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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28558/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Alan Kelly. [31297/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31337/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the State boards and agencies that civil servants from his Department are appointed to by the Government. — Alan Kelly. [31300/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department with the National Economic and Social Council. — Mick Barry. [31710/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with housing last met. — Mick Barry. [28811/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with housing last met. — Alan Kelly. [31298/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with housing last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31338/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the implementation of the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29923/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to establish additional Cabinet Committees as outlined in the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29925/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [29924/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work programme development for the shared island unit including the expected timeframe. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30139/20]

13. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Neale Richmond. [30830/20]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the allocations planned from the Shared Island Fund. — Alan Kelly. [31299/20]

15. To ask the Taoiseach the projects that will be prioritised in the initial funding allocation to the shared island unit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31381/20]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EU Council meeting of 16 October 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31339/20]

17. To ask the Taoiseach the efforts which have been made through the shared island section of his Department to develop an all-Ireland management process in dealing with Covid-19. — Peadar Tóibín. [31372/20]

18. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings and phone calls between his Department and the offices of the First and Deputy First Ministers in the Executive in Northern Ireland since the election in February 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [31373/20]

19. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the implications of delaying the census by a year. — Mark Ward. [28809/20]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his decision to delay Census 2022. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28895/20]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the number of additional staff recruited or seconded to his Department to assist with the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Alan Kelly. [31301/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

22. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the situation in relation to disadvantaged children being locked out of afterschool programmes under the national childcare scheme (details supplied); and the reason new children to afterschool services are ineligible for NCS due to the employment status of their parents. — Kathleen Funchion. [31304/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the truancy rate for children with a disability at primary and post-primary level; the engagement by school attendance officers with schools and parents in such instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30623/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if funding allocated to women's refuges as part of their response to Covid-19 will continue (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [31305/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the extra supports his Department has in place for young persons that have been severely hit by Covid-19, particularly in

terms of their education, career and employment and the impact on their mental health. — Kathleen Funchion. [31306/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

26. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason the early years sector did not receive an increase in funding in Budget 2021 compared to 2020 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31350/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the timeline for the establishment of Childcare Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29743/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to improve the services for victims of domestic violence; his views on increasing the roll-out of these services in view of the increase in instances of this crime during the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [22889/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the way in which he will address ongoing issues with the HIVE portal system for childcare providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31353/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a gap in funding is causing such significant difficulties for providers and families in the delay between an application being made to NCS and then Pobal processing this application and as the NCS does not backdate payments, this means that either the parents or services are paying the full price until the application is fully processed. — Kathleen Funchion. [31309/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if there is a timeline in place for the implementation of the Workplace Relation Commission agreement of August 2019 between a union (details supplied) and city and county childcare committees. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29745/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the degree to which he and his Department have monitored the issue of child welfare throughout the course of the pandemic; the issues arising and needing attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31248/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the details of the funding provided to crèches that was conditional on them not increasing their prices; the way in which the matter is being monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25943/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the extent to which he and his Department are in a position to address the issues of inequality in society; the areas in respect of which most concern has arisen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31249/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to help childcare providers overcome the challenges arising from the hive registration and applications for a childcare identifier code key system (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [25972/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will carry out a review into the funding model for family resource centres and other community services under the remit of Tusla. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [31356/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the date on which the Tusla review into the provision of safe emergency accommodation for victims of domestic violence will be published; the analysis carried out by his Department and or Tusla into the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the number of emergency accommodation spaces available for victims of domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30631/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the steps he plans to take to improve the pay and conditions of childcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30625/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his position and actions either taken by his Department or scheduled for the future on archival infrastructure to ensure truth for mother and baby homes. — Gary Gannon. [31365/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of 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. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31380/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will expand on the provision of funding for asylum seekers; the way in which this funding will address accommodation issues in the direct provision system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31351/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on whether a policy change is required in the interests of the safeguarding of minors in cases in which Tusla is notified that a deportation order is issued against a minor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [30628/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on the lack of increase in funding for childcare services in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31315/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason that in order to qualify the NCS parents need to have a public services card, given that other Departments have done away with requiring the public services card to access their services, namely the passport service. — Kathleen Funchion. [31308/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his views on introducing sick pay for early years education workers; and if he has held meetings with trade unions or member organisations relating to his brief. — Sean Sherlock. [31348/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to the issues surrounding the registering of CHICK numbers as this is also having an impact on the quick turnaround of NCS applications. — Kathleen Funchion. [31310/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of the development of career pathways in early childhood education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30618/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to assist refugees and in particular children affected by the fire in the Moira refugee camp on Lesbos, Greece; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [29746/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will expand on the provision in Budget 2021 to give an additional €5 million to youth services; if he will address existing funding anomalies in relation to existing funding streams to address funding inequalities in counties affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31354/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans for an improvement in pay and conditions for childcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31369/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the steps he is taking to ensure that the Traveller community enjoy real equality in society here; the programmes his Department have in place to promote equality for this community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30910/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if the Commission of Investigation (Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters) Records, and another Matter, Bill 2020; if he will table amendments to provide immediate access for all affected persons and families to all records concerning them. — Paul Murphy. [31314/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of the oversight group to oversee the development of the baby box programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30832/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will provide details of any equality proofing of Budget 2021 that his Department was involved in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31343/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if there is a timeline in place for the implementation of the Workplace Relation Commission agreement of August 2019 between SIPTU and city and county childcare committees; if funding will be provided in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [31097/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the status of progress to fulfil his plans to expand capacity care for unaccompanied refugee children here; the timeline of same; his plans to accept more children from the Moria refugee camp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [30630/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will expand on the provisions contained in Budget 2021 which intend to reduce child poverty in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31352/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the plans in place to assist refugees and in particular children affected by the fire in the Moria refugee camp in Lesbos, Greece; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [31098/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the steps he is taking or plans to take to improve the pay and conditions of childcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30626/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the role and function of Childcare Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [29744/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the letters issued by Pobal to providers in relation to refunds; and the reason his officials are seeking refunds from providers whose businesses are at risk of closure due to historical inadequate funding. — Kathleen Funchion. [31307/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the engagement by his Department with children within the asylum system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30627/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if requests for PPE have been made by childcare and early years education providers since August 2020; and if so, if he will provide a breakdown of same. — Sean Sherlock. [31346/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason early childcare providers who have lost immediate family, even from Covid-19, and who take days off for the funeral, have been told by his Department to make up those days. — Peadar Tóibín. [31374/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the position regarding and status of the widespread testing plan for residents of direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30831/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to make special arrangements in relation to the funding of crèches on off-shore islands to ensure they are viable with a small number of children attending due to the smaller populations on islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30909/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the process of the development of a youth service in an area with a growing population such as Rathcoole, County Dublin (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [24194/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the measures being put in place to support children in statistically vulnerable groups to reduce the take-up of addictive habits such as smoking and drinking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30619/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he has taken formal responsibility for disability matters. — Sean Sherlock. [31349/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are some serious ongoing issues in terms of the service Pobal is providing for childcare providers (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [31311/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he still accepts the sixth recommendation of a person (details supplied) to provide a suitable memorial to the victims and survivors of Magdalene Laundries following the State apology made in 2013. — Gary Gannon. [30368/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the timeframe for the publication of the white paper on replacing the direct provision system; the details regarding funding set aside in Budget 2021 to ensure implementation of the white paper; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31383/20]

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

73. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the mechanisms he has explored to ensure students on-campus and off-campus campus will receive full refunds for unused accommodation; the institutes of higher education and accommodation providers that have agreed to give refunds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31711/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether legislative change is required to ensure that all students who are long-term residents and or born here but who are not Irish, EEA, Swiss or UK nationals will be eligible for the free fees scheme to apply for SUSI grants and to be considered EU students in relation to fees; if he will undertake a review of the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31318/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps taken to ensure all third-level students have access to internet connectivity to allow them to participate in their online education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31712/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his objectives and plans to grant technological university status further to an application by Athlone Institute of Technology and Limerick Institute of Technology; his views on the application which will incorporate the satellite campuses of Thurles and Clonmel, County Tipperary; the budget available to implement plans for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [31184/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Student Assistance Fund will be available to students from Northern Ireland that are studying here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31699/20]

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

78. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will remove non-EU third-level education fees for asylums seekers in order that they can be treated as domestic students in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31376/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the abolition of the student contribution to fees for third-level due to it being a barrier to access to education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31321/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider removing the rules within SUSI which do not allow students to be reclassified from the point of entry unless they take a three year break in their education which is unfairly targeting independent students. — Gary Gannon. [31363/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if discussions have taken place with the private purpose-built student accommodation providers in relation to providing flexible arrangements for the 2020/2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [31095/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he will take to further increase the number of places in third-level to account for demographic changes to ensure that the CAO 2021 intake will not be adversely impacted by issues regarding the intake for 2020 and to ensure a third-level place for all who want it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31320/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of his commitment to work with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to ensure private providers of student accommodation would show decency and refund deposits and rent paid by students who no longer need the accommodation due to changes in their timetable and time on campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31357/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether a significant increase in funding is required to ensure that the SUSI grant covers the genuine costs related to access third-level and further training; and if this will be addressed as part of the review of the SUSI grant scheme. — Mick Barry. [31323/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to fund laptops for third-level staff to help teach remotely. — Paul McAuliffe. [31246/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which allegations of bullying in academia have been identified and resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31279/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider changing the criteria for calculating SUSI grant eligibility to include whether a parent is in receipt of the working family payment. — Pa Daly. [22251/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the omission of financial supports for part-time students in Budget 2021; and if part-time students will be eligible for the planned €250 universal student payment . — Gary Gannon. [31362/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the technological university status bid of DKIT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31378/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address the issues for students who have paid for student accommodation but whose colleges have now shut in the short and or medium term due to public health restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31341/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount allocated in additional funding in Budget 2021 to craft apprenticeships; the number of consortia-led apprenticeships which have been created since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31359/20]

92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the manner in which the hardship funding of €50 million announced by his Department on budget day will be rolled out; and when it will be made available to students. — Peadar Tóibín. [31371/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has had discussions with the third-level institutions in relation to refunds of rent to students that rented on-campus accommodation and now find that all or most of their courses will be delivered online for the foreseeable future due to the Covid-19 crisis and that this accommodation will not be needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30911/20]

94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the practice of postgraduate students not being paid for teaching that they do; if he will investigate the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31319/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 159 of 10 September 2020, his plans for the further development and expansion of local training initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [31344/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the discussions he had with the Minister for Health and the Chief Medical Officer in August and September 2020 before a decision was made that third-level colleges would reopen on campus; if a full risk analysis was carried out of the risks involved given that these reopenings would bring a large number of students together from many parts of the country thus increasing dramatically the risk of spread nationwide if any students became infected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [30912/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the pay and conditions for postgraduate students that work in third-level colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31334/20]

98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional new opportunities being provided at third-level and in further education for 2021, between those going via the CAO system, under springboard, apprenticeship and PLC; the number of these now in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [30680/20]

99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of and position regarding the 10-year adult literacy, numeracy and digital literacy strategy promised in the 2020 Programme for Government; the details of the group tasked with development of the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31377/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the 10,000 upskilling and reskilling places, 4,000 apprenticeships, 5,000 higher education places and the 1,500 springboard places are separate and in addition to the 35,000 further and higher education places announced as part of the July Stimulus Package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31360/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his rationale for not abolishing fees for the third-level and postgraduate sectors in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31340/20]

102. 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. — Paul McAuliffe. [31247/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which blended learning will proceed for the current academic year for the various subject areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30835/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which he expects to influence the higher education system to ensure the ongoing availability of a steady stream of highly qualified technicians and academics on par with the best in the world thus providing a workforce competent in the skills now required in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31280/20]

105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of progress of refunds by universities to students that paid for student accommodation in full and upfront before the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [31336/20]

106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the change of circumstances option on SUSI applications made in 2020 can have consideration for applicants that are currently experiencing a significant reduction of income in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [31312/20]

107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some postgraduate students have to do unpaid

teaching work as part of their scholarships; his views on same; and his plans to address the issue. — Paul Murphy. [31335/20]

108. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will establish a science and technology policy fellowship within the civil service to provide opportunities to scientists and engineers to learn first-hand about policymaking and contribute their knowledge and analytical skills in policy development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30686/20]

109. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the safety measures in place for students that are either on an Erasmus programme for the current academic year or those considering embarking on the programme for the 2021/2022 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30834/20]

110. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provisions being considered for third-level cross border students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31379/20]

111. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he plans to take to improve the interface between the broader research community and the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30687/20]

112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the new initiatives in education and research his Department is planning in 2021 designed to accelerate capacity to deliver the infrastructures and the practices to underpin ambitions for reductions in emissions damaging to climate. — Richard Bruton. [30681/20]

113. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with colleges and third-level institutions to ensure that the recent allocation for mental health funding is benefiting all students needing assistance in view of the fact that most are studying remotely and could be based anywhere countrywide; the way in which students are being identified by colleges for the assistance; the way in which the funding is being measured by his Department to ensure that all students in need of assistance are benefitting from the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [31313/20]

114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has contacted colleges regarding accommodation refund issues at various campuses for students; if his attention has been drawn to the issue; if so, his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [31093/20]

115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the accommodation crisis regarding refunds that students are facing due to Covid-19 at various third-level facilities nationally. — Niamh Smyth. [31094/20]

116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures, protections and oversights which will be in place for those taking up apprenticeships and training to ensure the quality of the training and the protection of their rights in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31322/20]

117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the mechanism or criteria for distributing the student hardship fund announced as part of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31361/20]

118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address concerns regarding CAO points inflation in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [29947/20]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*119. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a breakdown of his Department's estimate for salaries, wages and allowances for 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31367/20]

*120. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a breakdown of his Department's 2021 estimate for a specialised sexual offences unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31368/20]

*121. To ask the Taoiseach the detail of each Cabinet Committee; the membership of the committees; the committees that have met to date; and the committees that have not met. — Noel Grealish. [30841/20]

*122. To ask the Taoiseach the value of regional aid granted under the regional aid guidelines granted by his Department or agencies under the remit of his Department in each of the past seven years; and the value by county or lowest possible NUTS level over the period. — Louise O'Reilly. [30906/20]

*123. To ask the Taoiseach if a member of a union (details supplied) will be appointed to the Commission on the Future of Media. — Cathal Crowe. [30706/20]

*124. To ask the Taoiseach the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms. — Holly Cairns. [31752/20]

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

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 189 of 6 October 2020, if he will consider legislative measures so that workers are not at a loss in terms of light, heat and waste bills due to having to work and study at home in view of such a scheme in Spain (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30949/20]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the financial supports available to persons that are pub owners and the sole employee of the pub in view of the increase to level three Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31037/20]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has received a submission from a body (details supplied) seeking relaxation on deadlines and compliance rules due to the exceptional pressures created by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [31113/20]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court are bringing parties from other counties to Dublin during level 3 restrictions for face-to-face hearings in view of the fact that these bodies have the facilities to convene such hearings remotely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31116/20]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to restore the employer statutory redundancy rebate which was abolished in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31118/20]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the post of head of administration at the Labour Court will be filled; and the length of time this post has been vacant. — Catherine Murphy. [31178/20]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost in 2021 of recruiting seven additional HEO inspectors and 35 EO inspectors for Workplace Relations Commission. — Catherine Murphy. [31179/20]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the allocation of €4 million in Budget 2021 for Health and Safety Authority pay is for pay restoration; if it is additional and new moneys; if so, the measures the funding will be used for; the number of additional HSA inspectors it will be used to take on; and the permanent standing HSA workforce expected after the funds have been used by grade group and category. — Louise O'Reilly. [31292/20]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 28 of 13 October 2020, if he will provide a breakdown of each NACE sector compliance with Covid-19 protocols, in the manner in which the CSO or Eurostat further break down these sectors into more detailed individual subsections (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31324/20]

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to incentivise construction companies to engage apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31446/20]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of HSA inspectors hired since the beginning of July 2020; the additional resources that have been provided to the HSA from Budget 2021; his plans to hire additional HSA inspectors in 2020 and 2021 respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31487/20]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31746/20]

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

*137. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a hybrid warfare self-assessment to identify critical State functions and find vulnerabilities within and between critical State functions has been conducted; if so, if effective mechanisms to anticipate, avoid defeat or recover from hybrid attacks have been developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30997/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the requirements of the defective blocks scheme (details supplied) that limits scheme participants that as a consequence of defective blocks must entirely rebuild their homes and to out of date standards in that rebuilding; and if he will consult with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to allow persons that qualify for the defective blocks scheme to receive automatic access to SEAI supports. — Dara Calleary. [30965/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has finalised the Energy Poverty Report; when the report will be published and made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [30990/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will adopt at the EU Council, the position of Irish MEPs and that of the European Parliament on the EU Climate Law which sets an ambition of at least a 60% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; if he will support the EU Parliament's position; and the implications that has on the Programme for Government's ambition of 51% emissions reduction by 2030. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31125/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the distinct characteristics of biogenic methane as mentioned in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31154/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the retrofitting schemes presently available for old houses and following Budget 2021; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [31224/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will increase the ring-fenced funding for community projects under the renewable electricity support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31439/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan will be expedited; if rural areas of County Kildare will be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31445/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the National Broadband Plan involves the laying of fibre broadband lines in areas which are already served; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31460/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline and key benchmarks for rolling out the national broadband scheme in view of the requirement that more persons work from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [31466/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the retrofit plans announced in Budget 2021 including the target completions, the total budget, the source of this funding and the cost per house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31480/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposals in place for upgrading the junctions at which they intersect with roads (details supplied); if funding was provided to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for works in relation to the design or upgrade of these junctions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [31237/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if legislation will be introduced to deal with the problem of noise emanating from motorbikes particularly at night-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [31277/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport if a test for motorbikes will be introduced similar to the NCT to deal with the problem of exhaust noise particularly at night-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [31278/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to self-employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31327/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport when official notification from his Department will issue to an organisation (details supplied) in regard to a grant under the Jobs Stimulus Funding for Active Travel and Climate Change Adaption Measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31647/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30935/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [30936/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 209 of 6 October 2020, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that that none of the fully licensed drivers, such as instructors, parents or guardians that he referred to in the reply are allowed shelter, use toilets or hand washing facilities at the RSA driving test centres; and if his further attention has been drawn to that fact that this is in stark contrast to NCT centres that have set up to allow persons to wait in a socially distant and safe manner indoors in their centres. — Louise O'Reilly. [30940/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if assistance will be provided in securing a driver test for a person (details supplied) to enable them to continue to work. — Fergus O'Dowd. [30946/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which a person (details supplied) will receive a driver test. — Sean Sherlock. [30956/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 9 September 2020, when he was informed of a disclosure (details supplied); the reason this disclosure was not made before the person's appointment; if he has replaced the person; the reassurance the he can

give to the families of the four air crew who died that this report will be published in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31062/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) can have the BE driving qualification added to their driving licence by the NDLS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31065/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver test will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31086/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the extension of the validity of NCT certificates in view of the backlog situation that currently exists at NCT centres (details supplied); if in the interim, no driver will get a fine and or incur penalty points in a case in which the person has confirmation that they have booked a NCT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [31092/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has considered introducing scooter sharing here; if he will consider a series of trials in urban areas which have been successfully used in other jurisdictions to clarify the optimal regulatory, safety, technical and commercial regimes to protect the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [31126/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide grant aid to support and stimulate the growth of rail freight; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31128/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce the current track access charges for rail freight which are currently the highest in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31129/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that at the end of August 2020 the French Prime Minister announced that France will waive track access charges for rail freight for the remainder of 2020 and cut them in half for all of 2021, EU regulations permitting; his plans to support the regulation to reduce, waive or defer track access charges and ask the railway undertaking to follow the regulation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31130/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport if financial supports are planned to allow Iarnród Éireann to modernise and expand its rail freight rolling stock fleet as the current limited stock will not allow for business expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31131/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the penalties that are available for offences under section 30 of the Road Traffic Act 2004. — Catherine Murphy. [31177/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) who is over the age of 70 cannot renew their driver licence online in view of advice to stay at home. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [31225/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which a person (details supplied) is expected to renew their driver licence when they cannot get an appointment in time at the Ennis NDLS centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [31226/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional funding allocated to Shannon and Cork airports; the conditions of the funding; the timeline of payment of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [31273/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the regional airport scheme; the areas to which the extra funding will be allocated; if his attention has been drawn to the pressure that regional airports are under as a result of Covid-19; and if operational expenses will be given greater supports in 2020 and 2021. — Dara Calleary. [31274/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if the expiry date on all driving licences for a period of six months will be extended in view of the long waiting times for appointments for renewals; and if the online facility to truck licence holders will be extended (details supplied). — Christopher O’Sullivan. [31275/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 241 of 27 November 2019, the current status of the project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [31291/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if the speed limit on the M7 from the Naas Johnstown junction into the Red Cow will now be upgraded from 100km per hour to 120km per hour in view of three lanes along that stretch in order to regularise it as motorway. — James Lawless. [31437/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the training, seamanship and experience undertaken by the Irish Coast Guard that equates to that of the Naval Service; and if there are plans to bring both in line, as they provide equally important services to the State. — Cathal Crowe. [31467/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to address the long wait times for driver tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [31504/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be called for a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31554/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be called for a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31555/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport when will a person (details supplied) will be called for a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31556/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be called for a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31557/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) can be called for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31568/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a taxi driver licence application by a person (details supplied). — James Lawless. [31584/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of all bus shelters that will be erected in 2020 and 2021, by county and location in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [31613/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if Budget 2021 contains a commitment to a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [31614/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of works on a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [31615/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a further extension of NCT certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [31640/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a person's need for driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [31652/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider and issue a statement regarding driver test waiting times (details supplied) in County Kerry. — Brendan Griffin. [31727/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the fleet size of Dublin Bus in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31769/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will apply a 0% VAT rate on animal vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31026/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered a review of the young trained farmer stamp duty relief; if the age limit of 35 years will be increased to 40 years; if relief from stamp duty will be increased from 35 years of age to 40 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31031/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if further mortgage moratoriums will be supported for workers who are in forced closure lay off, such as restaurant employees without outdoor dining areas that cannot remain open under current guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31071/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will examine the possibility of lowering VAT rates for socially distant, streamed or online events. — Louise O'Reilly. [31075/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that several major insurers have left the live industry; and his plans to work with the arts, entertainment and events industry to come up with a solution to the problems that this poses, including examining the possibility of the State acting as an insurer. — Louise O'Reilly. [31076/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to address the matter of back pay for employees of an airline (details supplied) for the period March 2020 to August 2020 during which they had been prevented from claiming the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31187/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific goods and services in the tourism and hospitality sector entitled to the temporary reduction in VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31687/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the criteria for businesses to avail of the new weekly Covid-19 restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31688/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the volume and value of marked gas oil (details supplied) imported here in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30920/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the date on which providers of hire purchase agreements and personal contract plan agreements will be authorised and fully regulated by the Central Bank and subject to the requirements of the Consumer Protection Code 2012; the steps necessary to achieve same including if legislation is needed; the reason hire purchase and personal contract plan agreements have not been subjected to the same stringent regulation that applies to banks and credit unions in view of the fact that they have been in existence for over 20 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [30954/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if businesses that reopened after the first lockdown for a period of approximately two months and which has now closed due to level 3 restrictions can now warehouse tax liabilities for the period they traded between lockdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [30979/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if in circumstances in which a tax liability is warehoused, it will not prevent the Revenue Commissioners from issuing a tax clearance certificate to persons and business that have availed of the warehousing option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [30980/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance when the issuing of primary medical certificates for disabled drivers and passengers will resume following a court decision in June 2020; and if those that already qualify for the scheme will be affected. — Mattie McGrath. [30982/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if the 90% agricultural relief in relation to agriculture relief from CAT will be retained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31048/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will publish the criteria used to award the SBCI managing director a performance bonus in 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [31055/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the person who authorised the payment of the performance bonus to the SBCI managing director in 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [31056/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the person or body appointed to the internal audit function of the SBCI in November 2019; the value and term of their contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [31057/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the person in the SBCI who awarded the internal audit function contract in 2019; the selection criteria adopted in this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [31058/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid by the SBCI for external public relations services in 2019; the companies or persons to which this was paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [31059/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual internal cost of public relations for SBCI in 2019, by staff cost and related office expenses; if a separate figure will be provided on the amount of salary and package paid to the head of public relations and or communications at the NTMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [31060/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures the board of the SBCI has taken in 2020 to arrest the drop in profits and get the company back to 2017 profit levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [31061/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if companies that have availed of the temporary wage subsidy scheme and or the employment wage subsidy scheme are precluded from paying dividends to shareholders in 2020. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31067/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to increase the category A tax free threshold parent and child from €335,000 to €500,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31089/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the favourite nephew or niece relief to favourite successor to reflect changing demographics and family structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31091/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if a distinction is made across the various enterprise tax schemes such as EIIS, KEEP and CGT entrepreneur relief for high risk and high potential innovation start-ups as opposed to more traditional asset-backed enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31109/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received a submission from a body (details supplied) seeking relaxation on deadlines and compliance rules due to the exceptional pressures created by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [31114/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has spoken to the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer in the past three months. — Catherine Murphy. [31176/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps which have been taken to determine the case of a person (details supplied) in view of the recent judgment of the decision of the Supreme Court to quash the decision of the Disabled Drivers Board of Appeal not to grant a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [31243/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps which have been taken to determine the case of a person (details supplied) in view of the recent judgment of the decision of the Supreme Court to quash the decision of the Disabled Drivers Board of Appeal not to grant a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [31244/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to provide an update on the continued processing of applications for primary medical certificates in view of the recent judgment of the Supreme Court in cases (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [31245/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme; if the scheme is an advanced tax credit scheme; and if so, the tax implications for businesses that access funds under the scheme in the coming years. — Louise O'Reilly. [31293/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme does not include suppliers upstream in the business chain (details supplied); if there will be support for suppliers whose business may be drastically affected by the effects of the public health measures to their customers downstream in the business chain that are affected by level 3 to level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31294/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if beauty salons are part of the reduced VAT rate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31434/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the areas to which the 9% VAT rate will apply (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31435/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme will be operated, in particular the way it will impact tax deductible trading expenses in future years; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31453/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if the banks and financial institutions will be instructed to suspend residential mortgage repayments for persons that request such suspensions for the duration of Covid-19 restrictions that are introduced by the Government which puts persons out of work and undercut their ability to pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [31473/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses and employees respectively on the EWSS in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31482/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage and number of employees on the EWSS receiving a full wage top-up contribution from their employer; the percentage and number of employees on the EWSS receiving a partial wage top-up from their employer; the percentage and number of employees on the EWSS receiving no top-up of their wages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31483/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and percentage of employees respectively on the lower and higher rate of EWSS in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31484/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his plans to reform the EWSS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31485/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the compliance programme for the EWSS; the number of employers that have been inspected; the number of cases requiring further investigation;

the number of employers that have been sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31486/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the staycation subsidy grant; if the projected cost of the scheme has changed in view of level 3 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31488/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of properties in County Galway, excluding Galway city, currently exempt from paying local property tax; the financial loss to the Exchequer annually due to this exemption; the number of properties in County Galway, excluding Galway city, not paying property tax for which they are liable; the financial loss to the Exchequer as a result of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [31509/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason it is planned to limit VAT rebate under the retail export scheme for international visitors, non-EU, to purchases over €175 as part of the Brexit Omnibus Bill; if post-Brexit it will be possible to have different rules applying to UK tourists compared to other no-EU states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31533/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance his policy in relation to the continuation of the VRT relief on fully electric cars. — Sean Sherlock. [31547/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the disabled driver's scheme has been suspended for new applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [31553/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if the CRSS applies to companies that support the entertainment sector but that do not have a physical product, companies that provide a service to the entertainment industry that may rent venues, products and so on, for example, event promoters, arts and lighting specialists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [31574/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if dry-cleaning, laundry and tailoring services are included in the recently announced reduction in VAT rates from 13.5% to 9%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31606/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of the diesel rebate scheme since its inception; the number of licensed road hauliers registered to claim the rebate; the amount paid to same in 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31682/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licensed road hauliers entitled to the diesel rebate scheme; the number claiming same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31683/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licensed road hauliers entitled to the diesel rebate scheme and not claiming same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31684/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licensed bus operators entitled to the diesel rebate scheme and claiming same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31685/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licensed bus operators entitled to the diesel rebate scheme and not claiming same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31686/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the issuing of primary medical certificates that has suspended since a High Court ruling in June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [31698/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31751/20]

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

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if guidelines have been prepared, agreed and set in place in relation to recommendations in the report of the Ombudsman on the Magdalene laundry scheme (details supplied). — Charles Flanagan. [31229/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the replacement of windows at Howth Garda station has commenced; the estimated cost of the project; and the expected duration of such works. — Catherine Murphy. [31164/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW are the competent authority with responsibility for the Friars River at Newtownsmith, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [31508/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which it is planned that northern parts of Ireland and Northern Ireland will benefit from the next allocation of structural funds; the EU financial assistance in cross-Border infrastructure plans in place or being developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31590/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a breakdown of the €70 million from the carbon tax allocated for the ten carbon tax investment programmes and the further €48 million allocated for targeted social protection interventions; the specific impact of the increase in carbon tax on each cohort concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31644/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31749/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his Department's progress in expanding the Equality Budgeting Programme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31366/20]

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

*252. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if teenagers and young persons can be permitted to play sports without spectators present during level 3 due to

the important role that sport plays in their development and mental health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [31018/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the review on the Wild Atlantic Way that was carried out approximately two years ago (details supplied). — James Lawless. [31583/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will support efforts to provide sporting outlets for those over 35 years of age to keep them active and interested in sports in view of a number of examples (details supplied); her views on the idea; and if her Department will consider grant aiding such efforts. — Duncan Smith. [30978/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will work with the arts, entertainment and events community to help, financially and logistically establish socially distant concerts as Ireland lives with Covid-19 for the foreseeable future. — Louise O’Reilly. [31024/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when it is expected that details of a grant scheme will be announced (details supplied); the level of funding to be provided for the scheme nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31063/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated full year cost if the budget for Tourism Ireland’s Regional Co-operative Market Access Scheme was doubled. — Catherine Murphy. [31181/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide additional sound and vision funding to the radio sector covering the period September 2020 to February 2021 similar to the scheme rolled out in April 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [31457/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to her Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31750/20]

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

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if planning will continue to be granted to farmer family members if they are not the intended farmer as many people can now work from home in other areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31036/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the second bridge over the river Liffey for Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31451/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made in designing, tendering and doing further works on 14-17 Moore Street in order that they would be

ready for opening to a limited amount of visitors at a time post-Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31534/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a Land Registry application by a person (details supplied); when this will be adjudicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31585/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a Land Registry application by a person (details supplied); when this will be adjudicated on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31586/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a formal report from Irish Water on the Achill Island water treatment plant; the proposed remediation works involved to rectify the capacity issue to avoid a repeat of elevated levels of aluminium and turbidity next summer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30918/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter in relation to the defective blocks scheme (details supplied); if he will review the terms of the scheme to allow for an energy upgrade in keeping with the most up to date standards; and if he will consult with the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications to allow persons that qualify for the defective blocks scheme to receive automatic access to SEAI supports. — Dara Calleary. [30964/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the decision to use PPS numbers in the compilation of the electoral register; when he expects this project to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31105/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current progress on the establishment of an electoral commission; when he plans to introduce necessary legislation concerning its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31106/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to release the funds to local authorities for the commercial rates waiver scheme that applied up to the end of September, 2020; his plans to extend the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31107/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views with regard to the LDA and its capacity to accept FOIs in view of recent remarks in which it seems the LDA will now be subject to FOI. — John Paul Phelan. [31110/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the Valuations Office is bringing parties from other counties to Dublin during level 3 restrictions for face-to-face hearings in view of the fact that these bodies have the facilities to convene such hearings remotely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31117/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Longford County Council has drawn down funding for Traveller accommodation in the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31189/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the €40 million euro allocated in budget 2020 for the pyrite remediation and mica scheme for counties Donegal and Mayo; the estimated percentage breakdown between pyrite and mica in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [31193/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the €90 million funding in Budget 2021 for housing supports in each category for the elderly, the Traveller community and persons with disabilities respectively; the amount which will be allocated for each category to each local authority; when such funding will be provided to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [31227/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timelines for the duration of the study by the National Parks and Wildlife Service for research into the survival and behaviour of hares released into the wild after being rescued from hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31230/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legislation which underpins the policy whereby a person with an interest in a former family home can avail of social housing supports, for example, HAP or RAS but can never be allocated a social house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [31236/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amounts claimed in expenses and travel claims of the Irish Water board since the establishment of Irish Water on an annual basis per board member; and if the same details will be provided in respect of companies (details supplied) since 2015. — Catherine Murphy. [31290/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made on implementing the Moorhead Report; his plans in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31448/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider changes to the tenant purchase scheme which would result in the inclusion of Part 5 properties in the scheme; and his views on whether the current rules by which tenants of Part 5 properties cannot engage in the tenant purchase scheme are grossly unfair. — Robert Troy. [31521/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the maximum net income a couple with two children can earn and still qualify for local authority housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31551/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish the report of the working group established in May 2017 to review the 2005 Planning Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing; the number of times the group met and when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31603/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made by his Department in 2020 on the scoping exercise for the updating of the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines, on foot of the 2013 Flemish Decree case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31604/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Budget 2021 contains a commitment to a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [31612/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Cork social housing taskforce; the number of times the taskforce has met to date; the reports completed to date by same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31732/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has responsibility for allotments and community gardens; and if not, the Department or body that does. — Holly Cairns. [31733/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if allotments and community gardens are now classified as essential and will not be closed down under any of the phases of the National Framework for Living with Covid-19. — Holly Cairns. [31734/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will introduce guidance documents for local authorities to help with the provision of allotments and community gardens under the Local Government Act 2001. — Holly Cairns. [31735/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31748/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the €36 million provided for the Local Government Fund; the planned purpose of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [31759/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to waive commercial rates for businesses in the first quarter of 2021. — Denise Mitchell. [31760/20]

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

*291. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the engagement with the Chinese Government in relation to the continuing rule of law crisis in Hong Kong; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [32042/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider extending supplementary funding under the emigrant support programme particularly for welfare-based organisations. — Pa Daly. [31010/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeline for Ireland's adoption of the EU traffic light system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31070/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he spoke to the Governor of Washington during his recent visit to the United States of America. — Catherine Murphy. [31168/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current wait time for an online passport application; the reason for backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31211/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Irish financial aid given abroad in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, by country in tabular form. — Neale Richmond. [31212/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland has taken to support the rights of the Belarussian people to access free and fair elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31214/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the recent steps Ireland has taken to show opposition to the Hong Kong security law imposed from Beijing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31215/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on a foreign birth registration application of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [31252/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*300. To ask the Minister for Defence if her attention has been drawn to circumstances by which a person (details supplied) can re-enter the 2004 pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31078/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Defence the value of all contracts for goods or services including drone technology purchased by the Defence Forces from firms based in the United States of America in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [31180/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Defence the person or body that made the decision to fill in the hollow next to Donnelly's Hollow; the reason no infill licence was applied for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31438/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Defence the complex legal, operational and management concerns with regard to a potential aligning of an association (details supplied) with a union; and if the association can address these in order to achieve its goal. — Cathal Crowe. [31577/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Defence if the soldiers that were involved with the siege of Jadotville will be receiving medals of recognition; if so, when they expect can this; and if not, the rationale in this regard. — Kathleen Funchion. [31628/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Defence the Departmental properties which have dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31745/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*306. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the restrictions in place under level three of the Living with Covid-19 Plan; if clarity will be provided for schools that have been seriously impacted financially by these measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30953/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to regularise employment, terms, conditions and pension rights for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [31489/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will honour the agreement reached with her predecessor and a trade union (details supplied) on 19 October 2019 to use the Labour Court to resolve the outstanding issues for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [30928/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to cases in which children have been denied school bus places despite living distances up to 20 kilometres from the school (details supplied); and the supports in place to find spaces on school buses for these children. — Martin Browne. [30931/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for assistive technology will be complete and the device made available to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30933/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education when a primary school (details supplied) in County Sligo will receive final approval for an extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [30937/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education the agreements that have been reached by her Department with an organisation regarding an extension of the right of way at the new site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [30947/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education the number of permanent classrooms confirmed for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30958/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education if the SEN classrooms for a school (details supplied) are autistic specific or for children with a range of additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30959/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education the date for when works will begin for the ASD unit granted for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30960/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education the status of works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [30968/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the acquisition of a permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [30983/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 179 of 16 June 2020, when a person (details supplied) will receive the reimbursement payment. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30994/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to the development of new school buildings for a school (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [30996/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education her plans with regard to a permanent building for a school (details supplied); her views on the space constraints faced by the school in future school years, the need for additional space to facilitate the planned growth of the school and the request by

the school for a new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [30999/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of a new school building at a school (details supplied); the reasons for the delays experienced to date in this project; if funding will be made available for construction to proceed by the end of 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [31000/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education when the outcome of the initial appeals in the context of the 2020 leaving certificate results will be available; the expected timeline for the completions of the entire appeals process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31012/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education the measures her Department is taking to ensure that the standard of education in EROC schools is in line with that in recognised school settings; the number of inspections by her Department of EROC schools that have taken place since the Memorandum of Understanding allowing inspections was signed by her Department and the Department of Justice in November 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31019/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education the number of emergency reception and orientation centres here in which primary level teaching is being provided to refugee children; the number of children per EROC currently in receipt of primary education in-house; the number of these children that have been receiving in-house primary education for 1, 2, 3 and 4 plus months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31020/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the joint assessment and protocol for education provision within EROCs by her Department and the Department of Justice as mentioned in the 2019 Annual Report of the Ombudsman for Children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31021/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education the professional qualifications required for teachers to be employed in EROC schools; the number of teachers currently employed to teach in EROCs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31022/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 396 of 15 September 2020, if her attention has been drawn to a person (details supplied) that is without a special school place; if she will ensure that an appropriate school place to meet the person's additional school needs will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [31049/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which a new school (details supplied) will be put out to tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31050/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans for a new building for a school (details supplied); and the timeline for the delivery of same. — Emer Higgins. [31051/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education the reason her Department has not responded to or acknowledged a request for an investigation and review of an e-tendering process outcome (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [31103/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education if it is the responsibility of her Department or each individual management board to ensure adequate PPE is supplied to teachers, staff and students of each primary and post-primary school in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31111/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that have been put in place by her Department to ensure access to online education for all students if the State returns again to a lockdown situation if Covid-19 infection rates continue to rise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31112/20]

*333. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad iad na critéir le haghaidh stádas meanscoile “scoil bheag” a bhaint amach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31122/20]

*334. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén fáth a bhfuil stádas “scoil bheag” ag roinnt scoileanna faoi chúram Bhord Oideachais agus Oiliúna na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin (GRETB) a bhfuil suas le 165 scoláire ag freastal orthu agus nach bhfuil an stádas sin ag roinnt scoileanna eile a bhfuil cuid acu i bhfad níos lú ná iad (sonraí tugtha); agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31123/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31124/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a pupil (details supplied) is not being provided with school transport when all other children on the route have been given provided with same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31138/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education the difficulties posed by the pandemic in reorganising schools which are due to lose a teacher; if she has considered postponing the loss of teachers in such cases until after the resolution of the pandemic in view of the challenges as outlined in the case of a school (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [31150/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide funding and resources to enable schools to provide technology to staff members that require same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31151/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education if an exemption from studying Irish will be approved for siblings (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31159/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the terms and conditions of pension and employment of school secretaries (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31163/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full year cost of providing 100 additional English teachers as additional language posts. — Catherine Murphy. [31169/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional teachers required to reduce the pupil teacher ratio at primary level from 26:1 to 23:1. — Catherine Murphy. [31170/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new school building project for a school (details supplied) which is due to be completed by 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31182/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education when students will receive the results of their appeals for their leaving certificate results (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31186/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education the number of substitute teachers from supply panels that have been deployed since schools have reopened by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31206/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education the supports in place to protect teachers from Covid-19 including access to tests when a child in their class tests positive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31207/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31208/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education if a secondary school (details supplied) can provide online learning for students not able to attend class in person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31228/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31231/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to transport provision for siblings (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31234/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide a list of each of the teaching supply panels by county in tabular form; the number of teachers on each panel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31272/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the request by a school (details supplied) for a larger bus to ensure transport for all its students while maintaining public health guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31386/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education if changes to the leaving certificate 2021 are currently being considered; and if a predicted grades option will remain for students that wish to avail same. — Paul McAuliffe. [31455/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will receive payment; the reason for the delay in same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31468/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31471/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the allocation of special needs assistants and rectify discrepancies in the allocation. — Mark Ward. [31475/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the additional funding for special needs assistants announced in Budget 2021 will be allocated; and the way in which schools will avail of same. — Mark Ward. [31476/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education if she will extend teacher illness of a family member leave during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [31505/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the inequalities for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31519/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make resources available to Bus Éireann for a child with additional needs to attend a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [31540/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the problem with large classes in primary schools especially in view of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31543/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to deliver Irish courses for teachers who have trained in the UK but are now back in Ireland; if there are plans to deliver courses online due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31544/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education if students (details supplied) in County Kerry that were unable to enrol in their nearest post-primary school will be made eligible for school transport to the next nearest school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31550/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education if the NCSE keeps and maintains records for the purpose of planning the provision of special education and support services, which it is required to under section 41(1)(c) of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004; if the NCSE coordinates with the HSE in carrying out this task which it is required to under section 41(2) of the Act; the location this data is published; the location of publications showing the way in which her Department has used this information to forecast for the provision of special education, area by area, and in requiring schools both established and new to provide for ASD accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [31558/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the circular, rule or other instrument which provides for her Department’s requirement that all new mainstream school buildings provide special class accommodation, as referred to in the NCSE’s policy document from 2016 Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Schools at page 2 and 127; the breakdown of all the new schools that have been built since the introduction of this requirement; if they include special class accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [31559/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education the status of and position regarding the timeline for construction of permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31588/20]

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*367. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown by county for school transport allocated in Budget 2021; and the number of additional seats which will be funded through this allocation by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [31621/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will carry out a review of ongoing issues related to Covid-19 in a school (details supplied) in County Wicklow. — Steven Matthews. [31626/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress towards a building programme at a school (details supplied); the schedule being followed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31639/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for a Teaching Council registration number by a person (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [31642/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education if there are Covid-19 guidelines in place that allow access to schools for additional resources such as psychologists, speech and language therapists, art therapists and others; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [31651/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding school buses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31678/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent to date on remediation works as a result of building deficits in schools built by a company (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [31706/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 184 of 14 October 2020, the steps taken to date to secure the interim accommodation, staff and other provisions in order to open a new secondary school at a location (details supplied) on an interim basis in September 2020; the steps taken to create awareness amongst parents and pupils seeking enrolment in this school; if school patronage has been decided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [31708/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education if all schools included in the current Capital Plan will be protected and not excluded from the next capital plan following the upcoming review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [31717/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education the precise timeframe for the phasing out of religious education in schools; her views on achieving it in the lifetime of this Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [31721/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education if there is still a commitment to develop a mechanism to allow certain qualified post-primary teachers register as mathematics teachers following the completion of a course of studies; when these courses will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31722/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [31728/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education the schools which have dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31740/20]

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

*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the J9 PRSI classification in the context of the temporary wage subsidy scheme assumes full-time employment of seven days per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31025/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons seeking asylum that have moved out of direct provision accommodation in order to avoid overcrowding and are now residing elsewhere still qualify for their direct provision allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [31133/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the provision of the Gender Recognition Act 2015 to 16 and 17 year olds. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [31763/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will create two types of pandemic unemployment payment; one for persons that are laid off temporarily and another for persons that have lost their job due to Covid-19 in order that the latter can engage with Tús and avail of retraining or other supports to assist them in finding alternative employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31768/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on a matter in relation to pensions for community employment supervisors (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30930/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for jobseeker’s benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30943/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the planning and timing schedules for the establishment of a commission on pensions; her views on ensuring the independence of those appointed to the commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [30961/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for domiciliary care grants over the past three years; the number of applications refused in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30973/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals of refusals of domiciliary care grants over the past three years; the number of applications which were awarded following appeal in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30974/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the efforts being made to issue arrears owing to those on the pandemic unemployment payment; if they will be paid before Christmas 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [30995/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing a PPSN application for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31044/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing a PPSN application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31045/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing an application for a PPS number in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31046/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the processing times for client identity applications for persons requiring PPS numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31047/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31102/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for an invalidity benefit by a person (details supplied); and when they can expect to receive a decision on their case. — Chris Andrews. [31127/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31135/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for jobseeker's transitional payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31143/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for the one parent family payment in the case of a person (details supplied); when the appeal will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31144/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); when the appeal will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31153/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to address the matter of back pay for employees of an airline (details supplied) for the period March 2020 to August 2020 during which they had been prevented from claiming the employment wage subsidy scheme and the short-time work support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31187/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an illness benefit will be reviewed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31188/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if applicants for jobseeker's are required to provide full credit card and debit card details as they appear on the card; and if so, the reason this information is necessary; if this is with the permission of the financial institutions banks, credit unions with regard to their protection of personal data; if this is in line with GDPR; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31192/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing grant funding under the school meals programme for a school (details supplied) that caters for children with mild

to moderate learning disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31250/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if financial support in the form of an exceptional needs payment can be made to homeless persons (details supplied) to pay for accommodation while they are awaiting approval of their housing need from the relevant local authority, or failing that, the community welfare officers be allowed pay hotel, bed and breakfasts or other accommodation providers during the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [31281/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the weekly income taxi drivers can earn in addition to claiming the pandemic unemployment payment in view of the collapse of their industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [31478/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the income support schemes taxi drivers can avail of; the new schemes that were announced in Budget 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [31479/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending free travel to include children who are being cared for by a carer receiving the carer’s allowance in view of the fact that at present the carers receive free travel but the children do not; if her attention has been drawn to the burden that this places on low-income families in which children have medical conditions and often multiple medical appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31512/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to relax the criteria that a person must be unemployed for at least one year in order to avail of the community employment and Tús schemes in view of increasing unemployment figures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31513/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a prospect of creating a two-tier scheme for Tús in a scenario (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31514/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered extending the base of those who can apply for the Tús scheme from being restricted to those who are in receipt of jobseeker’s benefit to those on other forms of social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31515/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to fuse the Tús and community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31516/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supervisors within the Tús and community employment schemes could be afforded further discretion to allow members of the scheme to transfer between community employment and Tús and vice versa in order to increase their employability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31517/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if rules in relation to access to the Tús scheme can be relaxed in view of Covid-19 and in order to increase intake into the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31518/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the reintroduction of the debt on the employer concept in social welfare and pension legislation to ensure effective protection for pensioners in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31520/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale on an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31522/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those with reduced hours on the EWSS can access short-time work support from March to September; if some applicants have already received it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [31528/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measure announced in the budget to support self-employed persons impacted by the pandemic (details supplied); and if in calculating €480, self-employed persons can deduct operation and material costs which they incur and only consider income which they would normally consider for taxation purposes. — Paul McAuliffe. [31530/20]

*418. 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. [31531/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when it is expected that PPSN applications from outside the State will resume; her views on the fact that the current pause in such applications has severely impacted business in areas such as property sales; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [31535/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the numbers of persons receiving invalidity payments by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31538/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details on the training, upskilling and reskilling available for those on invalidity payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31539/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review will be undertaken into an application for an increase for qualified adult and children in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31552/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for refusal of EURES relocation allowance in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31575/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to bring forward the increase in parental benefit from April 2021 to 2020, in view of the difficulty in obtaining suitable childcare options due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31578/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the timeframe beyond the first year of a child's birth or adoption during which parent's benefit is paid in order to take into account the parents whose child was born during the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31605/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if clarity will be provided regarding the parental leave extension announced in Budget 2021; if there are provisions that would allow parents to take the extra leave in advance of the proposed timeframe of April 2021; and if the rationale for the timeline can be outlined. — Steven Matthews. [31623/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can apply for back payment of the back to school clothing and footwear allowance. — Kathleen Funchion. [31633/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria which was used in deciding to pay the Christmas bonus to those on PUP payments with the proviso that the recipient must be on the payment for four months. — Joan Collins. [31641/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the working family payment threshold by €10 for all family sizes; the reason she did not increase the threshold for larger families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31645/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of places available on community employment schemes nationwide; the number of participants on the schemes at present; the number of vacancies on the schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31653/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the increase in the parent's benefit from two weeks to five weeks as announced in Budget 2021 and planned for 2021 could take effect in 2020 due to the extreme difficulty and uncertainty facing families with Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [31718/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce legislation to change the age eligibility criteria for the State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31723/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is considering proposals to reintroduce the transitional payment for those eligible for the State pension from the period they turn 65 years of age until they start to draw down the State pension, rather than the current position in which such persons must go on jobseeker's allowance for the transitional period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [31724/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider bringing in the extended parental leave from November 2020 instead of postponing it until April 2021 when babies born during Covid-19 will not become beneficiaries. — Richard Bruton. [31725/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to her Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31744/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for a State pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31758/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate eligibility for fuel allowance in the case a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of a State pension (non-contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31766/20]

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

*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of refugees currently housed in emergency reception and orientation centres here; the number of such centres here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31015/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will consider introducing legislation to facilitate breastfeeding in the workplace, including adequate breaks for breastfeeding and dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31736/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will consider including a town (details supplied) in County Kildare in a youth development programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30975/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the amount of funding allocated to County Kildare for youth projects over each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30976/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if his Department has completed research (details supplied); the status of the research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30977/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if plans are in place to review the foster care allowance given that the allowance has not changed since 2005. — Cathal Crowe. [31052/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will have the issues raised in correspondence considered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31054/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the plans underway for a collaborative forum for survivors of mother and baby homes. — Kathleen Funchion. [31119/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the position in relation to an ECCE place for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31137/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children under 12 years of age in Tusla care by area. — Patrick Costello. [31149/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of children in Tusla care placed outside their area of origin by local office. — Patrick Costello. [31152/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the reason the retention of records of the Tuam Mother and Baby Home will not be available for public viewing following the findings of the Commission of Inquiry. — Richard O'Donoghue. [31242/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to raise investment in the early years sector to bring Ireland from the bottom of the investment league in the OECD. — Kathleen Funchion. [31384/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to deal with the precarious position of school age childcare services in view of an internal poll of Early Childhood Ireland's SAC members found that 79% of members have seen their numbers reduce since they reopened. — Kathleen Funchion. [31385/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of persons waiting to enrol in the localise youth volunteering programme nationally. — Peadar Tóibín. [31079/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration when universal subsidy in the case of a person (details supplied) will issue to the crèche in question; if this matter can be rectified at an early date with a view to ensuring seamless transition when an increase in hours has been awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31548/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will bring forward the implementation of the three-week extension of parent leave and benefit from 1 April 2021 for children born after 1 November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31622/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if information on the sustainability fund will be provided; the way in which it can be applied for; and the locations in which information can be found in this regard. — Kathleen Funchion. [31631/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the way in which the Pobal overpayments were calculated; and if a service can be given a breakdown of the figure if requested. — Kathleen Funchion. [31632/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration if he will address and clarify a series of matters (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [31637/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of reports of children at risk received in the past twelve months; the extent to which an adequate response followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31659/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the extent to which integration services are operational in all areas nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31660/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of persons interacting with integration services by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31661/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the extent to which equality prevails in the workplace in academia, health services and in the public and private sectors in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31662/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the extent to which adequate reporting facilities are available in respect of children at risk; if augmentation of such services is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31665/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to coordinate support services in respect of children at risk in order to ensure an adequate and readily available services in all instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31666/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of day-care centres that have reopened in County Cork; and the number that will reopen before 1 November 2020. — Thomas Gould. [31713/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans to provide financial support for childcare workers in view of the essential work they are providing at risk to themselves and the urgent need to provide these workers with a living wage. — Thomas Gould. [31714/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31747/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration his plans for the relocation of identified victims of trafficking out of direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [31762/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration the position regarding the lack of childcare funding increases in Budget 2021, particularly the national childcare scheme and early childhood care and education scheme, despite a commitment to do so in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [31775/20]

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

*469. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the evidence required to prove irrevocable estrangement from a parent for the purposes of applying for the SUSI grant as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30922/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of applicants currently awaiting the renewal of their safe pass registration card; the way in which the matter will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31161/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31481/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with the HEA in relation to a GMIT decision to redeploy the GMIT

Mayo campus business department to Galway with staff now reporting to Galway management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30923/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the date on which a decision will be made on a permanent vice president for the GMIT Mayo campus; the date on which he plans to fill this post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30924/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the working group's recommendations published in 2018 in tabular form (details supplied); the status of each recommendation over the period 2018 to 2022; when a review of progress at the end of year two will be completed by the HEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30925/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the formal progress reports submitted to the GMIT governing body and the HEA every four months since the establishment of the working group's recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30926/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure associated with the ring-fenced yearly funding of €750,000 for the GMIT Mayo campus that was allocated from 2018 to 2022 while the working group's plan is being implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [30927/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if grants will be made available to student nurses and midwives that are unable to work in healthcare facilities other than their student placement due to cross-contamination concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30942/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place to support students in third-level education who report sexual assaults and to ensure that colleges take these reports seriously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30998/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the mental health supports provided to third levels students to help with the stress of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31198/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if colleges are providing flexibility to students renting accommodation on campus in terms of the early cessation of a lease due to the rise of remote learning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31199/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will request the third-level universities to reduce the fees for students completing master's degrees in view of the fact that there is now no on-campus teaching; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [31276/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the necessary legislation will be drafted to remove international student insurance from the remit of health insurance providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31287/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the proposed €50 million student assistance fund proposed in Budget 2021 will be administered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31288/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if part-time students will have access to the €50 million student assistance fund proposed in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31289/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he will take to ensure students will not have to pay rent or lose deposits for accommodation they no longer need due to the cancellation of in-person teaching in colleges and universities. — Paul Murphy. [28324/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason no specific plan was put in place to address the disadvantage faced by the 8,000 students who sat the leaving certificate prior to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30256/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he expects or plans to upgrade medical research facilities nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31667/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he expects research facilities to be expanded nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31668/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts being made to ensure the availability of an adequate supply of graduates at third and fourth level in order to attract inward investment here in the specialised areas of medical science; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31670/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which bullying has been identified in academia; the actions taken in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31671/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the number of third and fourth level places available in the current year and for future years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31673/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he has observed a shortfall in the number of graduates emerging from third-level in any of the disciplines; if corrective measures may be appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31674/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which it has been found possible to accommodate students' first preference option at third level in the current year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31675/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he expects innovation to become a major part of third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31676/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to amend the higher education grant system to ensure that students that would otherwise qualify for a grant due to a parents income, but have been disenfranchised due to maintenance payments received by their single parent to offset the family mortgage as directed by court settlement, can qualify for a grant; his views on whether an unequal standard is being applied in this qualifying criteria for a grant, in contradiction of the principles of natural justice, as a family home is not counted as means if no mortgage payments exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31700/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which higher education costs have increased over the past number of years; the extent to which the proportion of the national budget under that heading has varied in the past ten years; his plans to ensure continued access to third-level for all students seeking to avail of third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31701/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to build or expand a higher education institute on the northside of Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [31715/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if every student that was downgraded unfairly due to the calculated grades error has been offered the CAO choice they should have been entitled to. — Thomas Gould. [31716/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the colleges, universities, and third-level institutions that receive funding from his Department which have dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk for students in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31741/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of all colleges, universities, and third-level institutions that receive funding from his Department which have dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk for staff in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31742/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31743/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is providing extra funding to increase support for students with disabilities due to the additional circa 5,000 student places being made available in 2020. — Holly Cairns. [31770/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the €50m hardship fund will be distributed to the students that are in the most need. — Holly Cairns. [31772/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he is taking in coordination with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide greater protections for student renters. — Holly Cairns. [31773/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if he will review the Higher Education Access Route application process to ensure applicants are given every opportunity to correct minor errors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [31774/20]

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

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of speeding fines that were recorded on the M7 between the Red Cow junction and the Naas Johnstown exit. — James Lawless. [31452/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of premises in the hospitality sector inspected under the Covid-19 guidelines; the number of premises that were identified to have breached Covid-19 guidelines; the number of the inspected premises that are pending prosecutions for breaching guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31689/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 606 of 6 October 2020, if she will supply a copy of HQ Directive 75/2014; if this directive is used for all reports of potential suicide for An Garda Síochána; and if there are alternative protocols in place. — Róisín Shortall. [30951/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) now qualifies for stamp 4; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31006/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Justice when a stamp 4 will be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31013/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Justice if a community group that has investors ready to submit their application for the Immigrant Investor Programme in respect of a purpose built building need to have the planning permission approval in place; and if they can apply for planning permission at a later stage in view of the fact that they may lose their investors if they have to wait until such time as planning permission is in place. — Michael Ring. [31016/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Justice if assistance will be provided to a person (details supplied) in relation to their delayed citizenship process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31041/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Justice if an original passport has been returned in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31066/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Justice the current or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31072/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the significant delays for essential service workers, including healthcare workers, getting to and from work due to Garda checkpoints checking for compliance with Covid-19 regulations which are causing huge delays; and

if her Department has spoken with the Minister for Health and the Garda Commissioner regarding possible other ways of ensuring compliance with the new restrictions which do not delay healthcare and essential service workers in their journeys to and from work. — Louise O'Reilly. [31077/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Justice when the law changed to allow licensed publicans to serve beer and tobacco outside (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31101/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to ensure that women prisoners are not subjected to threats or violence from other inmates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31120/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for a stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31132/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31139/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31146/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Justice if funds will be set aside to pay for the previous and ongoing work of the independent researchers into the Stardust fire (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [31148/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new marked Garda vans that have come into the fleet to date in 2020; and the number of marked Garda vans that have been withdrawn from the fleet to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [31172/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of recruiting two extra full-time forensic pathologists for the Office of the State Pathologist. — Catherine Murphy. [31173/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who successfully completed the standard and advanced motorcycle course in 2019 and to date in 2020; the duration of each course; and when the next standard and advanced motorcycle course will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [31174/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to each crime task force within Dublin as of 31 December 2019 and 12 October 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [31175/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Justice if additional funding will be allocated to legal aid to ensure that those that require legal representation including those in direct provision can access it in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31196/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Justice the additional measures in place to protect those in prison from Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31209/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Irish prisoners that have tested positive for Covid-19 since the beginning of the crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31210/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of recruits that were to start training with An Garda Síochána for 2020; the number of the recruits that actually began training in 2020 and the breakdown of targeted versus actual recruitment of Garda trainees for 2020, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [31223/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 584 of 21 July 2020, the estimated amount of the allocated 2021 estimate for capital expenditure under the Prisons Vote group that is expected to be taken up by the construction of Limerick Prison. — Pa Daly. [31251/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 191 of 15 September 2020, the number of cases prosecuted and e-scooters confiscated in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 for illegal use of e-scooters on public roads and in public places; if she will provide a breakdown of same on a six month basis, that is, January to June and July to December 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31456/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to amend the upper age limit for new recruits to An Garda Síochána in view of the increased recruitment drive announced in Budget 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [31490/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Justice if statistical information will be provided for each of the years 2018 to 2021 in relation to An Garda Síochána (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [31569/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Justice the current capacity of Loughan House and Shelton Abbey. — Pa Daly. [31570/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Justice the criteria used for selecting visiting committee members for the Irish Prison Service; the requirements in terms of qualifications; the role involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [31571/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the 2019 and 2020 annual reports by the Office of the Inspector of Prisons. — Pa Daly. [31572/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Justice the overall ratio of staff to prisoners maintained across the Irish Prison Service; the number for Portlaoise prison; and the number of staff assigned to each block of the campus. — Pa Daly. [31573/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the resistance of local authorities to become the data controller for a scheme (details supplied); if her Department has issued further guidelines to local authorities on this issue; and if not, if her attention has been drawn to the fact a local organisation is eager to apply but are aware of the current impasse with data protection and cannot progress their application. — Niamh Smyth. [31581/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application for a family reunification will be expedited (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [31702/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to her Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31737/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has secured funding in Budget 2021 to replace either the helicopters or aircraft within the Garda air support unit. — Paul McAuliffe. [31764/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*542. To ask the Minister for Health when the child psychologist post which has been vacant at a centre (details supplied) since January 2020 will be filled as assessments of need are not being carried out in the required timeframe of three months. — Brian Stanley. [30969/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health when services such as speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy will be restored in full at a centre (details supplied) to clear the waiting list for persons that have been referred and need to avail of the services. — Brian Stanley. [30970/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for local authority vets to carry out inspections at local abattoirs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [30987/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to unwind the Financial Emergency Measures in Public Interest Act for the community pharmacy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31088/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health if DIY and hardware stores can remain open under level 4 and 5 restrictions; and if same are considered essential retail. — Robert Troy. [31195/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 584 of 21 July 2020, the estimated amount of the allocated 2021 estimate for capital expenditure that is expected to be taken up by the new forensics facility at Portrane. — Pa Daly. [31251/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the providers of childcare are expected to pay for flu vaccines for their staff members despite the fact that in other sectors the State has committed to paying for the vaccine. — Peadar Tóibín. [31080/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify alternative plans for day service users that prior to Covid-19 were being provided with these essential services at a centre (details supplied); the status of this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [31576/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to examine the regulations and legislation that apply to cannabis use for medical conditions and palliative care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31610/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which child mental health services are likely to be improved in line with the requirements as set out by indicators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31657/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which support services for children with autism can be enhanced with particular reference to various therapies including speech and language

therapy; if continuity of services for each child can be maintained within a short period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31658/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which child mental health services have been reviewed in an effort to ensure an adequate level of service to meet demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31663/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which children with disabilities are on hospital waiting lists for various procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31664/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to coordinate support services in respect of children with disabilities in order to ensure an adequate and readily available services in all instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31666/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which an evaluation has been done into requirements in respect of medical research nationally; his plans to expand the services in the future with particular reference to the experiences of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31669/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which adequate resources and expertise remain available to ensure sufficient emphasis and investment in medical science here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31672/20]

558. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether a reconsideration of the HSE's decision to discontinue essential clinical health services relating to PrEP in the Gay Men's Health Service is required as this has left Dublin without any dedicated LGBT sexual health service in a community setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [31761/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health if a person driving a patient from Thurles to Limerick three times a week for dialysis is entitled for be reimbursed for their expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [30929/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a definition of a dance and exercise class as outlined in the Plan for Living with Covid-19; the reason gymnastic classes can go ahead under level 3 but yoga and dance classes cannot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [30938/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that trauma orthopaedic clinics in Tallaght University Hospital remain closed due to Covid-19; and when these clinics will recommence. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30939/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions being made for student nurses and midwives that will need testing for Covid-19 when moving between hospitals as part of their training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [30941/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health if the consent of a parent or legal guardian of a person over the age of 16 years and diagnosed with autism or another intellectual disability is required for vaccines (details supplied) in secondary schools. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [30945/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to families for disposal of medical waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [30948/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [30950/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to reintroducing automatic renewal of medical cards in view of the rising cases of Covid-19 and increased restrictions nationwide. — Róisín Shortall. [30952/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive speech and language therapy. — Sean Sherlock. [30957/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff trained and assigned to perform colonoscopies that were working in public hospitals from 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30971/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the wait time in excess of two years for obtaining a MRI scan at University Hospital Limerick for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [30981/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the provision made in Budget 2021 to roll out specialist perinatal mental health services as outlined in the national model of care, including provision of full staff teams and clinical space for the six specialist perinatal mental health hubs in the maternity hospitals in Galway, Limerick, Cork, the Rotunda, the National Maternity Hospital and the Coombe and for the development of a national mother and baby unit in view of the recent findings in the National Maternity Experience Survey. — Jennifer Whitmore. [30984/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the €2 million allocated to County Wicklow as publicly announced from the €7.8 million in funding provided to address waiting times for children awaiting assessments of needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [30991/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the amount a company (details supplied) is being paid per month for Covid-19 related services from March to September 2020. — Alan Kelly. [30992/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the amount a company (details supplied) is being paid per month per Covid-19 test from March to September 2020. — Alan Kelly. [30993/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a submission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31001/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered reducing or waiving accident and emergency fees for pensioners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31002/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to flu vaccines; the number of vaccines available for administration immediately; the timeline for future deliveries; if every person who needs the vaccine can receive it in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31003/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the format that permitted nursing home visits will take during level 3 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [31017/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive the HPV vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31042/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which a CORU registration will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31043/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the waiting times for colonoscopies at a hospital (details supplied); and the number of persons waiting for 3, 6, 9 months and so on out to the end of the waiting list in three-month increments. — Pa Daly. [31064/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [31068/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the availability of self-isolating accommodation and associated guidelines for use for emergency and medical personnel who are required to self-isolate but are unable to due to living in shared accommodation in a county (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [31073/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31074/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the position of youth drugs liaison officer in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31115/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given permission on compassionate grounds to visit a family member. — Chris Andrews. [31136/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to mitigate against any potential service emergency in the disability and residential care sector in view of the announcement by St. John of God that it will be withdrawing from service provision under current circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [31155/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home bed places currently available in private nursing homes in County Kildare; the number in public or voluntary homes; the level of occupancy in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31156/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GMS general practitioners currently in the GMS systems throughout north County Kildare; the number of vacancies or replacements required to bring staffing up to the optimum levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31157/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if a policy decision has been made to reduce the number of beds and as a consequence patient accommodation in publicly funded nursing homes currently operated by the HSE in County Kildare and throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31158/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a farm as a private business rather than assets whilst assessing applications for the fair deal scheme (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [31160/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if clarification will be provided on an issue in relation to reimbursement from the cross-border healthcare directive in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31162/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of three full-time paediatric occupational therapists for social care in County Kildare. — Catherine Murphy. [31165/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of addressing the infrastructural issues regarding the current neuro-interventional radiology thrombectomy equipment in Beaumont Hospital. — Catherine Murphy. [31166/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of extending BowelScreen to persons aged between 55 to 74 years of age. — Catherine Murphy. [31167/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be provided with a homecare package by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31185/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to buildings being leased as Covid-19 test centres.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31190/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost his Department is paying for a Covid-19 test. — Alan Kelly. [31191/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a letter (details supplied) in relation to funding long-term support and care for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [31194/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can get an update on the reason for the delay in required day surgery in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin 4; when it will be scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31197/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the current end to end time for those that have received a close contact notification on the Covid-19 tracker application to expect to be contacted by contact tracers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31200/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the current average time from receiving a positive Covid-19 test result to the completion of contact tracing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31201/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of follow-up calls and texts that have been made to those that have travelled to Ireland and embarked upon the 14-day restriction of movements since the passenger locator form was introduced by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31202/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health when a suitable nursing home will be found for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [31204/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [31205/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has had an operation cancelled. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [31216/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some dentists are refusing to accept medical cards and patients have been forced to pay in emergency circumstances; the options the medical holder has to get the money refunded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31217/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the status in relation to provision and the management of flu vaccines; the number of vaccines available for the forthcoming winter and the way in which they will be distributed; if priority will be given to frontline workers, carers and others most exposed to Covid-19; the plans in place to assist general practitioners in the management of the flu season including financial supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31218/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the health card as recommended in the Magdalene commission report and agreed to in full by the then Government has not been fulfilled or honoured; if matters can be expedited for the introduction of a HAA card along the lines of the health card given to those in the 1990s that contracted hepatitis C from contaminated blood products. — Charles Flanagan. [31222/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an issue raised in correspondence (details supplied); if there will be a January intake in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31233/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can qualify for the drug payment scheme; if not, the reason for the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31239/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the situation impacting doctors who have graduated and are unable to secure an internship place for 2020, noting the financial and clinical impact this has had on these graduates; if he has raised this issue with the Health Service Executive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31240/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 16,000 healthcare staff that have been or will be hired in 2020 as outlined in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31253/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 16,000 healthcare staff that will be hired in 2021 as outlined in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31254/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 16,000 healthcare staff that are expected to be offered full-time HSE contracts as outlined in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31255/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 16,000 healthcare staff that are expected to be agency staff as outlined in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31256/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the expected occupational breakdown of the 16,000 healthcare staff that the health workforce will increase by as outlined in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31257/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sub-acute, AMU, acute inpatient and critical care beds in the public health system on 1 January 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31258/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sub-acute, AMU, acute inpatient and critical care beds, disaggregated, in the public health system on 1 October 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31259/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded sub-acute, AMU, acute inpatient and critical care beds provided for in Budget 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31260/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded sub-acute, AMU, acute inpatient and critical care beds provided for in Budget 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31261/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sub-acute, AMU, acute inpatient and critical care beds not provided for in Budget 2021 which will be open on a temporary basis in either 2020 or 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31262/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sub-acute, AMU, acute inpatient, and critical care beds inclusive of funded and permanent, non-funded and temporary and closed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31263/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in the public hospital system and the average percentage of beds closed at any one point throughout 2020 due to cleaning, IPC or other requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31264/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the average percentage of beds closed in the public health system at any one point in 2019 and 2020 due to a lack of staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31265/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community beds by type and including rehabilitative beds, available in the public health system in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; the average percentage of the beds which may be closed at any one time due to a non-staff related reason; the average percentage of these beds which may be closed at any one time due to staff-related reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31266/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2021 HSE National Service Plan will be complete; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31267/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community and rehabilitation beds in the public health system prior to Budget 2021; the estimated number in the public health service if full implementation of Budget 2021 measures take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31268/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of each of acute inpatient, sub-acute, AMU, and critical care beds in the public health system prior to Budget 2021; the estimated number in the public health system by year end 2021 if full implementation of Budget 2021 measures take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31269/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to continuing the practice of paying student nurses that reach a required standard of training a full salary when they are in practical job training phases (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [31270/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with trade unions and nursing representative bodies on the issue of trainee nursing pay. — Catherine Murphy. [31271/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clients attending a day centre (details supplied) who are now going to new activities on a weekly basis since the beginning of September 2020; and the exact transport arrangements that have been put in place for the clients. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31282/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the number of former clients of a centre (details supplied) who are not now engaging with the service barring the daily phone calls they are receiving. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31283/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it is costing clients to avail of the new meal arrangements that were free when they attended a day centre (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31284/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health his views on claims by some families that their loved ones are not wanted on a campus following the recent loss of a service (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31285/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the provision of funding for a facility (details supplied); the current stage of the project; if the project will now proceed with urgency; when he expects the project to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [31286/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding multibuy promotions and their effects on obesity levels here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [31295/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the 1,146 acute inpatient beds announced in Budget 2021 between funded permanent beds and temporary beds respectively; if he will provide the baseline figure this will be added to and to isolate the end of year 2021 baseline figure it will be raised to with this addition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31325/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent and funded and temporary acute inpatient beds, respectively in the public hospital system on 13 October 2020 in tabular form; the

number for each projected to be reached on 31 December 2020; the number for each projected to be reached for target year end 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31326/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded acute beds in the public system at the end of each of the years 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31387/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline acute beds in the public system at the end of each of the years 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31388/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed acute beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31389/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded sub-acute beds in the public system at the end of each of the years 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31390/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline sub-acute beds in the public system at the end of each of the years 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31391/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed sub-acute beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31392/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded adult ICU beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31393/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline adult ICU beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31394/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed adult ICU beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31395/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded community beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31396/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline community beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31397/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed community beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31398/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded rehabilitation beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31399/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline rehabilitation beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31400/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of rehabilitation beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31401/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded adult psychiatric beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31402/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline adult psychiatric beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31403/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed adult psychiatric beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31404/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded paediatric ICU beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31405/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline paediatric beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31406/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed paediatric beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31407/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded paediatric acute beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31408/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline paediatric beds in the public system at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31409/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the €150 million for enhanced community services announced in Budget 2021; the specific measures costed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31410/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the €100 million for disability services announced in Budget 2021; the specific measures costed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31411/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount of additional funding that will be allocated to the resumption of day services for persons with a disability as a result of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31412/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount of additional funding that will be made available for progressing disability services and promoting disability integration as a result of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31413/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount of additional funding that will be made available for respite services under disability services as a result of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31414/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount of additional funding that will be made available for support residential services under disability services as a result of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31415/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount of additional personal assistant hours that will be made available under disability services as a result of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31416/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount of additional funding that will be made available to progress de-congregation and assist persons with disabilities that are inappropriately living in nursing home settings to move to more suitable accommodation as announced in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31417/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount of additional funding allocated to each of the national strategies and expert reviews as announced in Budget 2021 broken down by amount for each strategy and review in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31418/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent nurse posts in the public system at the end of 2018, 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31419/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent hospital consultant posts in the public system at the end of 2018, 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31420/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the €210 million access to care fund in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31421/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount of additional funding provided for cancer screening services in Budget 2021; the way in which the funding will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31422/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the areas in which the €58 million allocated under e-Health in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31423/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated for PPE in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31424/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated for testing and tracing in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31425/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional staff for testing and for tracing that will be provided as a consequence of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31426/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if he has made provision for extending medical card eligibility for patients with a terminal illness in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31427/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute beds in the system excluding critical care at the end of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31428/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute beds in the system excluding critical care on 22 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31429/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute beds in the system excluding critical care on 13 October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31430/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of acute beds excluding critical care projected to be in the system at the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31431/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of acute beds excluding critical care projected to be in the system up until the end of the Winter Plan, that is, to the end of April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31432/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of acute beds excluding critical care projected to be in the system up until the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31433/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to arrange for a replacement reciprocal scheme between Ireland and the UK for the EHIC in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31442/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a HSE funded nationwide pharmacy led dispose of unused medicines properly scheme for unused medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31449/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce legislation to facilitate substitution by a pharmacist from a biological reference product to a biosimilar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31450/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen a South Doc service in Kinsale, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31459/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health if non-cohabiting couples are allowed to physically meet if they reside in different counties under level 3 and 4 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31461/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if outdoor farmers markets are classified as essential retail under level 4 of the Plan for Living with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31462/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposed sale by the Health Service Executive of a house (details supplied) will be postponed until an agreement has been reached with the family of the remaining resident on their future care needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31469/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to reviewing the decision taken on an application for a drug payment scheme card for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31470/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1207 of 8 September 2020, the details and information on the number of hospital laboratories that require some additional funding to enable them to provide general practitioners with full access to the BNP blood test; the options being explored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31472/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of extra funding that will be allocated towards services for members of the Travelling community in view of the increased funding for mental health announced under Budget 2021. — Patrick Costello. [31474/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place for children that are deemed too old for the school catch-up programme for the HPV vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31477/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the face covering regulations in place for retail and food service workers; the enforcement body which either a worker or a member of public can contact if they have concerns regarding the implementation of the regulations in terms of the safety of workers and the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31492/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation to the National Drugs Strategy in Budget 2020; the actual spend on the National Drugs Strategy; and the full allocation to the strategy in Budget 2021. — Thomas Gould. [31493/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation from Budget 2021 for delivery of community action on alcohol; and when this funding will be made available. — Thomas Gould. [31494/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 18 September 2020, the status of same. — Thomas Gould. [31495/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the length of stay per residential treatment episode under the allocation of 150 residential treatment episodes in Budget 2021. — Thomas Gould. [31496/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation given to addressing problem gambling in Budget 2021. — Thomas Gould. [31497/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the €15 million allocation for homeless persons and those in active addiction during Covid-19 will be allocated. — Thomas Gould. [31498/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health if inclusion health refers to a pilot programme in St. James's Hospital; and if the intention is for a national roll out of this programme. — Thomas Gould. [31499/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the full allocation to inclusion health; and the proportion of this from the €10 million additional funding announced for the National Drugs Strategy. — Thomas Gould. [31500/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to reduce the maximum amount paid monthly on the drug payment scheme from €124 to €114 on 1 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [31506/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health when a respite service (details supplied) will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31510/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the reason medical graduates from India are unable to register in Ireland as general practitioners even if they have completed the required registration exams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31511/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of recurring fully funded and staffed inpatient, acc, amu and day case beds for each at year end in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and estimated for 2020 and projected at year end 2021, in tabular form assuming full implementation of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31523/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed and available, disaggregated by temporary and recurring funded, inpatient, acc, amu and day case beds, for each at year end 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and estimated for 2020 and projected at year end 2021, in tabular form assuming full implementation of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31524/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed and available inpatient, amu, acc and day case beds in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and for each month up to September 2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31525/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recurring funded and temporary inpatient, amu, acc and day case beds in the public system on the first day of the month, disaggregated by type and funding, for each month in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and for each month up to September

2020, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31526/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the classifications and typologies of beds in acute hospitals and their interchangeable terms such as acute, inpatient, sub-acute and day case which may be used from time to time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31527/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health when a hospital appointment will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31529/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health when the FreeStyle Libre device will be available to adult diabetics to assist in the management and control of their illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31532/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of audiologists working in Limerick University Hospital in 2019 and to date in 2020; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [31536/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on the orthodontic assessment waiting list in County Galway; the current wait time for assessment; the number of patients on the orthodontic treatment waiting list; the current wait time for orthodontic treatment; if there are unfilled clinical positions; the plans in place to reduce the treatment waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31541/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the under 8s general practitioner card that was to be rolled out after Budget 2020; and if he will extend it to those under 12 years of age. — Sean Sherlock. [31545/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an organisation (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [31546/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health if the reference to the €1 million for taskforces from Budget 2021 is funding allocated from the three year strategic health initiatives that are already underway or if this is a new additional and separate allocation. — Thomas Gould. [31549/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide additional advice on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31562/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for Covid-19 care at Citywest, County Dublin. — Emer Higgins. [31563/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding from the mental health budget which has been withheld from the HSE by his Department in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31564/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the areas in which the €12 million allocated for existing mental health services in Budget 2021 will be spent; and the reserves in place if this funding is not sufficient to meet the demand. — Mark Ward. [31565/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2020 mental health budget was released to his Department; the amount which has not been released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31566/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the recommendations in Sharing the Vision which will be financed by the €23 million allocated for this purpose in Budget 2020. — Mark Ward. [31567/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health if a guarantee will be given that the mental health services day centre at St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny, County Donegal will reopen when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31579/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance calls by county in which the ambulance had to leave their county base; the county the ambulance travelled to; and the time involved for such calls in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [31580/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update the regional respite services provided by an organisation (details supplied) and increase service hours to the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31589/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to provide ASIST suicide awareness training to 12,000 sports clubs on the basis of 10, 20, 30 and 40 persons per club; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31591/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to provide SafeTalk suicide prevention training to 12,000 sports clubs on the basis of 10, 20, 30 and 40 persons per club; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31592/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to provide SafeTalk suicide prevention training to 430,000 volunteers, coaches and extended staff in sports organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31593/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to provide ASIST suicide training to 430,000 volunteers, coaches and extended staff in sports organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31594/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to design an applied intervention mental health workshop to be delivered to coaches, volunteers and extended staff in the sports sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31599/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to develop an e-learning mental health workshop to be delivered to coaches, volunteers and extended staff in the sports sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31600/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to develop a mental health coach education module to be delivered to coaches, volunteers and extended staff in the sports sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31601/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the disruption caused by the provision of disability services for an organisation (details supplied) which faces a legacy debt; and if his Department could develop an agreed service development plan sensitive to their

service users to get them through this difficult period which is modified according to the prevailing Covid-19 level. — Richard Bruton. [29794/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to examine the regulations and legislation that apply to cannabis use for medical conditions and palliative care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [31608/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the status of operations and activity at Mallow General Hospital for June, July, August, September and October to date. — Sean Sherlock. [31616/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for all children for speech and language therapy by CHO in tabular form; and the length of time the age group is waiting. — Sean Sherlock. [31617/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the availability of ambulance services in the Inishowen peninsula, County Donegal on a 24/7 basis. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31624/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency calls to date in 2020 from residents of the Inishowen peninsula, County Donegal requesting an ambulance that could not be served with an ambulance due to the fact none were available or the closest ambulance was too far away at that time. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31625/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be receiving speech and language therapy. — Kathleen Funchion. [31629/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for occupational therapy. — Kathleen Funchion. [31630/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the status of operations for a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [31634/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure to be followed when a teenager consistently presents at an accident and emergency department with headaches; and if a MRI scan is offered as standard procedure. — Kathleen Funchion. [31635/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech and language therapists available for both assessments and follow-up appointments for children in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; the wait time for assessments; the wait time for follow-up services; and the number of each type of therapist that have been reassigned to contact tracing for Covid-19. — Kathleen Funchion. [31638/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ICU beds free in hospitals in County Cork; and if measures are being implemented to ensure ICU beds are free for non-Covid-19 emergencies. — Sean Sherlock. [31643/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date toward increasing the frequency of nursing home inspections as recommended in the Nursing Homes Expert Panel report which recommended the immediate increase from the base of 22 inspectors overseeing 576 facilities with a visit frequency of 18 months; the action that is planned; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31648/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health when funding to support the delivery of community action on alcohol announced in Budget 2021 will be made available; the way the funding will be distributed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31649/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding that has been provided to his Department's drug and alcohol strategy Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery: A health-led response to drug and alcohol use in Ireland 2017-2025 since its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31650/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health when the income eligibility levels for qualification for a medical card for those over 70 years of age will be increased as was provided for in legislation passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas in July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31655/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded inpatient acute beds in the public system at the end of 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31679/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the number of baseline inpatient acute beds in the public system at the end of 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and projected for the end of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31680/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed in-patient acute beds operational and available in the public system on the first day of the month for each month in 2019 and for each month up to September 2020 by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31681/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment of a child psychologist for CAMHS Wexford; if there are applicants for the position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31690/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contact tracers currently assigned to County Wexford; the average number of contacts reached on a daily basis in the county through the tracing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31691/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contact tracers assigned nationally; the average number of contacts reached on a daily basis in Ireland through the tracing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31692/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the hours of contact tracing currently being operated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31693/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to introducing drive-in Covid-19 test centres in which persons with symptoms can present without a general practitioner referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31694/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to introduce rapid testing regimes at airports, ports, hospitals, nursing homes and schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31695/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of confirmed Covid-19 cases in County Wexford for September and October 2020, by cases displaying symptoms and cases not displaying symptoms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31696/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the number of close contacts tested for Covid-19 through the tracing system in County Wexford for September and October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [31697/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the Obesity Policy Implementation Oversight Group has met to date in 2020; the work programme for the group for the remainder of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31703/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health when the progress report on A Healthy Weight for Ireland, the Obesity Policy and Action Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31704/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the evaluation of A Healthy Weight for Ireland, the Obesity Policy and Action Plan that is being prepared by the Health Research Board Centre for Diet and Health Research, University College Cork; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31705/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the stage of implementation for each of the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Health Report on Foetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome, May 2018. — David Cullinane. [31707/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the acute and community hospitals which have dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31738/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31739/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will access a doctor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [31757/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on advertising including social media, broadcast, publications, online advertising, consultancy and production costs for the Be on Call for Ireland campaign. — Peadar Tóibín. [31765/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants by specialist posts that are vacant in each hospital of RCSI Hospital Group as of 9 October 2020; the length of time each post has been vacant; and the position regarding the filling of each consultant post in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [31767/20]

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

*773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which increased funding for the BEEP scheme will be provided in view of the fact that the scheme is oversubscribed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31039/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay with payments of the farming TAMS scheme payments; when the funds needed for these payments will be released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31099/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is funding available for the maintenance of an oak plantation that is 150 years old and has significant environmental benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31004/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will be made on a forestry application lodged by a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; the reason for the delay in making a decision on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31005/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a grant will be made available to farmers for solar panels to slated farm buildings; if these farmers will be paid for contributing to the national grid in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31023/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a national food ombudsman as per the commitment in the Programme for Government (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31027/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if grant aid will be provided for low emission slurry spreaders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31028/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider the introduction of a farm safety scheme with increased funding for health and safety equipment under TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31030/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of sows in the intensive pig sector here that die prematurely or have to be put down prematurely due to sickness or other causes. — Joe O'Brien. [31032/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason sows are prematurely euthanised; and the percentage for each reason stated. — Joe O'Brien. [31033/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason sows die prematurely; if statistical data is recorded and kept by his Department on these premature deaths; and the measures being put in place to prevent premature death in sows in the intensive system. — Joe O'Brien. [31034/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department plans to take during the lifetime of this Government to reduce the emissions from the intensive pig industry; and if he will provide financial and other supports to assist and enable existing piggeries to convert to an extensive system of pig production in view of the overall policy to reduce CO2 emissions. — Joe O'Brien. [31035/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a local authority applied for funding (details supplied) in 2018, 2019 or to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [31038/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will support the call for €30 per ewe for the sheep welfare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31040/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a new GLAS scheme (details supplied) in view of the fact that many farmers that were not already in the scheme cannot now get access to new REPS scheme for at least a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [31100/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a foreshore licence application by a person (details supplied); and the expected timeframe for a decision. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31141/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31203/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a late BEEP application will be accepted from a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31235/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a system in place to commence providing beef market price transparency data and information from January 2021 onwards; the way in which such a system operates; the various headings under which data will be provided; the timeframe this information will be submitted to the commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [31296/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the case of a BEEP appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31317/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when preparations will begin on a new Common Agricultural Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31440/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the PGI application for grass fed Irish beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31441/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will delay the decision to change nitrate regulations to allow farmers to adjust to the proposed changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31444/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the approval for protected geographical indication status for natural Irish beef submitted by a group (details supplied); when it is estimated that a decision will be made on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31458/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking as a result of the High Court ruling that overturned Policy Directive 1 of 2019 which banned over 18 metre vessels fishing inside the six mile limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31463/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are legislative or policy definitions for the minimum mesh size of netting relating to fishing sprat; if there are technical measures or restrictions on the nets that can be used in the context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31464/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the role of the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority in ensuring compliance with regulations concerning the minimum mesh size of nets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31465/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the need to re-establish the Irish Wool Council to address a series of matters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31501/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that inadvertently lost out on an ANC payment in the past five years as they did not tick the ANC box on their SPS application form; the number that appealed this to his Department; the number that appealed this to the Agriculture Appeals Office; the percentage of each of the respective appeals which were successful; his plans to improve the application process in order that the ANC question is more readily apparent; if the SPS application form has been assessed in terms of plain English; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31503/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of portal inspectors and plant health inspectors recruited by his Department in each of the past three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [31537/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the inordinate delay in processing freehold title queries relating to the Land Commission within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [31542/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the condition of Cleandra Pier in Ardgroom, County Cork; if there are plans to fund remedial works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31587/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will seek to incentivise as best as possible, the use of traditional and more environmentally friendly grass types such as cocksfoot, timothy and sweet vernal grass on farms (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [31618/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to consult with an association (details supplied) on the negative impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had in relation to agricultural events; and if the introduction of supports for these organisations will be considered. — Sean Sherlock. [31619/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the hindrance that the Covid-19 pandemic has caused to the promotion of native livestock breeds some of which are classified as endangered horticulture and food produce such as fruit and vegetables due to the cancellation of agricultural shows; and if he will consider the facilitation of such events in 2021 on the basis that they are conducted in a way that are, as best as possible, in compliance with Covid-19 guidelines, even if that means a change in format such as hosting events over a period of several days. — Sean Sherlock. [31620/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the systems in place to monitor landings of sprat to assess if the catch is clean in line with landing declarations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31729/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the beef taskforce; the number of times the taskforce has met to date; the reports completed to date by same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31730/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces assigned to his Department in percentage and absolute terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31731/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a 2019 area of natural constraints scheme overpayment will be reviewed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31756/20]

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

*812. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding streams are available to a group (details supplied) to keep a centre open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30934/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be provided to allow for a full-time staff member to be employed at a community centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30955/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans for local development companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31104/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress in relation to the provision of wastewater infrastructure for unsewered villages using the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund of the National Development Plan in conjunction with Irish Water (details supplied); the Departments and State agencies which will be involved in the delivery of this proposed new scheme to provide wastewater infrastructure to unsewered villages; the Department or State agency which will take the lead in the provision of these vital schemes; if funding has been ring-fenced to facilitate such projects; when it will be open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [31121/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of digital hubs opened in 2020, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31447/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which the €5 million in the budget for town and village hubs will be deployed to assist 2020 students participate in third-level education remotely. — Holly Cairns. [31771/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 1481 of 8 September 2020, the status of an appeal for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30944/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the Athy Food Hub; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [31443/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will grant farmers entry into the walks scheme for a green light for the Bantry activeway as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [31491/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an appeal application following the decision to refuse a centre (details supplied) funding under the Covid-19 stability fund scheme; the status of this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [31582/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied) under the Covid-19 Stability Fund 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31646/20]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 2020**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent correspondences with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. — Paul Murphy. [31332/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the decision to delay the Census. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31753/20]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department’s Housing, Infrastructure and Digital Unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31755/20]