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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

1. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the significant inequalities in pay, conditions and pension and other entitlements facing many school secretaries. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30312/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Education if she will constitute an independent inquiry into the 2020 leaving certificate which would examine the circumstances leading to the cancellation of the exam, the design and implementation of the calculated grades system, the ensuing errors and omissions and the knock-on effect on the CAO process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30311/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of clear guidelines on when and the manner in which children with special educational needs can integrate within mainstream classes during the school day and the way in which that will be managed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30313/20]

4. 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 as a result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29741/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Education the detail of the guidance for those at high risk; if schoolchildren who have medically vulnerable parents will be facilitated with remote learning; and if she will revise the Medmark process for high risk school staff. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30314/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

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

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

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

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

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

60. 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]

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

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

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

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*99. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to support persons with lifelong or long-term medical incontinence with their household waste disposal charges in view of the fact that more operators are moving towards pay by weight contracts. — Paul McAuliffe. [30380/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the situation for persons over 70 years of age that have been approved for SEAI grants to ensure warmer homes and so on, that are now being told they cannot get the work done as over 70s are deemed at risk according to HSE guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [30404/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the Climate Action Plan 2019 in view of the delays to electric vehicle manufacturing caused by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [30470/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of An Post's restructuring plans with particular regard to the reduction in sorting and collection offices is concerned. — Eoghan Murphy. [30489/20]

*103. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he has reviewed trends in the use of postal services since 28 March 2020; and if the trends point to a need to review An Post's current strategy (details supplied). — Eoghan Murphy. [30490/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when a fresh call will be made for projects under the Climate Action Fund; and if the criteria will be different than the last occasion. — Richard Bruton. [30508/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of the proposed road widening of the R605 between Kinsale and Innishannon by Cork County Council; his views on same in view of the shortfalls in local government budgets; if an environmental impact assessment has been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [30424/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on aligning the Regional Airports Programme with EU criteria so that both Shannon and Cork airports can access capital supplied along with aligning the National Aviation Policy with Project Ireland 2040 to strengthen the role of airports as key strategic assets for balance regional development. — Richard O'Donoghue. [30468/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport if an exemption will be made in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30542/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will recommend an extension of the timeframe allowable for medical reports in respect of driver licence renewals (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [30385/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [30399/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) in County Clare will be facilitated for an earlier appointment to renew their driver licence for work purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30455/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver needs to have a public services card to renew an expired full drivers licence; if he can recommend the way in which a person who does not have a public services card can get an appointment with the NDLS and have their renewal application finalised; if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [30456/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport if public buses and trains should have windows locked to an open position in view of the importance of ventilation in combatting Covid-19. — Eoghan Murphy. [30485/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of plans for the provision of a public bus service in Ennis, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [30505/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide Shannon Airport access to airport capex funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [30506/20]

*115. 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. — Michael McNamara. [30521/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance if a large scale scrappage scheme for petrol and diesel cars will be introduced in view of the plans to ban the sale of petrol and diesel cars from 2030. — Duncan Smith. [30388/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of properties either renovated or converted through the Living Cities Initiative by city in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [30407/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to expand the Living Cities Initiative to properties in towns nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [30414/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if the employment wage subsidy scheme will be increased to the same level as the temporary wage subsidy scheme that was in effect up to 1 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30383/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Finance the legal age of consent for a minor to open a bank, credit union or other financial account without the written signature of a parent or legal guardian; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [30436/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he has taken in respect of persons over 65 years of age and under 18 years of age for Covid-19 affected sole traders and self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [30469/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Finance the code of conduct sellers of PCP must adhere to; and the engagement his Department has had on the code. — Sean Sherlock. [30515/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Finance the breakdown of the current PCP loan book currently in operation by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [30516/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken by his Department to ensure that taxi insurers are willing to insure a suitably qualified second driver on the policies issued to taxi drivers; if discussions have taken place between his officials and the insurance companies in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30533/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will exempt green diesel used by farmers and farm contractors from carbon tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30616/20]

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

*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the increase in new MyGovID registrations since 28 March 2020. — Eoghan Murphy. [30487/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a detailed reply will issue to a letter sent to him relating to the OPW (details supplied); the reason for the delay in the reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30523/20]

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

*128. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of revenue collected in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, from the television licence fee. — Brian Stanley. [30391/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to allow creative technicians (details supplied) apply for Arts Council grants; the reason new applicants cannot apply for funding from the Arts Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [30415/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports being put in place for sport and sporting organisations, that is, national governing bodies, particularly in relation to women's sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [30427/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the provisions of the Broadcasting Act 2009 could be extended to allow for Nations League matches to be shown live on terrestrial television as is the case for the European Championships and World Cup. — Joan Collins. [30482/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to provide extra funding for municipal swimming pools to keep them open in view of the effect Covid-19 is having on their income and their importance socially and medically; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30527/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if all of the €2.5 million provided by her to support the reopening of swimming pools has been allocated; the organisations that were approved funding; the amount allocated to each one; the amount of funding expended to each to date; her plans to make further funding available to support swimming pools in view of the continued Covid-19 crisis and restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30538/20]

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

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to alter the duration of planning permissions in view of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and the effect it has had on the building industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30829/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the duration of all planning permissions including cases in which the applicant has already benefitted from an extension of time will be extended in view of the delays caused to construction projects by the Covid-19 pandemic; if this extension will be for a duration of at least 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [30410/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which legislation in relation to directly elected mayors will be published. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30412/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which the first election of a directly elected mayor of Limerick will take place. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30413/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which he plans to increase the eligible income limits in respect of social housing; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that are solely dependent on social welfare are being removed from the social housing waiting lists on income grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30433/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the defective concrete blocks scheme will be extended to County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30480/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to protect corncrakes and skylarks on the island of Inishturbot, County Galway from the predation of rats in view of the fact these are rare and protected species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30535/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to reconstitute the Ministerial Moore Street Advisory Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30536/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a project (details supplied); and when he met with the local authority on this matter. — Sean Sherlock. [30541/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason an organisation did not receive a licence (details supplied); if he will meet the organisation in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30548/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 87 of 7 October 2020, the 88 projects that have been approved for urban regeneration and development fund funding; the amount allocated to each; the financial assistance provided to and drawn down by respective local authority under the National Vacant Home Reuse Strategy 2018-2021; the local authorities that have to date established a vacant homes office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30603/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount expended each year to date under the repair and lease scheme and the buy and repair scheme introduced by his Department; the number of vacant stock brought back into use each year under each respective scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30605/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*146. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of times an aircraft (details supplied) landed at Baldonnel; the dates and times of same; the dates the aircraft stayed overnight at Baldonnel; and the reason for the visits. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30372/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Defence if an application has been received from a union for permission to affiliate to a body (details supplied); if so, when a decision will be made on the application; the reason for the delay in making a decision on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30537/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*148. 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. [29742/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education if a school should advise a pod of students to self-isolate and stay home in the situation of a confirmed Covid-19 case in a class of students; if not, if such advice should be issued to the entire class; and the factors on which such advice is dependent. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [28429/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions in place and funds committed in reserve to potential and unforeseen issues arising upon the reopening of schools to ensure that they may be promptly addressed and that schools may remain open. — Matt Carthy. [22239/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions put in place to ensure ongoing consultation with school boards of management, parents' associations and teaching unions upon the reopening of schools. — Matt Carthy. [22240/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education the contingency plan in place to respond to the expected rise in schoolchildren presenting with mental health issues following their return to the classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [22334/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the adequacy of the school transport system to cater for schoolchildren and the ability to adequately social distance on school buses; her further views on the adequacy of the preparations made to deal with the demand; her further views on the inability of some families to get access for children to local school buses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [25851/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that have been left without school transport; the number of applications pending for both concessionary and eligible categories; the actions being taken to address the situation; when students currently excluded will access transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25687/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of additional capital allocation of €75 million for primary and post-primary schools to carry out necessary reconfiguration works to support the reopening of schools in late August 2020 that has been allocated and spent to date; if all schools received their grant for 2020 in view of the fact many schools also cover cleaning costs using ancillary services grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26809/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which she is ensuring that educators are following the HSE guidelines and protocols for children with respiratory problems in schools; and the description of face covering. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30377/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education the number of second-level school places in the Malahide and Portmarnock catchment area for the years 2022 to 2024 by school in tabular form; if the increased demand from pupils from a school (details supplied) from 2022 onwards has been factored into her Department's calculations for the demand in places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [30382/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will retain its class teacher level of nine teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30387/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education the reason special needs assistant support is not being made available to a school (details supplied) to facilitate pupils to whom SNA access has been granted; if the decision will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [30392/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education when the school transport system will have sufficient vehicles and drivers to meet the 50% capacity requirement for social distancing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30402/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend the sanitation grant for primary and secondary schools into 2021; if it will continue at least at the current levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [30408/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the digital divide and the way that it impacts on students that need technology to access learning; if she has plans to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [30409/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has engaged in discussions with places of education regarding the disciplining of students that breach Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions. — Peadar Tóibín. [30421/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new building for a school (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [30423/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) has been allocated a roll number; if a patron has been allocated in view of the fact there is a patron ready to take up this role; and the stage of the process to open the school as an autism specific school in 2021. — Joan Collins. [30432/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff in her Department that are working on the report for the Council of Europe on the implementation of the ECHR ruling in a case (details supplied); the reason the filing of that report was delayed to 8 December 2020; and if outside groups or persons are being consulted in the drafting of the report. — Paul Murphy. [30434/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which a response will issue to a query (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30435/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the completion of a proposed new school (details supplied) in Dublin 1; the reason for the delay in progress; and the amount of rent that is paid each year for the privately rented premises that houses the existing school. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30445/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether urgent action is necessary to reduce class sizes and that adequate funding must be provided in Budget 2021 to bring class sizes down to the European average. — Joan Collins. [30446/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education if class sizes in DEIS schools will be reduced. — Joan Collins. [30447/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education when the disparity per pupil funding between primary and post-primary education will be rectified. — Joan Collins. [30448/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education if the scandal of unequal pay for those that entered teaching in each of the years 2011 to 2014 will end; and the timeline for same. — Joan Collins. [30449/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education if the grades of a person (details supplied) will be examined; if all factors were considered when awarding the grades; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30474/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 459 of 15 September 2020 and 133 of 7 October 2020, if she will provide a sample showing the exact format of the medical certificate required to certify that a secondary school student falls into one of the categories for a face covering exemption; if a copy of this sample medical certificate will appear on her Department's website; if she will provide a link to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30477/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown of schools in Dublin, both primary and secondary, by patronage, including schools due to be opened in the next five years. — Eoghan Murphy. [30486/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [30493/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education when the construction of a new school building (details supplied) in Dublin 13 will commence; the projected timeline for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30498/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education the staffing at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30502/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education if she will proceed without delay with an IT upgrade for a school (details supplied) in order to allow it to continue to provide classes during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [30507/20]

*180. 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. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30520/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30522/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education when a detailed reply will issue in relation to a query raised with her office on 14 November 2019 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30534/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [30549/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education the progress in respect of a proposed new school (details supplied); and if a site has been acquired for same in view of the anticipated opening in 2021. — Michael Creed. [30557/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received representations in respect of a school transport issue (details supplied). — Catherine Connolly. [30558/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education if the approval of an application for additional permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied) will be expedited in view of the increase in enrolment at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30560/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied that all issues arising from the 2020 leaving certificate have been fully addressed and resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30569/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to make changes in respect of the 2021 leaving certificate having regard to the 2020 experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30570/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she expects to address the need for special needs provision in all primary and post-primary schools nationally in preparation for the next academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30571/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to address the need for special needs classes in all schools throughout County Kildare in the course of the current and subsequent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30572/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to address the need for special needs classes in all schools nationally in the course of the current and subsequent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30573/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to meet the need as stated by primary and second-level school authorities in County Kildare in respect of special needs classes, teachers and special needs assistants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30574/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to meet the need as stated by primary and second-level school authorities nationally in respect of special needs classes,

teachers and special needs assistants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30575/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education the progress in respect of various primary and post-primary school building projects throughout north Kildare which are on target in respect of completion date; the projects that are pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30576/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education the various school building projects nationwide that have been affected by Covid-19 or other issues in the past year; the extent to which a satisfactory resolution has been achieved in respect of revised completion dates; the number still outstanding in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30577/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the various school building projects at primary and second-level in Naas, County Kildare have been advanced or restricted as a result of Covid-19 or other issues in the course of 2020 to date; the extent to which the requirements as set out by the various school authorities have been responded to or are in hand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30578/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the various school building projects at primary and second-level in Maynooth, County Kildare have been advanced or restricted as a result of Covid-19 or other issues in the course of 2020 to date; the extent to which the requirements as set out by the various school authorities have been responded to or are in hand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30579/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the various school building projects at primary and second-level in Celbridge, County Kildare have been advanced or restricted as a result of Covid-19 or other issues in the course of 2020 to date; the extent to which the requirements as set out by the various school authorities have been responded to or are in hand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30580/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the various school building projects at primary and second-level in Clane, County Kildare have been advanced or restricted as a result of Covid-19 or other issues in the course of 2020 to date; the extent to which the requirements as set out by the various school authorities have been responded to or are in hand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30581/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the various school building projects at primary and second-level in Kilcock, County Kildare have been advanced or restricted as a result of Covid-19 or other issues in the course of 2020 to date; the extent to which the requirements as set out by the various school authorities have been responded to or are in hand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30582/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the various school building projects at primary and second-level in Prosperous, County Kildare have been advanced or restricted as a result of Covid-19 or other issues in the course of 2020 to date; the extent to which the requirements as set out by the various school authorities have been responded to or are in hand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30583/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education her priorities for primary and second-level education throughout County Kildare in the future in view of the demographics of the area and being adjacent to Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30584/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education the progress in the provision of the proposed Gaelcholáiste in north County Kildare with particular reference to the need arising from the number of Gaelscoileanna; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30585/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she expects to be in a position to address the issues of class sizes and pupil-teacher ratios in County Kildare and nationally in the next twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30586/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education if a review of the school transport system can be undertaken in an effort to bring about a resolution of the issues that have come to attention in each area in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30587/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which school patronage options have been taken up by the various primary and post-primary schools nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30588/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which school patronage options have been taken up by the various primary and post-primary schools throughout County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30589/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to resolve the imbalance in pay scales for principals in primary level compared to secondary level schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30614/20]

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

*209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost to the Exchequer of an increase of €2.50 per week or €20 to the household benefits package to allay the cost of broadband for persons over 70 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30428/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to lift the moratorium on redundancy following temporary periods of lay-off and short-time work due to Covid-19 which has been extended until 30 November 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [30491/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be permitted to take up an available place on a community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30371/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if employees at a company (details supplied) that were delayed in applying for the short time work support can apply for the back to school grant in view that the application deadline date has passed and the applications are still being processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30373/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter in relation to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30379/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a review of a decision on an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30381/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if pandemic unemployment payments will be made to persons over the age of 66; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [30393/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if lone parents will retain their income supports (details supplied) and claim the pandemic unemployment payment; if same will continue for the length of time that the pandemic unemployment payment is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30396/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will publish operational guidelines for employers ensuring that flexibility is shown to parents with childcare difficulties to ensure that they can continue to receive the pandemic unemployment payment despite being unable to meet the conditions to be available and seeking work especially for lone parents who are raising children without the support of another parent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30397/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that some parents have lost their working family payment due to their hours being cut due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact this is having on families, in particular lone parents with children over the age of 14 that cannot access jobseeker's transition payment or one parent family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30398/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for jobseeker's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30422/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an increase for a qualified adult State pension (contributory) for a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in making the decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30426/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a training support grant by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30429/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to pay a Christmas bonus to recipients of social protection payments in 2020; and the date on which this will happen. — Bríd Smith. [30444/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30454/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the increase in new applications for public services cards since 28 March 2020. — Eoghan Murphy. [30488/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in a decision on an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [30500/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if payment will be made to a person (details supplied) with regard to backdated Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payments that her Department has informed the person they are due. — Pa Daly. [30503/20]

*227. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí cé na céimeanna atá sí ag dul a ghlacadh lena chinntiú go gcoinneofar oifig de chuid na Seirbhíse Buiséadaithe agus Comhairle Airgid ar oscailt ar an gCeathrú Rua de bharr gurb í an oifig sin an t-aon cheann atá in ann freastal i nGaeilge ar an bpobal Gaeltachta i gConamara agus atá lonnaithe sa nGaeltacht; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30530/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the back to education scheme to allow for recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment especially those with former employers that closed down (details supplied) to retain the same level of payment if they return to education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30615/20]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if a data protection impact assessment has been carried out in relation to the Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30378/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the steps to be taken by the parent of a child in order to secure an additional year of preschool learning under the ECCE programme (details supplied); and the body to which such an application should be made. — Bríd Smith. [30394/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the steps taken by Tusla to ensure parental alienation does not occur as a by-product of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [30430/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the way in which a person can register their interest in hosting and fostering unaccompanied minors arising from the destruction of the Moria refugee camp. — Catherine Connolly. [30559/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to increase investment in youth work in order to support young persons that are being disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 crisis. — Louise O'Reilly. [30561/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the way in which his Department plans to address high levels of staff turnover in the early years education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30620/20]

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

*235. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a cluster of Covid-19 cases in NUI Galway in the past two weeks of September 2020; and if a rise in Covid-19 cases in NUI Galway had any bearing on the decision by his Department in September 2020 to move learning in universities online for two weeks. — Peadar Tóibín. [30419/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is monitoring the debt levels of publicly funded universities and technological universities; the total amount and by each publicly funded university and technological university; the anticipated impact on levels of debt held by universities due to Covid-19 related disruption to the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 academic years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26804/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details on the process a person (details supplied) could follow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [30369/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on college fees for the academic year in view of university and college institutions not being fully utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [30471/20]

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

*239. To ask the Minister for Justice if Store Street and Mountjoy Garda stations are open 24 hours a day seven days a week in view of the rise in antisocial behaviour in the north inner city area of Dublin. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30375/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Justice if the number of gardaí has been increased in the north inner city area of Dublin in view of the increase in antisocial behaviour and crime in the area. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30376/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Justice the full year cost of recruiting three additional full-time accountants for the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [30431/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Justice if a scheme of grants will be reintroduced for community alert schemes to erect cameras. — Brian Stanley. [30472/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of citizenship applications by persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30511/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Justice if she had discussions or engagements with palliative care consultants or medical professionals prior to the Dáil Éireann votes on the Dying with Dignity Bill 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30514/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to extend visitor visas to Ireland again due to the continued worldwide Covid-19 crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30531/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Justice if information pertaining to the rights associated with community rights of way will be provided. — Robert Troy. [30540/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*247. To ask the Minister for Health the number of schools nationally that have had outbreaks of Covid-19 among students since the schools reopened in September 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [30420/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to a person (details supplied) to cover the cost of a nursing home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [30370/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 test that are offered and cancelled by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [30374/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health the processing time for approval for eye tests in a health centre (details supplied); the reasons for the delay in the processing of applications; his plans to tackle the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30384/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health the category under which yoga studios fall; if they have to close under level three restrictions; if they can conduct one to one classes; and if they can operate their businesses outside. — Kathleen Funchion. [30386/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 822 of 22 September 2020, the date of which a reply will issue from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30401/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30403/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify, in relation to SI No. 401 of 2020 which gives permission for pharmacists to administer vaccines outside of a pharmacy premises, if the changes make provision for a pharmacist that is neither a pharmacy owner nor affiliated with any pharmacy to independently procure vaccines from the National Cold Chain Service and subsequently independently make a claim for payment from the Primary Care Reimbursement Service. — Paul Murphy. [30406/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to support general practitioners administering the winter flu vaccine; the way in which general practitioner centres will be expecting to manage Covid-19 health and safety protocols during the administration of the flu vaccine; if capacity in the sector has been evaluated before a decision is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [30418/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which tourists that arrive here are allowed to travel outside their county of arrival in view of level three restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [30425/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 following the positive tests for the disease in counties Meath and Westmeath in September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [30437/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health the number of monthly referrals to rapid access prostate clinics from January 2015 to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30438/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health the number of monthly referrals to rapid access lung clinics from January 2015 to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30439/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health the number of monthly referrals to symptomatic breast disease clinics from January 2015 to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30440/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons receiving chemotherapy in each month from January 2015 to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [30441/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for treatment to each community team in the first three quarters of 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [30450/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be allocated for the recruitment of an additional full-time consultant neurologist for Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [30451/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health the location of each perinatal psychiatry service within the HSE in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [30452/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an emergency medical card has been refused for a person (details supplied); if he will review the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [30453/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health if children's dance schools and dance classes can continue to operate in level 3 in which they are fully compliant with the guidelines which have been put in place for areas such as gymnastics, singing, drama and martial arts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30457/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to close dance schools and dance classes for children in level 3 will be reversed in view of the fact they are providing the same level of social distancing and following the guidelines which apply to children attending children's gymnastics, singing, drama and martial arts classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30458/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be considered for a new wheelchair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [30463/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [30465/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for health facility (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30466/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health his views in relation to a matter in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [30467/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapy appointments provided for children under the age of 16 with a disability for each of the years 2015 to 2019, by county in tabular form. — Paul Kehoe. [30473/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health if scouts groups can meet in outside pods in the way that GAA players can for training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [30475/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of clinical personnel in each CHO working full-time in contact tracing; and the speciality of each in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [30501/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health if he had discussions or engagements with palliative care consultants or medical professionals prior to the Dáil Éireann votes on the Dying with Dignity Bill 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30513/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age that have acquired brain injury; the person or body that records data on children that have ABI; if the national strategy is for rehabilitation of children who have ABI; his plans to implement the national strategy; if such a strategy exists for children that have ABI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30519/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health if yoga classes are permitted under level 3 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30525/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on an application by an organisation (details supplied) for lottery funding from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30529/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the locations in which laboratory testing of Covid-19 samples are taking place in the State; the number of tests analysed by each laboratory in September 2020; if laboratories are using qualified scientists with medical scientific qualifications to do this analysis; if so, the reason other suitably qualified scientists are not employed for this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30539/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to see a consultant cardiologist in each of the hospital groups by hospital in each group; the average waiting time to see the consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [30554/20]

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

*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to re-establish bridle paths through forests owned by Coillte; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [30417/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grants or funding available for the repair of piers and slipways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30544/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the options open to the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30476/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the fee that will be payable in the case of person that objects to a forestry licence; if no decision has been made in relation to the fee, the date on which this decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [30481/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of Coillte planting which is coniferous; the percentage which is broadleaf; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30484/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 323 of 08 October 2020, the reason he has not provided a copy of the submission as requested; and if he is not in a position to do same, the reason. — Bríd Smith. [30492/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of lambs and sheep killed in meat factories here with tags with a chip number of either 08261 region UK1/Northern Ireland or 08260 region UK0/United Kingdom in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the plants which the animals were slaughtered in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [30494/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the FBO in which lambs and sheep were processed in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [30495/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of slaughter tags for lambs sold in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [30496/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of lambs sold to factories by farmers in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, which killed out at over 22kg carcass weight; the factory locations in which the lambs were killed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [30497/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of each Ministerial adviser, including their specific rate of pay payable to each adviser to him and each Minister of State in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30510/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the decision provided to a forestry application by a person (details supplied); the reason forestry was not approved on the land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30524/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if licences for fishing vessels that are due to expire or expired in September 2020 will be extended to the end of 2020 due to the lack of fishing opportunity in 2020 due to Covid-19 and collapsed markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30526/20]

*294. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén uair a íocfar na deontais BSC, Greening agus ANC le feirmeoir (sonraí tugtha) do 2020; an chúis leis an moill leis na híocaíochtaí seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30532/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30545/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a grant application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30546/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farms that will be affected by an increase in the excretion figure for a dairy cow from 85kg of nitrogen to 89kg of nitrogen by county; the overall impact expected from this move on overall nitrogen levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30606/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farms that have had satellite inspections to date in 2020, by county in tabular form; the number in each county that have had penalties applied as a result of satellite inspections by county; the number of expected satellite inspections for the remainder of 2020, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30607/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the response of his Department to the revelation that traces of the growth hormone zilpaterol was evident in some animal feeds available here including any investigation commissioned by him; the efforts taken to ensure that this was an isolated incident and that this cannot happen again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30608/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has made contact with a retailer (details supplied) regarding the assertion of the new owners of the company that they will not stock Irish beef products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30609/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts to ensure that Pillar II payments such as TAMS, GLAS, BDGP and the sheep welfare scheme will continue in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30610/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects the Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 to be fully implemented; the impact he expects to have on the timeframe for forestry felling appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30611/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will open the next tranche of TAMS; the actions which will be eligible within that tranche; the number of farmers he expects to receive funding under that tranche; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30612/20]

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

*304. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which her Department plans to address the gap that will emerge when the current Leader programme ends on 31 December 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30405/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [30411/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is in receipt of a request for funding from a local authority (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [30509/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to provide supplementary funding to projects funded under the community services programme in 2020 due to the fall in their income due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30528/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grants available to a business owner who has land in the centre of Mullingar for redeveloping. — Robert Troy. [30556/20]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
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Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied that the budget of 2021 sufficiently addresses the unemployment issues arising from Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30551/20]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a site (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [25953/20]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the deadline for the restart grant plus can be extended past the end of September 2020; and if the extended deadline is October 2020 for bed and breakfasts is open to businesses which are not registered with Fáilte Ireland. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [25955/20]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the role his Department plays in promoting disability inclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [30595/20]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the SME Growth Task Force and explain the long-term vision for supports for SMEs here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [30111/20]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied with the level of funding allocated to his Department for its responsibilities regarding the welfare of workers such as the Health and Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30563/20]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he intends taking to support trade, enterprise and employment during the current pandemic, particularly in those sectors worst hit by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30261/20]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to introduce legislation to allow for a mechanism for workers to be prioritised as creditors in the event of a liquidation in the future; if legislation that stops workers seeking redundancy in certain circumstances will be ended or extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [30568/20]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to support indigenous industries that cannot return due to Covid-19. — Gary Gannon. [25616/20]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number and value of loans that have been approved to date under the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30094/20]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department expects Brexit to have a disproportionate impact on employment and business in rural Ireland; the specific mitigation strategy in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30602/20]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for allowing taxi drivers and other self-employed persons access more support schemes similar to other SMEs from which they are currently excluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [29973/20]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps taken to attract more foreign direct investment to Ireland post-Brexit and to increase existing investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30518/20]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps being taken to urgently address the crisis facing businesses and traders in Dublin city as a consequence of significantly reduced customer footfall, an absence of tourists and the operation of a remote working regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [25954/20]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has had any further engagement with the workers from a company (details supplied) and their trade union representatives regarding the ongoing pursuit of the workers to receive their redundancy rights and entitlements. — Louise O'Reilly. [30364/20]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the newly opened Microfinance Ireland fund pursuant to the Microenterprise Loan Fund (Amendment) Act 2020; the number of applications received; the number and value of loans approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25976/20]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied that there are adequate frameworks in place to assist enterprises undertake restructuring necessitated by Covid-19 or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [29713/20]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps taken to support the conferencing and events industry to recover from the closure of their livelihood due to restrictions imposed due to the pandemic; and when he will announce a roadmap to recovery for the industry. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30086/20]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of arms export licences granted per year since 2015; the value of licensed arms exports per year; and the breakdown of the type of arms exported and the destinations of arms exports from Ireland. — John Brady. [29079/20]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the level of discretion afforded to employers at the different levels of the Living with Covid-19 plan in deciding if work on site is necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30562/20]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider the establishment of a similar styled body to the Industrial Development Authority to specifically to focus on microbusinesses, workers cooperatives and small and medium sized enterprises. — Brian Stanley. [29988/20]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if an early warning system for large scale redundancies is in operation within his Department; and the way in which it operates. — Dara Calleary. [25949/20]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will visit Ballinasloe, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29715/20]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on a report (details supplied); the analysis undertaken by his Department in relation to the disproportionate effect on levels of employment as a result of Covid-19 in the north-western region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25980/20]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the targeted policy measures being taken by his Department to help young persons secure employment or start businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25951/20]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take to support job creation in locations outside the cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29718/20]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a programme of financial assistance will be made available for the development of digital hubs in smaller towns to assist in job creation at local level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30590/20]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of HSA inspections of meat and food processing plants that have been carried out for compliance with Covid-19 regulations since March 2020; if he will provide a breakdown of these; if the workplace was compliant or not; the number that were unannounced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30093/20]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a grant to cover the fixed costs of enterprises that have been forced to close due to the Covid-19 pandemic will be provided. — Peadar Tóibín. [29969/20]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports for sectors most affected by Covid-19 in particular the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30564/20]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason the closing date for original restart grant was brought forward three weeks without warning; if in view of the severity of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, he will ensure that all eligible businesses will be paid both the restart grant and the restart plus grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30262/20]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the flagrant breaches of workers' rights by a company (details supplied) in its refusal to complete employer declarations for its workers in order to access social protection payments; and if he will write to the company to request that it cease engaging in this practice of obfuscation and delay. — Louise O'Reilly. [30363/20]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the credit guarantee scheme can be used for the refinancing of current term commercial loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [29997/20]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports his Department is providing for the SME sector through Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [30592/20]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to support taxi drivers. — Thomas Gould. [30553/20]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he remains satisfied that Ireland remains attractive as a location for foreign direct investment; if in recent months there has been a fluctuation in Ireland's position in that regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30550/20]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current economic situation and risks of further insolvencies in view of the circumstances surrounding closure of a company (details supplied); his views on the recommendations of the Duffy Cahill report; and his plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the report. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [25975/20]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the mechanisms of support available to a person seeking to establish a new business. — Matt Carthy. [29980/20]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will carry out an immediate review of performance of all relevant State agencies under his remit in respect of the activities of each in County Kerry; if so, if consideration will be given to the outcome of such a review with a view to improving the levels of economic activity and investment in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29604/20]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to further develop remote working opportunities and improve the facilities and conditions to encourage remote working especially in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25945/20]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has discussed proposals by unions (detail supplied) to establish a fund to safeguard the redundancy entitlements of workers in the event of a liquidation. — Paul Murphy. [27550/20]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the sectors of the economy his Department has identified as needing indefinite support measures. — Pa Daly. [25982/20]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a report on any recent engagement he has had with the pharmaceutical industry in Ireland. — James Lawless. [30599/20]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will intervene in the dispute of workers (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [30552/20]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the Sustainable Enterprise Fund; the further considerations being given to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29945/20]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the strategy changes introduced by IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland in view of international travel restrictions as a consequence of Covid-19. — Dara Calleary. [25947/20]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take in Budget 2021 to support the small and medium enterprise sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29721/20]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take to support job creation in regional towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29717/20]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if programmes of assistance will be made available to small and medium enterprises in the Border region that will be adversely affected by Brexit and that are heavily dependent on the Northern Irish and British markets as export destinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30591/20]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of Enterprise Ireland's strategy to diversify the destination for Irish exports post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30517/20]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has made contact with a company (details supplied) and the trade unions to discuss the difficulties staff are having with the company. — Paul Murphy. [27549/20]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the contacts he has had with a company (details supplied) and trade unions in relation to an ongoing dispute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [29994/20]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to establish a national agency for small businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30101/20]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for further measures to assist the business sector negatively impacted by Covid-19, bearing in mind that the virus will remain a threat for some time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29720/20]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to support businesses following the announcement of level 3 Covid-19 restrictions in view of the fact that additional measures of support are available for counties Donegal and Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [29850/20]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to replace the job losses at a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29716/20]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has discussed a dispute (details supplied) with the Minister for Finance; if so, if he has discussed the proposal that the State and the Revenue Commissioners stand aside as creditors to allow the liquidators prioritise former workers in order to achieve a resolution of the dispute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [30567/20]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take to support existing levels of employment in regional towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29719/20]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to encourage and support greater numbers of women entering the enterprise sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29946/20]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to amend the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 to make workplace outbreaks of Covid-19 notifiable by workers to the Health and Safety Authority. — Brian Stanley. [29987/20]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on recent job losses (details supplied) in County Kerry; if he will consider addressing the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [29605/20]