/20]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive a date for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29659/20]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a person that is an Irish citizen that requires long term care that is resident in a nursing home in Northern Ireland can apply for the fair deal scheme and return to live here; the way in which the assessment can take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29660/20]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for personal protective equipment for dentists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29665/20]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Rush, County Dublin will be without a general practitioner delivering HSE contract services; and his views on putting additional supports in place to ensure that medical card holders can access general practitioner services. — Louise O'Reilly. [29676/20]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary schools that has had a confirmed case of Covid-19. — Louise O'Reilly. [29677/20]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Health the number of secondary schools that has had a confirmed case of Covid-19. — Louise O'Reilly. [29678/20]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary and secondary school teachers that have contracted Covid-19 in the workplace by county in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [29679/20]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which the members of the Covid-19 Expert Panel on Nursing Homes established by his predecessor were selected. — Louise O'Reilly. [29681/20]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concern amongst those that lost a loved one in nursing home (details supplied) that a person from the nursing home was appointed to the Covid-19 Expert Panel on Nursing Homes in view of the fact that the nursing home in question had received a number of judgements of being not compliant across a range of areas in a HIQA inspection in October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29682/20]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding in addition to the €10 million recently announced will be made available to facilitate the resumption of day services and enhanced home support services for disability service users nationwide. — Louise O'Reilly. [29683/20]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Health if a specialist multidisciplinary team will be recruited and established to deal with ehlers-danlos syndrome. — Louise O'Reilly. [29684/20]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Health if decompression, fusion and re-tethering, treatments will be made available for patients with ehlers-danlos syndrome. — Louise O'Reilly. [29685/20]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Health if an upright MRI machine will be procured for patients with ehlers-danlos syndrome. — Louise O'Reilly. [29686/20]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Health if the process for the recent community swabbers positions (details supplied) will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [29689/20]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of a mental health crisis house at a location (details supplied); the date on which this development will go to tender; the cost of this development; if funds have been allocated; the date on which the crisis house will open; the number of patients the facility will accommodate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [29695/20]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that made the decision that a psychiatric unit (details supplied) would be redeveloped as a general hospital rather than reopening as a psychiatric facility; the reason for this decision; the reason reopening this facility as a mental health facility was not considered; if not, the reason therefor; his plans for the provision of acute mental health beds in south County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [29696/20]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Health the reason behind the decision to cease sports for children and young persons in community clubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29704/20]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the Working Group to Consider Alternative Approaches to the Possession of Drugs for Personal Use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29705/20]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure the required funding is provided for the increase in thresholds for medical cards as agreed in the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020 and as announced in Budget 2020. — Kieran O'Donnell. [29709/20]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved posts for adult and paediatric audiologists; the number of posts filled; the number of posts vacant by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29723/20]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for improving access to treatment for persons with gambling addictions; if he will consider the results of a study of the nine CHO regions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [29724/20]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that has been provided to date for the ambulance service in County Carlow (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [29727/20]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech and language therapists available for assessments and follow-up appointments for children in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; the wait time for assessments; and the wait time for follow-up services. — Kathleen Funchion. [29729/20]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies in mental health services for adults and children respectively, by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29732/20]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Health the budget requested by each disability service to resume providing services for children and adults in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [29733/20]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Health when the report of the sub-committee on period poverty will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29753/20]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a drug (details supplied); if it is reimbursed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [29759/20]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of the primary care centre in Birr, County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29767/20]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request increased funding in Budget 2021 to ensure the oral hygiene and dental sector is supported in the form of enhanced subsidies for GMS and PRSI patients and increase tax reliefs for private patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [29790/20]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a response has not issued from the HSE to Parliamentary Question No. 1241 of 8 September 2020; the protocols in place between his Department and the HSE to ensure timely replies to Parliamentary Questions referred to the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [29795/20]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Health if documentation is required to prove that a person is travelling across county lines to provide an essential care service; and if so, the documentation required. — Thomas Gould. [29815/20]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding a Covid-19 test for persons (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29843/20]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to allowing swimming lessons to continue under level 3 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29845/20]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Health when children (details supplied) will receive appointments for intervention. — Sean Sherlock. [29856/20]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Health the time frame for the implementation of the commitment to raise the income threshold on medical cards for persons over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29861/20]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of allegations of child sexual abuse that are recommended as unfounded each year by St. Clare's Unit in Temple Street Hospital in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29881/20]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the income limits for medical cards will be increased (details supplied); if there will be further delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [29896/20]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1327 of 8 September 2020, the number of staff redeployed from March 2020 to date from University Hospital Kerry to contact tracing or testing centres. — Pa Daly. [29898/20]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Health if rapid antigen testing 15 minutes will be considered as part of the long-term strategy to live with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [29900/20]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive results from St. Vincent's Hospital. — Barry Cowen. [29901/20]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Health when the health centre in Ballymore Eustace, County Kildare will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29902/20]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Health when the income threshold for over 70s medical card will commence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29906/20]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the importance of ventilation within Covid-19 prevention guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [29920/20]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Health the reason yoga studios cannot open under level 3 Covid-19 restrictions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [29921/20]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Health if appointments will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29922/20]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Health if meetings of an organisation (details supplied) are allowed to continue in view of level 3 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29955/20]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which minimum unit pricing for the sale of alcohol will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [29956/20]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Health if a copy of the presentation given by the HSE in relation to airport texting will be provided; the date on which the presentation was given and to whom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30005/20]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has examined the use of the quality-adjusted life year in determining drug funding; the conclusions made to its effectiveness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30007/20]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to address the growing number of non-alcohol fatty liver disease here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30008/20]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Health the level of service provision at a primary care centre (details supplied); his plans for its future use; if hours at the centre will be expanded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30009/20]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the future of community healthcare in Swords, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30010/20]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that the deficits experienced by section 38 and section 39 disability service providers are eliminated; the date on which these deficits will be eliminated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [30017/20]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that the recommendations of a review (details supplied) are implemented; the recommendations acted upon to date; the timeline for the completion of each of the actions contained in the recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [30018/20]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated for respite services. — Kathleen Funchion. [30019/20]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that applied to the recruitment campaign for community swabbers in the CHO8 area; the number of community swabbers that have been recruited in the CHO8 area; and if this will enable staff deployed from a centre (details supplied) to return to their jobs. — Joe Flaherty. [30036/20]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which staff will return from testing duties to their work at a centre (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [30037/20]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to prioritise the full reopening of day care services for adults with an intellectual disability in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30051/20]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Health if provision has been made to provide transport to persons suspected of having Covid-19 who do not have means of transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [30053/20]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Health if provision can be made on compassionate grounds for one visitor in full PPE to a care home under level 3 restrictions if the resident is suffering with mental health issues as a result of visiting restrictions. — Thomas Gould. [30054/20]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to address the misuse of nitrous oxide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30057/20]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the National Adult Critical Care Capacity and Activity Census Report 2020 will be published. — David Cullinane. [30062/20]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the use of Citywest; his plans to extend the contract; his plans for its future use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30067/20]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to allowing children's extracurricular activities to continue outside of school in a private play setting be it dance or sporting classes at level 3 with the children in pods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30068/20]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Health the quantity of the winter flu vaccination purchased; his plans for additional quantities to be purchased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30071/20]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to incentivise pharmacists to carry out off-site vaccination clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [30072/20]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to correspondence requesting guidance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [30074/20]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Health if supplemental Covid-19 funding will be provided in Budget 2021 for an adult day service (details supplied) to enable a full return to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30088/20]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocation for respite services in the Budgets in each of the years 2015 to 2018; the expenditure on respite services in the years 2016 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [30089/20]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that children as young as six years of age with medical cards are being refused dental treatment (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30098/20]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for primary medical certificates that were approved in 2019 and for the first six months of 2020, by county or CHO basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30104/20]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a review being conducted into a unit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30106/20]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure followed when a teenager consistently presents at accident and emergency with headaches; and if a MRI scan is offered as standard procedure. — Kathleen Funchion. [30108/20]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being put in place to address the transport issues facing many of the families which use a service (details supplied); if the service sought an additional funding allocation to address the transport issues in the service; when the current CAPs system will draw to a close; when full service will resume at the centre; and the way in which the priority system is for service users currently configured; and if all families have received correspondence regarding same. — Kathleen Funchion. [30109/20]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Health the level of national oversight that is in place and provided from HIQA and the HSE in view of the immediate medical support, advice and urgent assistance if required to nursing homes and congregated settings in which there are outbreaks of Covid-19 they can provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [30116/20]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with mental health difficulties presenting to South Tipperary General Hospital in each year since the closure of St. Michael's Hospital in 2012, including to date in 2020; the number of patients transferred to the department of psychiatry in Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30117/20]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Health the capacity at the department of psychiatry in Kilkenny; the number of beds available; the number of beds occupied by patients from County Tipperary; the number and percentage of patients from County Tipperary cared for in the department of psychiatry

in each of the years 2012 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30118/20]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting and wait times, including for diagnosis, on cardiac care wait lists in County Waterford in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30125/20]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is seeking in Budget 2021 to support dentistry here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30127/20]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Health the costs to date associated with Citywest; the projected future costs; the current and proposed future uses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30141/20]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a community intervention team in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [30143/20]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Health if teachers will be eligible for the free flu vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [30149/20]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer referrals in the first nine months of 2019 compared to the same period in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30150/20]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer diagnoses made in the first nine months of 2019 compared to the same period in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30151/20]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer patients that saw a consultant in the first nine months of 2019 compared to the same period in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30152/20]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer procedures by type conducted in the first nine months of 2019 compared to the same period in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30153/20]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer surgeries made in the first nine months of 2019 compared to the same period in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30154/20]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Health the number of critical care beds available in the private healthcare system that would form part of a HSE deal with private sector hospitals to access their capacity in the event of a lack of public capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30171/20]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — David Cullinane. [30173/20]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30174/20]



\*536. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients admitted on a monthly basis to intensive care units here in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and in the first nine months of 2020. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30188/20]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an appeals process for those that have been refused reimbursement by the HSE for the use of the breast cancer drug pertuzumab despite a consultant oncologist’s opinion that it would be beneficial to use as treatment in a particular case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [30191/20]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the struggle by addiction recovery support meetings in County Clare to continue to provide adequate services in view of the public health guidelines and the resulting closure of many of their meeting facilities; and if he will make contact with the groups to support them in their request for funding to access alternative meeting spaces. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [30195/20]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many hospital groups are not availing of electronic prescribing for discharges; the reason in this regard, in view of the fact that there are benefits of electronic prescribing in particular during a pandemic; if electronic prescribing will be availed of by all public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [30198/20]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Health his views on antigen testing for Covid-19; his further views on whether this test can supplement or replace the laboratory testing of samples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [30199/20]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding exercise practitioners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30207/20]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no Covid-19 testing centre on the southside of Cork city in view of its large population and level three restrictions; and his plans to set up a testing centre in this area. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30218/20]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Health the membership of the National Public Health Emergency Team and its associated subgroups; if membership details have changed since the publication of the second edition of the National Public Health Emergency Team governance structures document on 26 June 2020; and if so, the members involved in such changes. — Noel Grealish. [30226/20]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Health if yoga studios are permitted to operate under level three restrictions; and if they are able to facilitate classes that adhere to all other advice with regard to social distancing and other guidelines. — Steven Matthews. [30227/20]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which documentation will be issued relating to confirmation of service requested by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30228/20]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE in contracting debt collection agencies to pursue unpaid statutory charges in each of the years 2013 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [30231/20]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Health the costs incurred by each public hospital in contracting external debt collection agencies to pursue unpaid statutory charges in each of the years 2013 to

2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [30232/20]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients or inpatient day cases with unpaid inpatient charges whose debt was referred to a debt collection or legal agency in each of the years 2013 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [30233/20]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure by the HSE and public hospitals on referral of statutory charges to external debt collection or legal agencies; the breakdown of expenditure per charge, that is, inpatient charge, outpatient and emergency charge in each of the years 2013 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [30234/20]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients or inpatient day cases that have had unpaid inpatient charges partly or entirely waived on hardship grounds in each of the years from 2013 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [30235/20]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Health if home help staff are receiving regular Covid-19 tests; and if not, the reason (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [30236/20]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Health the additional Covid-19 related funding provided to Traveller healthcare projects to enable them to return to work safely in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30244/20]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Health the additional Covid-19 related funding provided to projects delivered through the HSE social inclusion to enable them to return to work safely in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30245/20]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health when the Capacity Review of Disability Services completed in 2019 will be published. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30246/20]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Health if occupational therapists and speech and language therapists in Cheeverstown are being reallocated to track and tracing. — Paul Murphy. [30257/20]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 23 September 2020, the hours of operation of each such acute hospital stroke unit in tabular form; if it is a consultant led service; the number of staff assigned full-time or otherwise to each such unit; if they are doctors, nurses and or physiotherapists; if there is no out of hours service provided, the locations the patients are then referred to; the number referred since January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [30265/20]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [30291/20]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the homecare pilot scheme; and his plans to roll out the scheme further. — Richard Bruton. [30292/20]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to clear the backlog of BreastCheck screening appointments; if appointments will be expedited; his plans to make BreastCheck screening

in private hospitals free for persons waiting for screening and utilise all available resources in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30301/20]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the Covid-19 roadmap for the reopening of day care services for older persons will be communicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [30309/20]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public nursing homes here by county; the number of private nursing homes here by county; his plans for the development of further public nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30315/20]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of section 39 funded organisations; the amount of funding allocated to each organisation in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30316/20]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide funding to a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30317/20]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health the status of works to be carried out on a day care centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30318/20]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health if occupational therapist in County Kildare have been reassigned to contact tracing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30327/20]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health if occupational therapists in County Kildare have been redeployed to other areas; the impact this is having on assessment waiting lists in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30328/20]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day centres in Cork city and county that have closed since mid-March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; the location of each centre; the service provided by each centre; the number of users deprived of services as a result of the closures; the analysis undertaken by HSE community healthcare west in regard to the closures and the impact on users; if he will provide a copy of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30337/20]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health if private dance and music schools are classified as education under the Plan for Living with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30338/20]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the provision of transport to and from disability support services in west County Cork that have been reduced due to social distancing and other Covid-19 protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30339/20]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a Covid-19 test in each testing centre in County Cork in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30342/20]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of a State-funded contraception scheme; if an implementation group has been established to progress this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30343/20]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health the measures introduced to prevent the operation of rogue crisis pregnancy agencies which seek to obstruct women seeking access to termination of pregnancy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30344/20]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the backlog for assessment of need for children with a disability in the south County Kildare and west County Wicklow area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30350/20]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the reassignment of 3.5 clinicians from the South Kildare Children's Disability Network Team to address the backlog for assessment of need for children with a disability in the south County Kildare and west County Wicklow area; if his attention has been further drawn to the impact it will have on waiting times for children and families receiving interventions from that team or that are waiting for services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30351/20]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and physiotherapists in areas of County Cork (details supplied) in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30352/20]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health the reason extracurricular sporting activities for young persons are classified differently to in-school sporting activities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30353/20]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Health the timelines for the refurbishment of a health facility (details supplied); when services will resume at the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30361/20]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health if services will commence at an early date at a proposed health facility (details supplied); if the centre will be operational at an early date in view of the need to provide services in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30362/20]

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

\*579. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of funding and payment plans for the continuation of schemes (details supplied). — Carol Nolan. [29582/20]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will seek the maximum permissible level of national co-financing of 57% of the CAP Rural Development Programme post-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29585/20]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the commitment in the Programme for Government for a new REPS-2 programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29586/20]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to provide compensation for further losses during the transition period in view of Brexit uncertainty, the volatility of sterling and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic across all agricultural sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29587/20]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to further strengthen the Brexit contingency fund announced in Budget 2020 (details supplied) in order that these funds are supplemented in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29588/20]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to support all sectors adversely affected by the Brexit outcome through the €5 billion EU Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29589/20]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if €4 million will be allocated to restore the farmer premium and the introduction of a harvesting plan grant to assist forest owners and a review of the ash dieback scheme to include an income compensation element; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29591/20]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the options and supports available to small forestry owners who wish to replant with native Irish woodland species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [29595/20]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application for a forestry licence by persons (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [29602/20]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of plans to provide compensation for further losses during the transition period arising from Brexit uncertainty, sterling volatility and Covid-19 impact, across all agri-sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29620/20]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of measures he is taking to further strengthening the Brexit contingency fund announced in Budget 2020, which allocated €110 million to agriculture in order that these funds are supplemented in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29621/20]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the conditions set out in the replanting order (details supplied) adhere to circumscribed powers set out in the Forestry Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [29653/20]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS 3 appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29667/20]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which a chairperson will be appointed to oversee the implementation of a report (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [29907/20]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the TAMS scheme will be expanded to include cattle underpasses in view of the risk to farmers crossing busy roads with cattle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29954/20]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which an ANC and basic payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30064/20]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made in relation to a GLAS penalty appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30132/20]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the capital funding allocated and spent and the projects that have been delivered at the harbours under the remit of his Department here in each of the years 2000 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30196/20]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the capital plans for harbours under the remit of his Department here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30197/20]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reinstate the border inspection post status at Killybegs seaport in view of the availability of a high capacity cold store (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [30202/20]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of EMFF allocation in each of the years 2014 to 2019 and to date in 2020, that was spent on control and enforcement (details supplied) here; and the corresponding percentage spends on same in other EU states.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30240/20]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated to each local authority for each of the years 2000 to 2019 and to date in 2020, for investment in piers and harbours in tabular form; and the details of the allocations. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30302/20]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to revisit the allocation of fishing licences and sustainability measures within the six-mile limit (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30303/20]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farm safety inspectors employed; the number of farm safety inspections in the past three months compared to the same period in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [30331/20]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding provided for the forestry activities of Coillte under the Forestry Programme 2015 to 2020, including the amount per annum in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [30346/20]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount owed to his Department for the repayment of forestry grants and premiums, including details of the length of time the sums have been due, the amount of that sum that is redeemable and the amount that will be written off in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [30347/20]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the cost benefit ratio for the Forestry Programme 2015 to 2020 was calculated in 2014 as 1:1.18; and if so, the reason for this decision. — Holly Cairns. [30348/20]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the cost benefit analyses of the Forestry Programme 2015 to 2020 included the tax treatment of forestry; and his plans to include this income forgone by the tax exemption status of forestry in the cost benefit analyses for the new application for permission for state aid 2021 to 2025. — Holly Cairns. [30349/20]

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

\*607. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will seek an increased allocation of €2 million for the walks scheme with an increase in the number of walks supported to 120; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [29584/20]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a company (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect a decision for the community and voluntary stability scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29664/20]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Barrow blueway; the timeline for opening the blueway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [29813/20]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a decision has been made on a Covid-19 Stability Fund appeal by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30058/20]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application by a county council (details supplied); when a decision is likely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30187/20]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [30241/20]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADA OIN, 14 DEIREADH FÓMHAIR, 2020  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2020**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure that there is a leaving certificate examination in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29740/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the analysis undertaken in relation to the need for school capacity further to an application for a school extension at a school (details

supplied); the findings of the analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29990/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the provision of ASD services in an area of County Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29792/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Education if the State Examination Commission will stand over the leaving certificate results of students that sit these exams in November 2020; her views on whether the leaving certificate examination in November 2020 will be comparable to previous years considering students having been out of school for several months, many were unable to finish practical examinations and are unable to take oral examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [29868/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the upcoming loss of a teacher in a school (details supplied) and the progress or lack thereof in reducing class sizes in view of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [30223/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure reduced class sizes in schools particularly in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [30213/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the recent change in enrolment policies issued by a religious organisation (details supplied) and the impact it will have on parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [28353/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that school transport provision is adequately provided for all children with disabilities. — Sean Sherlock. [22317/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to cater for the increasing numbers of special needs pupils at primary level; if she has assessed the impact of the curtailment of supports for such children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29739/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Education if the feasibility of pairing students of very high risk families to very high risk teachers via an online learning platform will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25941/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure that school secretaries employed by schools are properly remunerated for their work. — Brian Stanley. [29972/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Education when additional principal release days will be allocated to a school (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [30115/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken to prioritise and progress the acquisition of a site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29848/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for obtaining a permanent premises for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [29995/20]



15. To ask the Minister for Education the position with regard to Covid-19 testing in schools for school age children in which appropriate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [30096/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address large classes in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29738/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied with the process for establishing new ASD units in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Murphy. [29934/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline and deadline for the completion of a school in Carrigtohill, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [25939/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Education when the review promised to the Creagh Lane sexual abuse survivors will be completed; and if the victims from the school will be included in the review. — Maurice Quinlivan. [28836/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a delay in opening the ASD unit in a school (details supplied); the provisions available for students that were intended to attend the school in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25991/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new school building for a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [30266/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made on locating special classes within schools in south County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [29996/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Education the status of negotiations to secure a site in Buncrana, County Donegal for new school campuses for schools (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [29981/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30215/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Education if the work carried out by a company (details supplied) on behalf of her Department regarding the calculated grades model was appropriately certified as in compliance with the standards expected by her Department; and if she plans to recoup payment on foot of the very significant errors which were made. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30280/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide guidelines for schools, parents and children in which the parents of a school going child are considered high risk in terms of Covid-19 and by sending their children to school they are putting their own health at risk; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [30085/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with all parties representing school secretaries in order to find a resolution to the issue of equal pay for equal work. — Marian Harkin. [30225/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff in secondary and primary schools confirmed as having contracted Covid-19 since schools reopened; the procedures for their return to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [30252/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Education the testing process to the calculated grade system prior to it being used; her views on whether the tests were robust enough; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [29991/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); if same will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30214/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Education her views on amending the requirement for Bus Éireann to secure the necessary buses and drivers to get school transport in County Donegal to 50% capacity; and if all parents currently seeking a place on their local school bus for their children will be facilitated first. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [29982/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Education when the new ASD unit will open in a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [25990/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which outstanding issues relating to the upgrading or downgrading of leaving certificate marks has been resolved to the satisfaction of students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30271/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); the time frame for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29799/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Education the number of concessionary school bus passes issued in September 2020; and the number issued in the same period in each of the years 2015 to 2019. — Matt Carthy. [30084/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Education if protection is being put in place for schools which integrate children into mainstream classes to indemnify them against litigation in the event of a Covid-19 case causing the death or long-term injury to a pupil resulting from that integration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [30159/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Education the support measures she will put in place to help private bus operators transport children to and from school in view of the fact they cannot operate at full capacity resulting in some operators not providing service going forward (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25036/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Education the measures taken to support the learning of students with high or very high risk family members who are not comfortable attending school; and the measures to be taken going forward if Covid-19 cases continue to rise. — Thomas Gould. [30267/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure active continued engagement with education partners and student representatives to the end of 2020 and in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [30095/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to introduce a laptop rental scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29737/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the discussions she has had with the teachers' representatives regarding safety in schools. — Paul Murphy. [29977/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff in her Department assigned to deal with securing a new site for a school (details supplied); the number of meetings held with council planners, local auctioneers and landowners to date in 2020; if these meetings have advanced the new site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29849/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Education if an application in respect of a proposed building project at a school (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30282/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the expansion of the free book scheme beyond the 102 schools selected; the progress of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30274/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to establish a special school in east County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30099/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the roll-out of new ASD units in primary schools in south County Dublin. — Eoghan Murphy. [29933/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Education the number of leaving certificate students that have had their leaving certificate grades upgraded as a result of a review to the calculated grade system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [29992/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Education the supports available from her Department to a primary school student whose lone parent is recently blind and unable to ensure her child safely reaches school each morning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30249/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the campaign to give school secretaries the same entitlements and protections as their public sector colleagues. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30273/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to tackle the lack of secondary school places in areas of County Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29791/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the regulations in place continue to be sufficient to protect teachers, children and other staff from Covid-19 throughout the education sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30270/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Education the status of measures being put in place to improve pay and conditions for school caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25940/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding school transport and the progress that is being made to ensure the same number of children who were carried in 2019 will be carried again in 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30276/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Education when emergency building works for a school (details supplied) will take place. — Pearse Doherty. [30114/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Education the extra funding that will be made available to Bus Éireann to ensure all second-level post-primary pupils have access to school transport in compliance with the new guidelines on social distancing on buses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30259/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be provided with permanent accommodation. — Louise O'Reilly. [29984/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the lack of accreditation to students for the SNA national training course being recommended to SNAs and schools by her Department and the concern of SNAs that accreditation should reflect the complexities of some of the responsibilities of the role and the course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30275/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the value for money to the State in issuing payments to parents to take their children to and from school due to the fact a school bus service is not available to them; her views on the loss of revenue to families and parents who have to miss work to do this; her views on the loss of tax revenue to the State due to this; her views on whether it would be better value for money for the State to provide additional buses or reroute local buses that have space on them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27368/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Education the errors that have been discovered in coding provided to a company (details supplied) to date regarding the calculated grading process; her plans to establish an inquiry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30134/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school transport scheme; if she will report on the expected time frame for the recommended 50% capacity to be fully operational across the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [30113/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that have been put in place to assist students that have decided to sit their leaving certificate examination in November 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [29867/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new primary school building in Charlesland, Greystones, County Wicklow; when students of schools (details supplied) will access their new school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [29800/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Education if she has reviewed the case of a student (details supplied) who was downgraded in four subjects from her teacher grades as opposed to all of her class peers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [25942/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the fairness of putting some secondary school secretaries on short-term contracts; her views on the low salary scale they are on and the issues they face regarding pension entitlements; if she will clarify her position to those due to

engage in industrial action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [30283/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address matters regarding school bus services (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29606/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Education the protections in place for teachers, in particular those with underlying medical conditions, in the case of a positive Covid-19 test in their school; and the protocols for schools to notify staff, parents and students in cases in which there is a positive test in a school. — Marian Harkin. [30224/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure that the pupils of first class in a school (details supplied) do not end up in overcrowded classes of over 30 children to a single teacher due to the refusal of her officials to allow the retention of a twelfth teacher from 24 October 2020 onwards; if she will have the decision reversed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [29983/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being advised for students in primary and secondary schools that have family members at home with severe underlying health conditions that would place their lives at risk should an incident of Covid-19 occur in their schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [23680/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Education when a proposed building project at a school (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage in view of the urgent need to upgrade existing accommodation and provide new accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30281/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the delivery of a new building for a school (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30278/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the review of the school bus transport scheme; and when she plans to have this review completed. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [30212/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider an elongated school break at Christmas 2020 to alleviate the pressure of Covid-19 on schools and pupils. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30272/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a proposal for the amalgamation of schools in Ennistymon, County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25938/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure universal availability of a schoolbook rental scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29736/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Education the action being taken to account for the students who were not directly affected in terms of upgrades and downgrades but were nevertheless squeezed out of places and preferred courses due to the errors in the algorithm; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30255/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the additional resources being provided to support teaching principals in the context of the Covid-19 crisis. — Paul Murphy. [29978/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Education the facilities that have been provided to schools to allow them to safely allow for a full return to sporting activities for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29975/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Education if she will have a virtual meeting with parents from Inishbofin Island, County Galway to discuss creative possibilities to provide post-primary education on the island; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30260/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider implementing distance online teaching in the final weeks of the school term to allow teachers time to self-isolate before they visit their families for Christmas Day. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [29979/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students impacted by the errors in the calculated grading process; the number that have sought another course; the number that have deferred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30135/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Education if she has undertaken a recent review of the excellence of the delivery of in-service upskilling for teachers; and if she plans to reform. — Richard Bruton. [29734/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Education the reason teachers who received a notification from the Covid-19 tracker app indicating they must isolate as they were a close contact of a confirmed case, were then told by the Department of Health that they did not need to isolate; and the reason the notifications do not apply to the teaching profession. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30279/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Education if the procurement process was fully compliant with regard to the retaining of services by a company (details supplied) to carry out the leaving certificate predicated grades modelling, compliant but non-competitive, or non-compliant and non-competitive, in either case other than fully compliant; and the justification for this. — Matt Carthy. [30083/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered making the learning of foreign languages compulsory at primary level in order to increase the language skills of Irish pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29976/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the review of the school transport system announced in October 2019; the actions being taken to increase the provision of school transport in view of Covid-19 and climate action obligations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [29989/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the significant issues facing schools that have lost teachers due to the school census and having reduced numbers at the time of the census relative to 2019; and if she will ensure schools do not lose teachers, potentially undermining their ability to achieve social distancing. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30277/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made since she met with the Dublin 12 campaign for an ASD school (details supplied) recently on delivering on its demand for

the school to be used for such a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [29986/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Education if she has undertaken a recent review of the excellence of the delivery of in-service upskilling for teachers; and if she plans to reform. — Richard Bruton. [29735/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Education the circumstances under which a school should close as a result of staff testing positive for Covid 19 if her Department has been notified by principals of the numbers of confirmed positive cases among teachers in their school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30250/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Education if schools that have lost a teacher as a result of a reduction in the September 2019 numbers of pupils can apply to her Department for support in recruiting a replacement teacher if they find it difficult to enforce Covid-19 safety guidelines in their school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [30251/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Education when targeted specific funding for the provision of communal and sports areas within schools will be forthcoming in view of the immense importance of the appropriate facilities for physical activities to enhance the general health and mental wellbeing of our children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [30112/20]

92. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made to grant the same terms and conditions for school secretaries that are not employed by her Department or an ETB. — Brian Stanley. [29971/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to deliver additional autism spectrum disorder places across north County Dublin. — Louise O'Reilly. [29985/20]