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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33560/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Council. — Mick Barry. [35072/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the European Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35167/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Covid-19 will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33561/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Covid-19 will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33231/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the consultation his Department undertook in preparing the list of essential retail outlets it published on 14 October 2020 and updated on 23 October 2020. — Paul Murphy. [33424/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Covid-19 last met. — Alan Kelly. [35003/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Covid-19 will next meet. — Mick Barry. [35073/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he has had recent communications with the US Ambassador to Ireland; and if so, if he will report on those communications. — Paul Murphy. [33426/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he has had recent communications with the US Ambassador to Ireland; and if so, if he will report on those communications. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35168/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the data protection unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33883/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if a review has been conducted relating to the security of documents within his Department in view of the controversy surrounding the sending of a document to the head of a union (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [34745/20]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the data protection unit in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [35004/20]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the data protection unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35169/20]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with church leaders. — Alan Kelly. [33888/20]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with a group (details supplied); and the reason the approach to religious services here during the Covid-19 pandemic is different to the approach adopted in most other European countries. — Peadar Tóibín. [34744/20]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with church leaders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35422/20]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34837/20]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Health is next due to meet. — Alan Kelly. [35005/20]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Mick Barry. [35074/20]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35424/20]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Education is next due to meet. — Alan Kelly. [35140/20]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the decision to delay the census. — Mary Lou McDonald. [31753/20]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department on Census 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33230/20]

25. To ask the Taoiseach the number of small to medium enterprises that have ceased trading here as a result of the pandemic lockdown to date; and the estimated number that will have closed by the end of 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [34717/20]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the decision to delay the Census to 2022. — Alan Kelly. [35141/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many content moderators for social media platforms are being subject

to serious psychological damage and injury due to being exposed to explicit content during the course of their work; and if his Department will engage with workers and social media platforms to address this situation as the practice is causing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, amongst other psychological damage, to many workers exposed to such explicit content. — Louise O'Reilly. [34902/20]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 61 of 15 October 2020, the steps he is taking to replace the job losses in Ballinasloe, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35059/20]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if legislation will be brought forward to ensure workers have a legal right to remote working following on from the publication of guidance for working remotely by his Department. — Louise O'Reilly. [34903/20]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if grant aid will be provided to livestock marts to update equipment and to assist with online costs; and if so, if the grant scheme will be changed in order that marts with a turnover of €5 million will be eligible to access funding in view of the fact profit is minimal. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34560/20]

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

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to secure alternative employment opportunities to the former workforce at a company (details supplied) which closed in 2020. — Matt Carthy. [34994/20]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of Brexit preparations by his Department particularly for businesses in the Border region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35153/20]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of his Department's Brexit preparations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [35044/20]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the requests he has received in the past 12 months from his Ministerial colleagues to carry out a market study under section 10(4) of the Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35118/20]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will actively promote shopping locally to retain money in local economies and sustain them during this very difficult period. — Brian Stanley. [34935/20]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the sale of seasonal goods such as seasonal or religious decorations for Christmas; if it will be ensured such items shall be deemed as essential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [34976/20]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has had discussions with business representative groups since the move to level 5 in the Living with Covid-19 Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [35037/20]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will promote through Enterprise Ireland and other State funded bodies the need to strengthen the connections and interdependence between local businesses. — Brian Stanley. [34936/20]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the recoupment schedule for local authorities to receive in full moneys paid out under the restart and restart plus grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [35039/20]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if extra supports are being provided to businesses in Border counties in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35047/20]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the best way in which to attract further foreign direct investment jobs for County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34933/20]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the discussions his officials have had with IDA Ireland with regard to the development of data centres in line with the policy of locating them in areas with grid capacity and only in cases in which there is an employment dividend associated with their development; if an evaluation has been conducted by his Department of the estimated impact of all 55 current data centres and the over 30 planned data centres on the cost of electricity to other commercial and industrial users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34991/20]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he remains satisfied that the Covid-19 related supports provided are adequately addressing the negative aspects of Covid-19 on the economy and its ability to recover in the short to medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35094/20]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his engagement with the liquidators appointed to a company (details supplied); his plans to ensure the workers currently in dispute with the company will receive a just redundancy package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35083/20]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to support the food processing industry post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [34985/20]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Budget 2021 has provided further support for local enterprise offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [35041/20]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the plans he has to fulfil the commitment in the Programme for Government of building County Cork as a viable alternative to Dublin and bringing more employment to the city. — Thomas Gould. [35077/20]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will be bringing forward legislation to ensure workers have a right to disconnect from their work outside of office and work hours further to the publication of Guidance for Working Remotely by his Department. — Louise O'Reilly. [34917/20]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the support he is providing for digital hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [34986/20]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the preparations that have been made to protect Irish businesses in the case that there is no agreement on Brexit between the EU and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34993/20]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide grants and supports to the self-employed and sole traders that work as taxi drivers that continue to have work related overheads despite having little or no work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35170/20]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if research has been carried out or is planned on the comparative effects of different levels of lockdown has had on small businesses and microenterprises. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [35098/20]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the discussions his officials have had with IDA Ireland with regard to the development of data centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34990/20]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement he has had with pharmaceutical and healthcare companies in the context of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35052/20]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if investment in County Meath through IDA sponsored enterprises will be increased ensuring more IDA backed investor visits to the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34984/20]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of each of the funding supports available to small and medium businesses and enterprises; and the amount each fund has drawn down to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [34716/20]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for creating jobs in County Clare in view of the recent job losses in the county due to plants such as a company (details supplied) closing and recent redundancies in some State bodies particularly in the west of the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35179/20]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the national SME growth plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35116/20]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of his plans for the resolution of an industrial dispute (details supplied) in view of the recent breakdown in talks at the Workplace Relations Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35114/20]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the industrial relations dispute between assisted driving instructors and the Road Safety Authority over the failure to allow the use of toilet and waiting facilities when learner drivers are undertaking their driving test; and if he will engage with the trade union (details supplied) of the instructors in order to find a resolution to this industrial relations matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34918/20]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress in providing a right to sick pay to workers in the context of the pandemic. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [35096/20]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports that have been provided to businesses impacted by recent flooding in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35051/20]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to implement the Government Statement on the Role of Data Centres in Ireland's Enterprise Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34987/20]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the convening of a multi-stakeholder forum on the issues regarding employee's rights in the cases of liquidation of companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [35070/20]

65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a consumer-focused gift voucher guarantee scheme will be introduced in order to provide a degree of consumer confidence ahead of the Christmas shopping period and into 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [34641/20]

66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the restart plus grant will be expanded for marine based activity providers that do not pay rates but pay harbour and mooring fees to Cork County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35061/20]

67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he remains satisfied that Ireland's export market will continue to be accessible in the immediate aftermath of Brexit; if particular or specific challenges have been identified as potential major obstacles for Irish exporters and importers; if contingency measures have been fully decided upon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35095/20]

68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the expedited review by the Company Law Review Group on whether the legal provisions surrounding collective redundancies and the liquidation of companies effectively protect the rights of workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35113/20]

69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications received by the Microfinance Ireland Covid-19 loan scheme from businesses in County

Galway; the number and value of such loans approved for businesses in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35115/20]

70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to support the food processing industry post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [35056/20]

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the pressure that a number of small businesses are under from their landlords during the current restrictions; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that many of these businesses are concerned for their future as they are being faced with rent bills even though their businesses are shut; his plans to provide assistance for these businesses to pay their rents; if he has been contacted by small businesses with similar concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [35106/20]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the requests that he has made under section 10(4) of the Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014 to request the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to carry out a market study in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35117/20]

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the efforts his Department in conjunction with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland are making to attract new companies to County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [34719/20]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a public policy on remote working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34652/20]

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the further engagement his Department has had with the workers of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35042/20]

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA visits to counties Meath and Westmeath, respectively over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [35064/20]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the efforts that can be made to ensure that online marketing campaigns targeting consumers to support local business are actually delivering business to Irish local business. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [35100/20]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA site visits for County Carlow in each quarter of 2020 to date; the percentage of visits in the county as a percentage of the number of visits nationally in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [34718/20]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of take-up of Brexit support schemes by enterprises in County Cork; if he is satisfied with the current level of readiness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35134/20]

80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide additional supports to local pubs in recognition of the additional challenges faced during level 5 restrictions. — Matt Carthy. [34995/20]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the innovations he plans for the upcoming statement of strategy of his Department. — Richard Bruton. [34554/20]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will put in place the necessary supports to keep small to medium enterprises open. — Peadar Tóibín. [34717/20]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of inspections by the HSA of meat plants since level 5 Covid-19 restrictions were put in place; the measures taken to ensure the safety of workers in this sector and that there is no renewed outbreak or clusters in the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35082/20]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the additional incentives the IDA has in place to encourage foreign direct investment outside Dublin and adjacent counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35054/20]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the work being carried out by his Department during the current level 5 restrictions to better equip sectors under his guidance to be resilient in the face of any future resurgence of Covid-19 cases in order that they can remain open safely in the face of a step-up in restrictions on social interaction. — Richard Bruton. [34555/20]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his assessment on the preparedness of Irish businesses for the end of the Brexit transition period on 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34983/20]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that for many businesses a level 3 restrictions are as financially detrimental as at level 5 restriction; his plans to protect small businesses and microenterprises in 2021 from the strategy of ongoing lifting and imposition of restrictions; and the research carried out or planned by his or another Department or agency on quantifying and segmenting the future risk to enterprises posed by continued intermittent restrictions in 2021. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [35099/20]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the deal offered in relation to a company (details supplied); and if he will intervene given this clear indication that the liquidator is unwilling to enter negotiations in good faith. — Thomas Gould. [35076/20]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of his engagement with unions on the introduction of a statutory sick pay scheme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35177/20]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason to date the Health and Safety Authority has only carried out two Return to Work Safely Protocol inspections in educational facilities. — Louise O'Reilly. [34919/20]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures in place to ensure that companies availing of Covid-19 subsidies and schemes are using the funds to protect the income and rights of their employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [35071/20]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will engage with the liquidators of a company (details supplied) to encourage them to negotiate a mutually agreed settlement with the workers given the recent failure of the liquidator to engage in a commensurate reciprocal approach with the workers and their trade union. — Louise O'Reilly. [34916/20]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the provisions which will be made available to ensure pubs, restaurants and nightclubs will be able to survive in the likely scenario that they will not be able to open over the Christmas period. — Gary Gannon. [35130/20]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports in place for casual traders that pay a casual trading fee and remain closed due to restrictions to ensure they have a business to reopen once restrictions are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35121/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

95. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the concerns and suggestions brought forward by stakeholders and experts at the pre-legislative scrutiny meetings on the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action; his plans to amend the bill to take account of these concerns and suggestions to strengthen the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35129/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the response by Ireland to the withdrawal of the United States of America from the Paris Climate Agreement; the impact the withdrawal will have on obligations of Ireland under the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35326/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the rolling out of green infrastructure including smart meters, EV charging points and home retrofitting have been subject to a human rights and equality impact assessment as required under section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35127/20]

98. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the warmer homes scheme and its effectiveness in view of the fact there is a two year delay in SEAI inspectors visiting homes approved by the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35282/20]

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

99. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan in County Cork. — Michael Moynihan. [35090/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of plans to develop efficiency standards of data centres as outlined in the Programme for Government under the heading Regulation Driving Climate Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35068/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which his Department defines the concept of just transition; and the information on which the definition is based. — Holly Cairns. [35120/20]

102. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of his plans to support the development of infrastructure for electric vehicles. — James O'Connor. [35091/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if additional funding is being made available through the landfill remediation programme at the landfill site at Kerdiffstown, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35102/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if supports will be put in place for the post office network in view of the significant financial challenges facing the network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34562/20]

105. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address the broadband deficit in the areas of east County Kildare particularly Eadestown, Rathmore and Killeel in view of an increasing population density, a high concentration of persons working and studying from home and little progress to date on rolling out fibre infrastructure to the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35101/20]

106. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to make a policy statement on fossil fuel infrastructure development here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35008/20]

107. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the innovations he plans for the upcoming statement of strategy of his Department. — Richard Bruton. [34558/20]

108. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of and position regarding energy upgrades as part of the better energy warmer homes scheme planned for 2020 due to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35175/20]

109. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the plans of the ESB in relation to the power plants in Lanesboro and Shannonbridge (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [34998/20]

110. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied with the reliance on technological fixes for carbon removal in the climate action Bill; the division of labour he anticipates between same and emissions reductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35109/20]

111. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the discussions he has had regarding the European green deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34997/20]

112. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status work within his Department to identify land and facilities which could be of interest for alternative green enterprises in the midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [27381/20]

113. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a scheme will be put in place to support SMEs to install car charging points for customers and employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35126/20]

114. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the Digital Hub, Dublin 8 in view of the fact that for nearly ten years the official policy of Government has been to introduce legislation to transfer its operation and functions to Dublin City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30087/20]

115. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when he will publish the clean air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34523/20]

116. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the plans his Department has to engage with communities along the route of the proposed north-south interconnector in counties Monaghan, Cavan and Meath; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is strong and widespread opposition in these communities to the proposal to put the transmission cables overground in the event of the project proceeding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35078/20]

117. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he will take to ensure the provision of high-speed broadband connection in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [35133/20]

118. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to bring forward investments for accelerated delivery in the context of the National Economic Plan. — Richard Bruton. [34559/20]

119. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the written policy statement against fracked gas imports as promised in the Programme for Government will include a ban on fracked gas via the interconnector from Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35009/20]

120. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the additional skilled employment which will be required through the upscaling of retrofitting in Budget 2021; if he is satisfied that the workforce currently available is sufficient to meet the scale of retrofitting planned; and if he will engage with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation

and Science with a view to the provision of additional apprenticeships and training places in the midlands to support this increased ambition. — Barry Cowen. [35084/20]

121. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in County Cork; the areas which will be connected first within the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34561/20]

122. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will amend the climate action Bill to include sanctions or consequences for missing five-year climate targets. — Bríd Smith. [35108/20]

123. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to ensure the climate action Bill is compatible with a just transition and environmental justice. — Bríd Smith. [35110/20]

124. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans in place to control the carbon output of large corporations. — Thomas Gould. [35081/20]

125. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he and his Department are progressing climate change issues with particular reference to the reduction of carbon emissions and the development of the alternative energy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35092/20]

126. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the analysis which has been undertaken in relation to the sustainability of sourcing rare earth materials for electric vehicle battery technology; the way in which resource and environmental implications of the transition to green energy, including electric vehicles, have been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35137/20]

127. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to legislate to cease the issuing of new licences for the exploration and extraction of oil and gas as promised in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35025/20]

128. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the evidence given by a person (details supplied) to the Joint Committee on Climate Action that a significant and sustained reduction in methane will have a greater impact in helping Ireland achieve the Paris Agreement targets than a comparable reduction in CO₂. — Bríd Smith. [35111/20]

129. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for the delay in publishing the clean air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34524/20]

130. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if local authorities have highlighted issues with accessing funding for ecar charging points; if he is satisfied with the roll out of ecar charging points across the country by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35125/20]

131. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if it will be ensured housing agencies can access the national retrofitting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [35089/20]

132. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed broadband will be supplied to all households including those in cities to allow them to work from home during the Covid-19 pandemic with ease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34996/20]

133. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the policy of his Department in relation to new mining being developed in high value nature areas and in or near Natura 2000 sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35001/20]

134. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to introduce a public service obligation on mobile telecommunications providers to ensure that all areas of the country have adequate and proper mobile telephony coverage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35079/20]

135. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the development of a microgeneration scheme to incentivise persons generating their own energy. — Holly Cairns. [35119/20]

136. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his engagements to date with National Broadband Ireland regarding the feasibility of accelerating aspects of the planned roll out of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35124/20]

137. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the vote by the European Parliament to update the EU climate target for 2030, backing a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the end of the decade up from 40% currently; if legislation will be introduced here in line with this new ambition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35011/20]

138. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the national retrofitting scheme and the plan to designate a national retrofitting delivery body by the end of 2020 as outlined in the Programme for Government. — Paul McAuliffe. [35000/20]

139. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the National Broadband Plan will be prioritised in County Cork given the commitment to build County Cork as a viable alternative to Dublin. — Thomas Gould. [35080/20]

140. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan currently in terms of connectivity in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [33976/20]

141. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to vindicate the European Pillar of Social Rights in the creation of its just transition plan for the midlands as part of the just transition mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35010/20]

142. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for changes to the various SEAI schemes and grants available to private homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34999/20]

143. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the policy statement on the importation of fracked gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35067/20]

144. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has carried out a study on the environmental benefits of undergrounding the north-south interconnector as opposed to over grounding same. — Peadar Tóibín. [34743/20]

145. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of broadband in County Clare; and if he will ensure connectivity in rural areas of the county. — Cathal Crowe. [33975/20]

146. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he continues to explore the development of biofuels and the reduction of carbon emissions in line with previously identified targets and at the same time ensuring the protection of the highly productive and carbon-efficient beef and dairy sectors which continue to be of major benefit to the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35093/20]

147. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will urgently consider providing marts with wireless broadband under the National Broadband Plan. — Matt Carthy. [34176/20]

148. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of and position regarding state aid complaints lodged to the European Commission and the impact this might have on the roll out of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35176/20]

149. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the policy of his Department in relation to the roll-out of 5G telecommunications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35002/20]

150. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a report (details supplied); when it is intended to implement the recommendations of the report; the engagement he has had with an organisation in relation to the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35138/20]

151. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the additional funding announced for retrofitting in Budget 2021 will address the waiting list for the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35086/20]

152. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the designated national retrofitting delivery body promised in the Programme for Government by the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35065/20]

153. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will amend the climate action Bill to a binding target of net zero by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35107/20]

154. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to provide policy direction to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities to extend the moratorium on

disconnections of gas and electricity past 1 December 2020 when the current moratorium is set to lapse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35128/20]

155. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to maintain and support the post office network. — Barry Cowen. [35085/20]

156. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a report (details supplied) on the post office network which highlighted the annual projected shortfall of €17 million from 2021 onwards; his further views on the steps being taken to save the post office network; his views on the importance of the post office network to rural areas; his further views on the effect the closure of more post offices would have on the areas affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [34099/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*157. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the report on the Commission on the Future of Policing. — Neale Richmond. [34583/20]

*158. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with education will next meet. — Mick Barry. [35075/20]

*159. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the Moriarty Tribunal; when it will deliver an updated report; and when it will conclude its work. — Neasa Hourigan. [34516/20]

*160. To ask the Taoiseach if the Central Statistics Office field staff will be temporarily redeployed on a part-time basis to conduct contact tracing as they cannot undertake their contracted duties in full during the current public health restrictions. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34529/20]

*161. To ask the Taoiseach the number of freedom of information requests received by Departments in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020. — Neale Richmond. [34588/20]

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

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if self-employed persons aged 66 and over can qualify for the restart grant to ensure that there is no discrimination between such business operators on age grounds. — Richard Bruton. [34639/20]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he put in the place the option of redundancy to be made available to all employees in circumstances in which no definitive timeframe can be put in place for them to return to work on a permanent basis such as in the wet pub industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34650/20]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which he plans to increase investment and private risk capital access for domestic enterprise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [34668/20]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the recognition being given to food suppliers of restaurants cafes and bars such as meat, fish and vegetable suppliers that have little or no outlets for their produce now; the support package available for these food suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [34658/20]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has initiated the review by his Department into the provision of a statutory entitlement to domestic violence paid leave as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34684/20]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of trade or related missions to Japan since 2016 in which at least one official or Minister from his Department attended. — Catherine Murphy. [34846/20]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Enterprise Ireland plans to open a new office in Perth, Australia. — Catherine Murphy. [34847/20]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason for the decision made regarding the operation of massage therapy under level 5 restrictions; if he will engage with a representative body (details supplied) to discuss its concerns regarding these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34883/20]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the detail of the advice provided by NPHET regarding the operation of massage therapy under level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34884/20]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the Christmas tree industry and the current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35189/20]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of new investment arising from IDA sponsored enterprises in County Kildare in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35199/20]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of new investment arising from Enterprise Ireland grant aided enterprises in County Kildare in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35201/20]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Government will make a submission to the EU Commission consultation on extending state aid exemptions currently in place detailing the plans to make greater use of the flexibility that the exemptions allow. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30138/20]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will visit Ballinasloe, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34521/20]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to replace the job losses at a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34522/20]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 36 of 17 July 2020, the status of the promised review by Enterprise Ireland of the regional enterprise development fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35290/20]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacant positions in the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement as of 2 November 2020; the length of time each position has been vacant; the estimated cost of filling each of the posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35316/20]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the regulations which will be in place for winter 2020/2021 for the harvesting and selling of real Christmas trees that can adhere to social distancing and hygiene regulations while operating outdoors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [35345/20]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent of employment generating foreign direct investment in the past year; his expectations for the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35398/20]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of Covid-19-related supports to stabilise employment in the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35399/20]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of jobs created or lost in the services sector in the course of each of the past five years to date; the steps taken or in hand to ensure continued investment and job creation in the sector in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35400/20]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which Covid-19 supports have sufficiently addressed job losses in the manufacturing sector; his plans for further investment in this area in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35401/20]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he is satisfied regarding the adequacy of access to overseas markets for Irish goods and services in the aftermath of Brexit; his plans for specific or corrective measures in the event of unforeseen difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35402/20]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he plans to ensure the continued attractiveness of the economy for both indigenous and foreign direct investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35403/20]

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department have examined the manufacturing and services sectors with a view to identification of the extent to which each has suffered as a result of circumstances outside their control; his plans for specific supports or incentives in the future having particular regard to Brexit,

Covid-19 or other such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35404/20]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of job opportunities for women likely to emerge in the manufacturing or services sectors over the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35405/20]

*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which new markets for Irish manufactured goods can be or have been identified with a view to maximisation of beneficial economic impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35406/20]

*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which the processing of work permits can be expedited to ensure minimum delay in their issuing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35407/20]

*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35483/20]

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

*191. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the action and steps he will take to ensure rural communities under the National Broadband Plan or otherwise with particular reference to a person (details supplied) will be able to avail of high-speed broadband to support their needs particularly in view of the demands on many working remotely due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [34666/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the initiatives being planned to promote recycling in multi-dwelling complexes in which such options are not now available. — Richard Bruton. [34908/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if grants are available for a new roof and energy efficient works for persons refurbishing an old house in a rural area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35030/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for the introduction of a simpler application process for homeowners in accessing home energy grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35283/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a community survey (details supplied) conducted in Gormanston, County Meath regarding the lack of quality broadband in the area; the measures he is taking to improve broadband provision and quality in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [34721/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed

network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34722/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34723/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34724/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34725/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34726/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34727/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34728/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34729/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34730/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34731/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed

network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34732/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34733/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34734/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34735/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan roll out in an area (details supplied); when surveying and detailed network designs will be completed by National Broadband Ireland in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [34736/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the reason new builds are not eligible for PV panel grants in view of the fact existing houses are; his plans to review the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34773/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when high speed broadband will be provided at a location (details supplied) in County Louth; when the locality and infrastructure will be surveyed as part of the national fibre network roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [34776/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the delivery of rural broadband; and the steps he will take to accelerate this in view of the changing nature of working in rural Ireland due to Covid-19. — Sorca Clarke. [34782/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration has been given to adapting SEAI grants for buildings developed after 2006 and which do not meet current insulation requirements as prescribed in the 2003 Building Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [34937/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the process for attaining an Eircode for a newly-registered address can be streamlined. — Cathal Crowe. [34830/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the report of the Just Transition Commissioner. — Joe Flaherty. [35087/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to maintain and support the post office network in counties Longford and Westmeath. — Joe Flaherty. [35088/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the Shannon LNG has been withdrawn from the EU Projects of Common Interest List; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35156/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department is on track to facilitate allowing persons sell excess power back to the grid by June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35158/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of premises surveyed to date by county within the amber area as part of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35185/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan primarily the design phase for the fibre network in County Louth; the locations surveyed; and the percentage of area surveyed. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35186/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of schools to date connected to broadband connection points as part of the roll out of the National Broadband Plan; the number to be connected by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35187/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the plans that have been given consideration following the call from postmasters for clarity on the future of post offices; the planned actions to support the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35190/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if Laois and Kildare county councils have applied for the electric vehicle public charge point grant; the reason for the low uptake of the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35207/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the options available to families for the disposal of medical waste that is not incontinence wear (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35231/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the universal service obligation that applies to An Post in relation to the nationwide distribution and delivery of mail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [35235/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when broadband will be implemented in an area (details supplied); the plans in place to expedite broadband roll-out considering the increased numbers of persons working from home due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35242/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will review the process and guidelines for external wall insulation given that grants are being provided for same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35258/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if the National Broadband Plan will extend high-speed broadband to Portrane, County Dublin. — Louise O'Reilly. [35264/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons that applied for the SEAI grant for solar photovoltaic panels in 2019; the number that received the grant in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [35289/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the options available to local community groups that wish to have an independent assessment of noise conducted particularly as it might relate to industrial noise pollution; if the EPA or other authorities can assist with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35305/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the progress in delivering on the Programme for Government commitment to publish a national clean air strategy and to develop a regional approach to air quality and noise enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35306/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the National Broadband Plan mapping exercise for the intervention area performed by a company (details supplied); if his Department has carried out an analysis of the new network being deployed by a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35317/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when persons in an area (details supplied) can expect to access fibre broadband as part of the National Broadband Plan; the specific steps he plans to take to honour the commitment in the Programme for Government to accelerate the roll-out of broadband in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35337/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the steps being taken to assess and develop the capacity to construct and support marine based renewable energy projects here with regard to the required harbour and associated facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35338/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the harbours that are considered suitable or relevant to the development of marine resources along the west coast of Ireland in view of the fact that the area is being viewed as an area that may be suitable for the development of marine renewables; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35339/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will direct the GSI using the data collected to date, to produce a flood risk map for Funshinagh, County Roscommon in the year 2025 based on average rainfall levels over the past five years and on average rates of drainage in view of the fact this turlough has now effectively converted into a permanent lake without an outlet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35383/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which alternative non-fossil energy currently fuels electricity generation in Ireland; his plans for the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35408/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the steps taken to achieve emission reduction targets to date; the extent to which he can minimise the impact in food production related employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35409/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he has had discussions with employer or employee groups with a view to achieving reduced commuter traffic and thereby helping to achieve carbon reduction targets without loss of employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35411/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which Ireland compares with each other member state of the European Union in meeting carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35412/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the provision of broadband is progressing and in such a way as to enhance the competitiveness of the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35413/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which broadband continues to be made available throughout County Kildare with a view to facilitating working from home or from digital hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35414/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which high-speed broadband continues to be made available throughout the country including County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35415/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent of development and research in biofuels with a view to utilisation as a replacement for fossil fuels in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35416/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which waste continues to be disposed of by way of recycling, landfill or incineration throughout the country; the most favoured means of such disposal at present; his plans for the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35417/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a means can be found to incentivise a reduction in the use of non-biodegradable plastic wrappings and containers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35418/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which reliance on landfill waste disposal facilities continues to be monitored with particular reference to the utilisation of best practice in terms of reduce, reuse and recycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35419/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35484/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to permit an exemption to the requirement for planning permission to facilitate the construction of a testing centre for Covid-19 at or in the

vicinity of Dublin Airport which has been proposed to be managed by the DAA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35352/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has considered establishing a Covid-19 test centre to facilitate pre-departure testing for airline passengers or testing upon arrival into the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35354/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) whose driver theory test has been cancelled due to Covid-19 level 5 restrictions has had it put back 13 weeks to the next available slot instead of moving all appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34578/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the policy for advertisements on public transport and public transport infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34619/20]

*254. 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. [34628/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport if persons that had appointments to take the driver theory and or practical tests cancelled due to the move to level 5 Covid-19 restrictions will have their appointments rescheduled to take place as soon as the restrictions are lifted; if they will be reassigned available dates towards the end of the queue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34634/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the concerns raised by the recent decision by Bus Éireann to withdraw some of its services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34648/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be additional buses or trains added to the existing timetables during the current round of level 5 restrictions to account for the reduction to 25% of capacity and the impact this is having on commuting workers that are unable to access public transport; the number of additional services provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34671/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Transport the costs of closure and replacement of the six level crossings on the Maynooth line proposed in the DART plus west proposals; the costs on a comparative basis of retaining automated level crossings following resignalling to facilitate electrified rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34673/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Transport his EU counterparts that he has spoken formally with since his appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34703/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason persons living here with UK driver licences will not be able to exchange their current driver license for an Irish driver licence after 31 December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34756/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Transport if persons here with British Commonwealth driver licences will be able to exchange their current driver license for an Irish driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34757/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34767/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Transport when the CIÉ Annual Report for 2019 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34768/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus driver licence renewal appointment can be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [34789/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Transport if his officials engaged with the employee unions at locations (details supplied); if so, when the meetings took place; when his officials next meet with the staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [34824/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Transport if an application has been received for funding to ensure sites (details supplied) will remain open beyond 31 December 2020; and if so, if the application includes funding for the two sites that have remained closed since March 2020. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [34825/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the review by his Department into a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [34826/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 54 on 13 October 2020, the breakdown of funding allocated to each LocalLink route in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34864/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Transport when the waiting times for a driver theory test in Cork city and county will be reduced in view of the fact that young drivers that were due to sit their tests in November 2020 (details supplied) now have to wait seven months to sit the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34872/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce the waiting times for driver theory tests in Cork city and county as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34873/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide for a continuation of MetroLink to south west County Dublin; and if the Metro to Knocklyon Feasibility Study will be amended to include areas beyond that locality in order to future proof the line. — Catherine Murphy. [34881/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Transport if a public consultation will be opened in respect of the Metro to Knocklyon Feasibility Study. — Catherine Murphy. [34882/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding driver licence appointments for those seeking to exchange their UK driver licence in exchange for an Irish driver licence before Brexit as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [34909/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional buses will be introduced on routes to match normal capacity in view of the Covid-19 restrictions in place in Dublin Bus and a company (details supplied) that have reduced their capacity to 25%. — Paul Donnelly. [34925/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are specific guidelines for those wishing to travel back to Ireland for Christmas. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35154/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with a driver theory test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35184/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which counties Kildare and Laois will benefit from the expanded local bus service detailed in and funded by the July Stimulus Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35208/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if public transport providers, such as Dublin Bus, Iarnród Éireann, DART, Luas and LocalLink, will increase services for students travelling to and from school in order to facilitate social distancing for school children on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35213/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 801 of 27 May 2020, the number of US troops and the quantity of weapons and munitions that have passed through Shannon Airport in each of the months May to October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35232/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to continue the practice of providing exemptions under the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order for US military contracted plans to take weapons through Shannon and Irish airspace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35233/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding entitlement to compensation with regard to driver theory tests which have had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 in which these cancellations happen within five days of the scheduled theory test as provided for on the theory test website; if he will reconsider the rescheduling of these cancelled theory tests in which they would be conducted at the earliest possible date when the theory tests resume rather than some eighteen weeks later as is the case in certain circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35243/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a report commissioned by his Department to consider measures to address the impacts of growing traffic levels in Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford; when the report will make recommendations on the way to manage travel demand in each city; if a final report recommending measures that should be most effective for each city outlining the impacts of introducing these measures and identifying implementation roadmaps will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [35262/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allow drivers over 70 years of age whose licences expire during the level 5 restrictions and have to renew their licences in their local National Driving Licence Service centre to reschedule their renewal appointment for when the restrictions are eased even if in cases in which their licence is expired for a short number of weeks. — Louise O'Reilly. [35263/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to facilitate persons to undertake the driver theory test online and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35279/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost of recruiting three additional engineer and ship surveyors for his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35314/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has given consideration to establishing a testing centre for Covid-19 which would be dedicated to pre-departure testing and or testing upon arrival for airline passengers travelling in and out of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35351/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing a package of financial measures for older taxi drivers wishing to exit the industry in view of the difficulties they are experiencing due to Covid-19; if they will be given compensation for transferring their taxi licences to younger taxi drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [35381/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport if a series of matters in relation to speed limits on the N71 (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35384/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35392/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35396/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport if public consultations have happened regarding the proposed Maynooth DART project; and if so, the means that were used to ensure contact has been made with persons living near the railways and the geographical extent either side of the railways by which notice was given to the surrounding populations in Dublin city. — Gary Gannon. [35442/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35492/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*293. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding carbon emission reduction strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34715/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to extending the Covid restrictions supports scheme to track bookmakers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34930/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Covid restrictions support scheme will be extended to support wholesalers that are currently excluded and whose business supplies goods or services to another business that qualifies for the support (details supplied). — James Browne. [35152/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress being made in ensuring that persons can once again access a primary medical certificate; and if his attention has been drawn to the impact that this is having on the mobility and independence for those awaiting such certificates for cars. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35397/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Finance if the increase in the carbon tax has been subject to a human rights and equality impact assessment as required under section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 with particular consideration for the vulnerability of members of the Travelling community to energy and transport poverty, particularly those living in very poor quality and or substandard housing and caravans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35172/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Finance if tailored Covid-19 support packages have been put in place to compensate on course bookmakers that maintain stands at race tracks known as seniorities (details supplied); the eligibility of such bookmakers for existing support packages in view of the fact they have been unable to trade since the advent of the pandemic due to the ban on attendance of racegoers at tracks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [34539/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Finance if a moratorium on the payment of interest will be considered in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34544/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34568/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to instances in which banks are exploiting General Data Protection Regulations to avoid identifying tracker loans (details supplied); the action he plans to take to address the issue; if he has consulted with and or been contacted by the Central Bank in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34584/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff employed by the Central Bank; the role of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34587/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Finance if the proposed changes to the retail export scheme can be postponed in view of the difficulties caused by the ongoing restrictions to small businesses that avail of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34594/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason suppliers to premises that are forced to close due to public health guidelines are not eligible for the CRSS (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34599/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of mortgage arrears by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34608/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company (details supplied) qualifies for the employment wage subsidy scheme based on the information provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34632/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of investments applied for and approved by the Revenue Commissioners since the beginning of 2015 in the EIS, SCS and SURE investment incentive schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [34667/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Finance if inbound tour operators (details supplied) will be included in the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34709/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 266 of 29 September 2020, the number of persons waiting for primary medical certificates; when the scheme will be back up and running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [34746/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to workers that have the full deposit and whose employers are availing of the EWSS and are being prevented by the banks from drawing down an already approved mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [34783/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to amending the bike to work scheme to allow more cohorts access the scheme, including the self-employed and retired persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34806/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Finance the work done to date on insurance reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34807/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 80 of 17 September 2020, the policy or legislative changes he plans to make to the Disabled Drivers Passengers (Tax Concessions) Regulations 1994 and the related primary medical certificates following the Supreme Court ruling of 18 June 2020. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34831/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost of doubling the number of dogs in the Revenue Commissioners dog unit; and his plans to expand this service in the context of Brexit. — Catherine Murphy. [34840/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Covid restriction support scheme will be amended to enable on-course bookmakers to avail of this vital support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [34910/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the Covid restrictions support scheme for sole traders and on-course bookmakers in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34913/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Finance the changes proposed to the operation of the retail export scheme; the reason for the proposed expenditure threshold of €175 impact which the UK departure from the EU will have on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [34932/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person (details supplied) will be approved for inclusion on the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [34975/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on commercial banks and mortgage lenders declining to proceed to draw down on mortgages in which approval has been given previously due to applicants being on the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [35024/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Finance if banks will be requested to reduce card charges for businesses in view of the fact the percentage of card transactions have increased dramatically since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35031/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Finance when new legislation will be ready to be published to enable new primary medical certificates to issue for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers (tax concession) scheme in view of the Supreme Court Judgement of 18 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35143/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the deadline for AVCs to company pension plans has been extended until 10 December 2020 and which can be backdated against the 2019 tax year; his views on whether a similar concession should be extended to all taxpayers in view of the fact all taxpayers have been similarly inconvenienced by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35183/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Finance the outcome of a meeting with a bank (details supplied) regarding job losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35219/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the operation of the retail export scheme from 1 January 2021 when UK visitors to the European Union will be eligible to participate in the scheme; his further views that the changes proposed in the scheme will impact on retail sales from those countries that have previously been eligible to participate in the scheme; the reason for the raised spending threshold before an entitlement to a VAT refund commences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35246/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request that the financial institutions give mortgage approval to applicants that are on the employment wage subsidy scheme and that they allow these applicants draw down the approved funds given that the scheme has now been extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [35255/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that on-course bookmakers are excluded from accessing the CRSS initiative on the basis that they do not possess a business premises; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that on-course bookmakers pay significant rents for defined pitches at race courses; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that details relating to these arrangements are in the possession of Horse Racing Ireland; if he will ensure access to the scheme for on-course bookmakers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35257/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to implement reforms in view of the increasing cost of car insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35281/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Finance if the technical details of the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme will be clarified. — Robert Troy. [35292/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to the retail export scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35328/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company can send a worker who is in receipt of the wage subsidy scheme or the employment support scheme to another EU country to work during the period they are on the scheme even in cases in which the other EU country was not their original or usual workplace in the period prior to been placed on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35433/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies on the list of companies published in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; the number of employees that while in receipt of the subsidy had their incomes topped up by the company concerned; and the amounts of these top-ups as a percentage of the employees normal weekly income. — Bríd Smith. [35434/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to seek the reimbursement of the amounts of wage subsidies given to companies in cases in which these companies return to profit by the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35435/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason numerous nursing homes have availed of the wage subsidy scheme for employees; the number of employees in the sector that were placed on the scheme; if these employees worked throughout the period in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35436/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the delay in the applications opening for the CRSS scheme; and when the CRSS scheme payments can be applied for and start being issued. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [35097/20]

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

*335. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of EU funding made available to the Northern and Western Assembly in each of the years 2013 to 2020 under the European Regional Development Funds; the purposes for which this funding was provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35145/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the planned feasibility study on the Plassey pinch point on the Shannon River has been completed; if so, when the study will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35340/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he or the Minister of State for the Office of Public Works has met with the Shannon Flood risk management coordination group in the past three months; and if not, when the meeting will take place. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35341/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the basis on which his Department has chosen to end funding for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [34609/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the findings of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [34610/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which he plans to ensure the continued availability of independent, reliable, publicly-accessible and timely information on the €14 billion non-profit sector and its work if an organisation (details supplied) ceases to operate on 31 December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [34611/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the independently-managed, comprehensive database on the non-profit sector established and maintained by an organisation (details supplied) will continue to be freely and publicly available into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [34612/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works will be requested to arrange for the removal of graffiti on the former Kill O'The Grange Garda station, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34765/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount the OPW spent on maintenance to Maynooth Castle and Castletown House in each of the years of 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and his plans for further funding of projects at these sites for 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [34845/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has consulted with public bodies such as the HSE and the Department of Health in relation to acknowledging the work of frontline healthcare workers in 2020 in the context of Covid-19. — Catherine Murphy. [34948/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 290 of 22 September 2020 and 481 of 3 November 2020, if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an embankment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35228/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the conveyancing of the River Shannon is still proceeding as agreed in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35295/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if planning permission has been sought in respect of conveyancing of the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35296/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if work on two pinch points along the River Shannon at Shannon Grove and Derryholmes will be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35297/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood relief measures for Mountmellick, County Laois; the progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35298/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of external consultants for all OPW projects both flooding and non-flooding in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35347/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35490/20]

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

*352. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration will be given to allowing Irish dancing classes resume subject to the appropriate health and safety restrictions when level 5 restrictions cease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34766/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are plans to allow restaurants that do not sell alcohol to avail of the Covid-19 adaptation fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34973/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application by a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34591/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she plans to take to assist the chauffeur drive sector which has been badly affected by the downturn in tourism numbers and in view of the fact that many are unable to avail of the various schemes such as the Covid-19 adaptation fund, the coach tourism business continuity grant and the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the sector plays a vital role in the tourism industry particularly in the west of Ireland and is an important link between various tourism services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34798/20]

*356. *Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cá mhéad airgead breise a chuirfidh a Roinn ar fáil d'Fhoras na Gaeilge don bhliain seo romhainn; an mbeidh airgead curtha ar fáil le haghaidh maoinithe, mar is ceart a dhéanamh don Scéim Pobal Gaeilge sna Bailte Seirbhíse Gaeltachta atá taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht agus do na Líonraí Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35147/20]*

*357. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will reopen the local authority swimming pool programme to new applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35204/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if persons with special needs could be allowed access to outdoor sporting facilities; if tennis, handball, basketball and golf will be deemed an essential service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35230/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is considering allowing outdoor sports facilities to open for persons that are vulnerable and in need of regular exercise including older persons, persons with disabilities and special needs and those suffering from isolation during level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35241/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is considering allowing outdoor sports facilities to open for persons that are vulnerable and in need of regular exercise including older persons, persons with disabilities and special needs and those suffering from isolation during level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35285/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the indoor sporting activities that will be permitted at level 3 and 4 when there is an easing of restrictions; if socially-distanced indoor classes can continue under levels 3 and 4; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35288/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the tradeshow and exhibition sector will qualify under the €50 million live events funding provided by her Department. — Robert Troy. [35294/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 492, 514, 517, 523, 525, 537, 544, 547, 548 and 556 of 3 November 2020, if the situation regarding music education under level 3 and 4 lockdowns will be clarified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35322/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will commission an independent investigation into the cancellation of the tender for communications from the Arts Council after four months following differing and conflicting explanations for the reason of the tender cancelled. — Gary Gannon. [35437/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to a dispute between a union (details supplied) and the Arts Council over its breaching of agreements; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that a work to rule may impact the distribution of resources to artists which the Council is established to serve; her views on the Arts Council's handling of its internal and external communications with trade unions, artists, tenderers and its staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [35438/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the reasons the Arts Council cancelled a tender after four months of processing same have been investigated; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the Arts Council has changed its reasons for cancellation; and her views on the inconsistency of the claim by the council that one tender was cancelled due to costs while it advertises another tender for HR services (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [35439/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will request that the Arts Council also does a survey on its communications with artists in addition to the survey being carried of its board and staff in relation to its communications in order that a fuller picture may be gained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [35440/20]

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

*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans on providing farmers an exemption in view of the current restrictions and the difficulty farmers have selling and

slaughtering stock which will exceed the 170kg per hectare of organic nitrogen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34528/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing projects which will make up the promised 9,500 direct build housing identified in Budget 2021 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34865/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will put on the record of Dáil Éireann the report compiled by officials in his Department in relation to co-living as reported by a newspaper (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34866/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of direct build social housing completed in 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form to include the cost of each development; the cost per unit of each and the turnaround time from planning to build; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34867/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the powers the CEOs of city and county councils have to determine whether to raise the amount of rent charged to local authority tenants; his views on whether it is a matter for councillors to decide by way of approving the budgets of the local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [35280/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a winter plan in place for 2020 in regard to flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35342/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Departmental review into co-living has concluded; if a report has been presented to him; and when he plans to publish the outcome of the review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35578/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to reintroduce the tenant purchase scheme for persons on social welfare payments (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [34553/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason persons in counties Donegal and Mayo are not entitled to 100% of costs regarding remedial work and temporary accommodation in dealing with mica in view of the fact persons with pyrite in counties Dublin, Meath, Kildare, Wicklow, Limerick and Clare are receiving 100% costs and up to €7,000 towards accommodation, removal, storage and return of furniture and so on to the dwelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34581/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has given consideration to a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [34614/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the efforts that will be made and the resourcing provided to support taking rough sleepers off the streets this winter. — Joe O'Brien. [34712/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person relinquishes all interest in a family home can they be allocated a social house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [34747/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing schemes completed under the enhanced leasing scheme by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [34777/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he will take to ensure that those that are in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment will not continue to be excluded from the social housing list given the temporary nature of the payment. — Sorca Clarke. [34781/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of requests received from Kildare County Council for the purchase of additional fire appliances in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number that were approved, pending or refused, respectively in each year. — Catherine Murphy. [34844/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of the €50,000 fund for the hen harrier local action fund in 2020 which has been allocated; the number of groups or farmers that benefited; the breakdown of funding allocated by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34920/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for updating the 2005 Planning Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; the timeline for the amendment of county development plans by local authorities to deal with the European Court of Justice ruling in the Flemish Decree case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [35013/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when payments under the turf cutting compensation scheme will be made for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35018/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual funding drawn down by Kildare County Council for regeneration projects in each of the years 2014 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35209/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities can engage in leasing arrangements for the provision of houses in respect of part 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35238/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of income eligibility by his Department for social housing supports in each local authority as part of social housing reform will be completed; and if all the criteria and decisions will be published when the report is completed. — Gino Kenny. [35273/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to reintroduce the emergency management and fire and public safety Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35315/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the emergency accommodation available in County Wexford for individual homeless women and homeless women with children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [35318/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a representation by an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35378/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 601 of 3 November 2020, if a copy of the study referenced in the reply will be provided; the reason the report has not been published to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35382/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when announcements will be made in relation to the URDF 2020 projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35386/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the powers available to local authorities to vet potential council housing tenants prior to offering them a council tenancy; the relevant legislation in place setting out the council's powers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35429/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35488/20]

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

*396. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the statement by the UK Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (details supplied) on legacy issues issued on 18 March 2020. — Patrick Costello. [34596/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans for an independent information commission for information retrieval similar to that contained in the Stormont House Agreement 2014. — Patrick Costello. [34597/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if an issue in relation to a passport renewal for a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34705/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the work of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; if his attention has been drawn to the UN Report by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in relation to the Catalan political leaders in jail and the calls for their immediate release; the discussions he has had with the EU, Spanish and UK authorities to secure the release of the Catalan public representative; the legal options available to his Department in such matters; if Ireland can bring a case to the ECHR similar to that of the Hooded Men case that Ireland brought against the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [34708/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No.158 of 15 September 2020, the date on which it was decided to suspend the contribution by Ireland to international election observation missions of the OSCE; the person that made the decision; if his attention has been drawn to details of the current OSCE election observation missions in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine that include 177 volunteer long-term election observers from 17 countries including extensive contributions from the UK and other EU member states; if he plans to make contact with the Department of Health to discuss when Ireland can recommence contributing to these and future OSCE election observation missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [34887/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the approval by the Higher Planning Council of the Israeli Civil Administration of an additional 4,948 settlement units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [34889/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the delay involved in posting out passports that have been processed by the passport office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35144/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of permits granted for military aircraft to land at Shannon Airport; the number granted to fly through Irish airspace in each of the years 2002 to 2019; the breakdown by country in each case in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35234/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will support a resolution at the United Nations General Assembly calling for the establishment of an independent tribunal of inquiry into the massacre of 30,000 political prisoners in Iran in 1988 and the need to bring to justice those responsible for the atrocity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [35249/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken to the Ambassador of New Zealand to Ireland in the past three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35309/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on any engagement he has had with the United States of America. — Alan Kelly. [35058/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35485/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*408. To ask the Minister for Defence the optimum strength level of the Permanent Defence Forces; and the current strength of same broken down by Army, Naval Service and Air Corps personnel. — John Brady. [34659/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of planning operations by the Permanent Defence Forces which had to be cancelled in the past six months due to personnel shortages. — John Brady. [34660/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent and nature of the role of members of the Permanent Defence Forces in contact tracing during the Covid-19 pandemic to date. — John Brady. [34661/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members of the Permanent Defence Forces currently serving overseas; the locations they are serving; and the mandate under which they serve. — John Brady. [34662/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of the 97% of Naval Service missions which his Department claims are unaffected by staff shortages and operational capacity that are Naval Service day patrols; and his views on variance in disruption between day patrols when compared with more substantive operations. — Peadar Tóibín. [34714/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Defence the full list of capital works projects valued at over €1.5 million in the Defence Forces that are ongoing at present; and when each capital project will be completed in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [34952/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Defence if funding will be secured for the refurbishment of Block H in McKee Barracks; when works will commence; and the estimated timeframe for completion. — Patrick Costello. [34953/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Defence if funding will be provided in 2021 for the construction of two additional berths for Naval Service vessels at the Naval Base, Haulbowline, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35310/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35481/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*417. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department facilitates the release of personal information under GDPR by persons with personal data in the archive of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse. — Holly Cairns. [34752/20]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education if a school bus ticket will be issued for a child (details supplied) whose sibling has a ticket and is on the bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35229/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress on a building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34527/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34549/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the progress in securing a site for the proposed school (details supplied) in Killester, Raheny and Clontarf, County Dublin; when construction will commence on a permanent site; and her plans to assist the school develop

enrolments in view of the fact its temporary accommodation is located entirely outside the catchment that it is intended to serve. — Richard Bruton. [34551/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34577/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if an allowance will be made for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34592/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the planned investment of €5 million in DEIS schools will be allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34603/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education the additional resources including staffing allocated to all DEIS band one schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34604/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the decision to extend the planned class size reductions to DEIS band one senior schools only and not DEIS band one junior and vertical schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34605/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education the rules of school buses (details supplied); the number of children a school bus can carry safely in Covid-19 times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34624/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the pay and working conditions of school secretaries many of whom are paid through the ancillary grants scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [34640/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the attempts by school secretaries to improve their work, pay and pension conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34649/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education when work will begin on the autism spectrum disorder unit for a school (details supplied); the timeframe for the works and expected opening date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34672/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools which have requested an additional teacher based on the availability of classrooms rather than student numbers to enable smaller classes and social distancing during between 1 May 2020 and 31 October 2020, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34760/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education if the crisis of secondary school places in Greystones district, County Wicklow (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34772/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to allocate the €5 million for DEIS schools announced in Budget 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [34778/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria which are applied to class size reduction; and the reason DEIS band one schools vertical and junior school are not included in the class size reduction. — Sorca Clarke. [34779/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education the number of DEIS band one schools per county that are expected to lose a teacher this academic year. — Sorca Clarke. [34780/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new permanent building for a school (details supplied); her views on the tender process for same; the current intended timelines for delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34792/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the space constraints faced by a school (details supplied) in future school years; if contingency planning will be required in order to accommodate future student cohorts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34793/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education if students sitting Irish in the leaving certificate in November 2020 can be accommodated with an aural and or an oral examination in order to ensure equity with students that have been assessed and provided with a calculated grade based on aural and oral proficiency; if not, if the students will be credited a 100% award for the oral portion of exams as was originally announced in March 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34795/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education the reason those sitting the November 2020 leaving certificate examinations in language subjects will not be marked on an oral component or alternatively will not receive full marks in the oral component as was announced in March 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34808/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the planned €5 million investment in DEIS schools will be allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34810/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to the lack of multi and non-denominational primary school places in Dublin 11; her plans in relation to the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34811/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education the number of discussions her officials have had with officials in Fingal County Council in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, regarding future educational needs in the Meakstown, Dublin 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34812/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for changes to the patronage competition system for new schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34813/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools which have lost a teacher in the 2020/2021 academic year. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34819/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education the number of appeals by schools to retain their staffing levels and not lose a teacher in the 2020/2021 academic year which were successful. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34820/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education if the exceptional circumstances of Covid-19 are taken into account by the board of appeals when considering appeals of a reduction of staffing levels in schools. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34821/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which the constructions works on a school (details supplied) will be completed; the estimated cost of the project; and if issues have been identified to date that will impact on the projected commissioning of the school. — Catherine Murphy. [34841/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education when schools will be provided with clear guidance on the way in which and when children with special educational needs can integrate into mainstream classes during the school day. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34868/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education if it is planned that the leaving certificate examinations will go ahead as planned in November 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34870/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education if derogations are available to allow retired teachers return to substitute teaching for the period of the Covid-19 pandemic to assist in cases in which they otherwise would not be allowed do so under the terms of their retirement agreement as in cases such as that of a teacher (details supplied); if so, if consideration will be given to introducing such derogations; and the process for applying for a derogation. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34886/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education her future plans for special educational schools and also the six reading schools; the extra resources she will provide for mainstream schools to accommodate children with more significant additional needs especially in the context of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34895/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education if an application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34896/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) HEAnet promised upgrade can be brought forward as the current service is very poor and not fit for purpose particularly during Covid-19 restrictions in which students are unable to log on to class from home if self-isolating due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [34904/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education if the bonus for completing leaving certificate exams through Irish was taken into consideration not just by teachers when providing the teachers' grades, but specifically by the algorithm as it was applied to give calculated grades to students from Gaelscoileanna. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34921/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education if a sample sanitiser from a company (details supplied) was assessed and evaluated by a team with the necessary technical competencies and cross-sectoral knowledge; the outcome of the process; and if issues were flagged with the product. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34931/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education if there are provisions being considered to supplement public transport with additional school transport particularly under level 5 restrictions which reduced capacity on public transport to the point to which it is inaccessible to many students. — Steven Matthews. [34945/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing two additional guidance counsellor positions for schools with over 950 pupils. — Patrick Costello. [34954/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [34968/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education when a new school will be built to accommodate the pupils from a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34970/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in payment to a teacher (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34972/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education the plans of her Department for either second-level school amalgamations or new second-level schools in the city of Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35146/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a teacher (details attached) will be examined who is teaching in a school in County Tipperary under the temporary teacher reassignment process since 2011 and is ineligible for inclusion on the supplementary teaching panel; the reasons for same; the reason such teachers are treated differently to other teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [35155/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a progress report on the construction of the new school buildings for a school (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [35165/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education if concerns raised at the beginning of November 2020 by many parents in Drogheda, County Louth in relation to the over subscription of a school (details supplied) will be addressed; if assistance will be provided in relation to the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35181/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35182/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary school transport ticket holders in County Kildare for each academic year since 2016 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35200/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that the period of time offered for expressions of interest with regard to patronage for a school (details supplied) is sufficient given the Covid-19 implications on communications and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35237/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education the number of expressions of interest received by her Department with regard to the recently advertised patronage for a school (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [35240/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has examined schools having a minimum radius, centred on itself, included in its catchment area (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [35268/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education if grants and funding are available for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35275/20]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works will be finished on a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35311/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works will be finished on a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35312/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made as to when a new school building will be open (details supplied); when officials from her Department were last on the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35319/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education when officials from her Department met with a company (details supplied) regarding a new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35320/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education the role of the clerk of works during the building of a new school (details supplied); if the clerk can identify issues with the school building; the stage at which issues with the school building were identified; the actions her Department has taken to address the issues since they were identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35321/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties some families are facing in accessing second-level school places for their children in Wexford town due to a shortage of spaces; her plans to deal with the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [35324/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education the possible funding avenues available to a school to install a fire alarm system; and if her Department will urgently assist schools that do not currently have a fire warning system in place. — Robert Troy. [35334/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education the funding and grant avenues available to a school that urgently needs to upgrade its heating system. — Robert Troy. [35335/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider extending an occupational injury scheme to teachers, similar to that which applies to gardaí and nurses in view of the risk exposures which the profession faces. — Richard Bruton. [35362/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; if the concerns of the staff will be addressed; if DEIS band 1 and vertical schools will be included in the reduction in pupil to teacher ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35374/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education the basis on which the status of a small school or scoil bheag was granted to certain secondary schools nationwide; the criteria for eligibility for this status; the method by which a school may apply for this status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35385/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 820 of 3 November 2020, if a deadline will be provided in which all eligible applicants for the reimbursement of the

agreed mileage rate under the July provision transportation grant will be reimbursed in view of the fact that some families have been waiting four months for the repayment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35394/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there has not been a similar decrease in the staffing schedule for urban band 1 junior schools and vertical schools as there has been in mainstream classrooms given that research shows the impact of class size and achievement is most effective in the first four years of schooling and that children from low socioeconomic benefit the most from lower class sizes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [35443/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost to decrease the staffing schedule for urban band 1 and junior and vertical schools by one-point in line with all other schools. — Gary Gannon. [35444/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education the further supports made available to DEIS schools catering for the highest concentrations of education disadvantage from the budget allocation of €2 million in 2021; and the detail of the full allocation of €5 million in 2022 announced in Budget 2021. — Gary Gannon. [35445/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the recent ballot outcome of a union (details supplied) and its members to take industrial action due to numerous issues of safety facing schools; and the action taken by her Department to engage with these concerns. — Gary Gannon. [35446/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by her Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35482/20]

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

*488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility of on course bookmakers for existing support packages in view of the fact they have been unable to trade since the advent of the pandemic due to the ban on attendance of racegoers at tracks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [34540/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an item was passed in Budget 2021 that allows taxi drivers to earn an amount of money whilst in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Robert Troy. [34606/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial supports in place or that will be put in place for a person experiencing long-term Covid-19 given the significant additional medical and other costs that will be incurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [34622/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to remedy the difference between the level of the pandemic unemployment payment and the return to education allowance and VTOS training allowance in order to encourage and incentivise those out of work to retrain or reskill. — Sean Sherlock. [34876/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if student nurses disbarred from other work due to their placement can apply for the pandemic unemployment payment. — Sean Sherlock. [34880/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarity in relation to the cases of persons (details supplied). — Richard Bruton. [34530/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing a PPSN application by a person (details supplied) in County Tyrone; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34630/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing a PPSN application by a person (details supplied) in County Tyrone; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34631/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has initiated the provision of additional social protections for victims of domestic violence as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34685/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of pandemic unemployment payment applicants that were refused due to difficulty in determining PRSI contributions by county in tabular form; the efforts being made to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34700/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a claim by a person (details supplied) will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [34738/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on a disability allowance appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34739/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if entitlement to a pandemic unemployment payment from March 2020 can be examined in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34740/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 539 of 6 October 2020, if her Department is reimbursing providers for the free travel scheme that are also operating the same services under the LocalLink or rural transport programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [34748/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of application for supplementary welfare allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34750/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a payment for illness benefit will be processed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34799/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for carer’s allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); the reason eligibility for the

person has been denied on the basis of full-time care requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34809/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid out for the supplementary welfare allowance scheme in each of the years 2015 to 2019 in Intreo offices (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [34817/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) cannot qualify for a disability payment or an invalidity pension. — Robert Troy. [34833/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a PPSN; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34862/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the disparity between the level of the pandemic unemployment payment and the return to education allowance and VTOS training allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [34875/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason new first year students at third level cannot claim the pandemic unemployment while other full-time students are entitled to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [34878/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a pandemic unemployment payment will not be paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [34879/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if employees paid under the temporary wage subsidy scheme from March to September 2020 are entitled to receive the short-time work support payment from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34891/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if legal advice has been received in relation to applications by an airline's (details supplied) employees for short-time work support or 'X's and O's' supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34892/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason decisions on applications by the employees of a company (details supplied) for short-time work support between March and September 2020 are still on hold in local INTREO offices pending instruction from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34893/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration was given to a partnership between a person (details supplied) and their late spouse with a view to enabling them to qualify for a State pension (contributory) given throughout their lifetime they assisted their spouse in the course of their work including veterinary visits; if this was taken into account in the determination of their subsequent entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34907/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the class of PRSI contributions that do not count towards dental, optical or medical appliance benefit; the category of workers that pay these types of PRSI contributions; the benefits from such PRSI contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [34922/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34923/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when supplementary welfare will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34949/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); if an online oral hearing will be facilitated in this instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34951/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if payment will be made in respect of a child benefit claim by a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [34974/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when pandemic unemployment payment recipients that are due backdated payments will receive their payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35029/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to include a civil society gender perspective on the newly established Pension Commission; her plans to include an organisation (details supplied) on the commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35198/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the large number of pensions applicants and awardees that have difficulty reconciling their employment records with their social welfare records due to insufficient revenue records pre-1981; her plans to address the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35205/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the large number of PUP arrears outstanding; her plans to address the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35206/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pandemic unemployment payment will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [35212/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if bank payments for disability, invalidity and pensions will be returned to weekly payments through the bank. — Thomas Gould. [35236/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person whose carer's allowance payment ceases 12 weeks following the death of the person being cared for is entitled to the pandemic unemployment payment when that person is unable to return to employment due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35254/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a State pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35259/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a guardian payment by a person (details supplied) in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35260/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason her Department is continuing in its refusal to issue short-time work support payments to workers (details supplied) that were in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme from March to August 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [35272/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a PPSN application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35274/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a PPSN application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [35277/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether there is no legislative impediment to workers in a company (details supplied) to retrospectively apply for short-time work payments whilst the company was in receipt of the temporary wage subsidy scheme as has been indicated in previous Parliamentary Question replies; the steps an employee needs to take claim this payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35286/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be urgently reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35307/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the supports in place to facilitate persons with disabilities to enter the workforce; if it will be ensured that both the partial capacity benefit paid to workers and the wage subsidy scheme paid to employers can be provided in respect of the same employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35375/20]

*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the duration of the back to work scheme will be extended in order to facilitate participants that could not fulfil the two year programme due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35379/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to the self-employed that have been forced to cease trading in order to comply with restrictions in which they have no full year tax returns as they are newly self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35387/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of home visits that were made by welfare inspectors in an area (details supplied) for the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35389/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the application process will open for the Covid-19 part-time job incentive for the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35393/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether pension reforms requires a specific gender perspective given that only 16% of women receive the full State pension

(contributory); her further views on whether this perspective and expertise is included in the newly announced membership of the Pension Committee; if so, the specific members in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [35441/20]

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

*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the delays being experienced by applicants in getting on to the social work panel for the south east for counties Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that have applied for the Tusla recruit professionally qualified social worker social work panel have been waiting over nine months and have not received an interview date or any assurance of interview dates in respect of their applications; the reason for the delays; if there is a shortage of child protection social work staff in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [34589/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the inquiries his Department has carried out at a location (details supplied) in County Louth to ascertain its suitability as direct provision accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [34600/20]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the extended maternity leave which was announced in July 2020 will come into effect; if a person that is currently on unpaid maternity leave can have these extra weeks added on to the end of their maternity leave without having to come back to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35218/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he and or one of his officials meet with a person (details supplied) that made a protected disclosure regarding aspects of his Department in order to further rectify certain issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34537/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date by which the statistics relating to the use of Tusla-funded emergency domestic violence accommodation for 2019 will be available. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34678/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date on which Tusla commenced work on the review of domestic violence accommodation; and the date on which this review will be complete. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34679/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of requests for domestic refuge in Tusla-funded services that went unmet in 2019 and to date in 2020 due to the fact that refuges were full. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34680/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional funding in Budget 2021 to provide for the additional domestic violence refuge places to be delivered on completion of a Tusla review of domestic violence accommodation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34681/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if experienced data protection law experts will be engaged to oversee the processes by which survivors of mother

and baby homes and other relevant persons can access their personal information from the Mother and Baby Homes Commission archive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34761/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Civil Registration Act 2004 will be amended to ensure that all adopted persons have access to their publicly registered birth certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34762/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an Act will be introduced to ensure respect for the dignity and privacy rights of persons with experience of historical abuse within the social care and adoption system here by providing them with explicit statutory rights and clear avenues to access their personal data, to facilitate them in depositing personal data or other information about their experiences for the national historical record where desired and to facilitate an ongoing process of national truth telling in respect of Ireland's social care and adoption system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34763/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications to Tusla for contact tracing adoption records in each of the years 2015 to 2019; the number completed during those years; the number outstanding at 1 November 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34770/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Tusla staff assigned to contact tracing adoption cases in each of the years 2015 to 2019; the number of staff assigned on 1 November 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34771/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will reconvene and attend a meeting of the Collaborative Forum established by his predecessor; and if so, if the thirteen items recommended by members of the forum (details supplied) will be included on the agenda. — Paul Murphy. [34838/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the report of the Collaborative Forum of Survivors of Mother and Baby, County and Bethany Homes set up by his predecessor which was delivered in December 2018 will be published; the reason for the two year delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35149/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to reconvene the Collaborative Forum of Survivors of Mother and Baby, County and Bethany Homes set up by his predecessor; if so, when he plans to do so; his further plans to make extra expert resources available to the Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35150/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action he is taking in response to the motions passed by local authorities across Ireland to take action to recognise and address parental alienation; the consideration he has given to recommendation 36 of the report on the Reform of the Family Law System published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality on 25 October 2019; and his views on the issue of parental alienation. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35217/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide all information in the possession of Tusla that is relevant to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [35225/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the work to plan for and oversee the development, publication and implementation as appropriate to date for the National Traveller Health Action Plan and the Traveller Education Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [35226/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the interaction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; the steps being taken to ensure the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Expert Review Report prepared by an independent expert group on behalf of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [35227/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter regarding funding for youth cafes (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35248/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the detrimental impact that the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns have had on new parents on maternity leave; if he will consider starting the additional three weeks of parental leave at the earlier time of January 2021 in recognition of the negative effects on parents mental, physical and emotional health in addition to the loss of critical socialisation time for their babies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35293/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35480/20]

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

*563. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a place on a college course can be confirmed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34912/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when and the way in which the additional payment of €250 for students at third-level colleges will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [35284/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans as part of the measures to support businesses and so on to compensate accommodation providers in order that families can be refunded (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34582/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason those that are on the pandemic unemployment payment since March 2020 are not considered to be permanently impacted and do not qualify for the SUSI grant in 2020 under the

change of circumstances appeal criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [34615/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the interaction he has had with UCD over the 2% to 4% increase in fees for EU and non-EU students studying graduate entry medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34617/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action taken to support students of graduate entry medicine in UCD given that the fees now are higher than the maximum available bank loan to students therefore forcing students out of the course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34618/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost to the Exchequer if the same fees were applied for graduate entry medical students as other undergraduate medical students who enter directly from the CAO system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34620/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost to the Exchequer if graduate entry medical students were exempt from the progression criteria in SUSI grant application and could access funding as if it was their first undergraduate course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34621/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34635/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that graduate entry medical students in UCD are facing the third straight increase in fees; his views on whether the proposed increase is necessary to meet to funding needs of the university given the current level of public funding; his further views on whether these increases are appropriate given the fact that the majority of the educational instruction has moved online this semester and the employment opportunities for students have been diminished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34651/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure that students that have paid for accommodation which is not required during periods when Covid-19 restrictions are in place will be entitled to refunds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34701/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provisions he has put in place to enable those engaged in apprenticeships up until the lockdown and now out of an apprenticeship to continue their training. — Sean Sherlock. [34874/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a campaign by students applying for the graduate entry medicine course in UCD in relation to the increasing fees for this particular course of study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [34947/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of research centres funded by Science Foundation Ireland in each of the years 2017

to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and the 2021 budget allocation for same. — Patrick Costello. [34964/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the capital works projects currently ongoing at both Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin that are being part funded or fully funded by his Department; the cost of each project; and the completion date for each project in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [34965/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that management at the Irish Management Institute which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of University College, Cork refuse to engage with a union (details supplied) which represents the majority of IMI staff for the purposes of collective bargaining; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this position is at odds with the well-established industrial relations norms and conventions at UCC in which a union has worked with management to create a positive and progressive industrial relations environment; if he will encourage the President and the governing body of UCC to respond to correspondence from the union issued to the college authorities and UCC-IMI on 29 September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35349/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35486/20]

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

*580. To ask the Minister for Justice if the audit of the way in which responsibility for domestic, sexual and gender-based violence is segmented across different agencies will be completed by March 2021 as committed to in the Programme for Government; if she is overseeing the audit; and the resources allocated to the audit and the NGOs and service providers that will be consulted as part of the audit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34683/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application to move from stamp 3 to stamp 4 by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Niamh Smyth. [34794/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency status and eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34818/20]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider funding dance hall licence holders to mitigate against the cost of licensing dance halls when there are no dances allowed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [35035/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has responsibility for the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011; and if her Department has had contact with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in terms of a review of the Act. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35287/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice the monthly number of refusals for permission to remain by total figures; and the number of years each applicant that was refused has been within the international protection system. — Pa Daly. [34531/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a timescale for the implementation of the Family Courts Bill announced on 30 September 2020; when recommendations of the Report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality on the Reform of the Family Law System published on 25 October 2019, will be considered and or implemented, particularly recommendation 36 of this report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34545/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of civilian staff for each of the past five years in An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34564/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice the civilian staff numbers in An Garda Síochána per grade; the number of PTE and FTE equivalents annually for the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34565/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice if and when a new family law Bill will be introduced; if it will take into account and include all recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice and Equality Report on Reform of the Family Law System; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34593/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to reverse notice served on the many new Irish persons that on 30 October 2020 were advised by the INIS of the rejection of their appeals for leave to remain, in particular a person (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [34598/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the family court Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [34626/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Irish Prison Service will cease using and processing employee biometric data; if her attention has been drawn to a recent decision by the ODP on this issue; if no breaches of employees biometric data are currently taking place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34643/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated timeframe for the implementation of the family courts Bill. — Denise Mitchell. [34647/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date she has made on implementing the family court Bill; and the timeline for recommendations of the Report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality on the Reform of the Family Law System published 25 October 2019 to be fully implemented. — Catherine Murphy. [34654/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice the timescale for the implementation of the family court Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34656/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice on the reform of the family law system; if they will be considered or implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34657/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of domestic abuse cases that were investigated by An Garda Síochána during the lockdown; the number that resulted in charges; the way this compares with the same months in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34675/20]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation in 2021 to roll out the comprehensive coercive control training programme by her Department for An Garda Síochána, Court Services personnel and legal professionals as committed to in the Programme for Government; if the provision for the training programme has gone to tender; the mechanism by which it will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34686/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice if her officials have initiated the drafting of domestic homicide legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34687/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to cases of passports being lost, misplaced or sent to the wrong person by the INIS; if all relevant cases have been reported to the Data Protection Commission; if persons affected will be refunded the administration fees they paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34758/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of passports either lost and or misplaced or sent to the incorrect address by the INIS between 1 October 2019 and 1 November 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34759/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice when services will resume at the offices of county registrars; if consideration will be given to deeming them essential under level 5 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34769/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the immigration office in County Longford closed; and when it is due to reopen. — Sorca Clarke. [34784/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34832/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the gambling control Bill. — Thomas Gould. [34834/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Justice if a clear distinction is drawn between online games and online gambling; the basis on which the distinction is drawn; and her views on whether there is a concern that some games are developing the features of gambling. — Richard Bruton. [34839/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities in order to answer Parliamentary Question No. 932 of 14 July 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [34848/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of car driving and motorcycle instructors' courses that were held in either the Garda Training College or Garda College in 2018 and 2019, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [34849/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation to the Garda text alert scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2020; the amount actually spent in each year; and the budget allocation for same in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [34850/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34871/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will report on progress in relation to a request for a review by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [34890/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Justice if all of the recommendations of the report on the Reform of Family Law System by the Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality have been implemented; if not, the recommendations that are outstanding; when they will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [34898/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the implementation of the Family Courts Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [34899/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) can be issued their travel documents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34905/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the revision of the asylum appeals process in view of the recent attacks in France and Austria; if her Department considered an additional background information required for those making applications; if she considered the motivating factors to such radicalisation such as a lack of integration initiatives including adequate employment, education and social inclusion opportunities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [34906/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the Family Court Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [34938/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the report completed by the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission regarding the death of a person (details supplied) has not been published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34942/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to an apology issued to the family of a person (details supplied) by An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [34943/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the 2013 Smithwick Report. — Patrick Costello. [34950/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda CCTV cameras located in each location in tabular form; if all cameras are currently working in full order; and if all Garda CCTV cameras are monitored on a 24/7 basis. — Patrick Costello. [34962/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda stations she has visited as Minister since 1 August 2020; and the date and purpose of each visit to each station in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [34963/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of marked jeeps that came into the Garda fleet in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of marked jeeps that were withdrawn from the fleet during same period in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34978/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda motorcycles that came into the fleet in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of motorcycles withdrawn from the fleet during same period in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34979/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank and Garda staff by job title working in the National Forensic Co-Ordination Office as of 1 November 2020. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34980/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda divisions within the Dublin region that have a Garda community support van; and if funding has been made available in 2021 for the purchase of additional community support vans. — Jim O’Callaghan. [34981/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeframe for the implementation of the family court Bill announced on 30 September 2020 (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [35027/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Justice if the recommendations of the Report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality on the Reform of the Family Law System published 25 October 2019 will be considered and implemented (details supplied); and if so, the likely timeframe. — Joe Flaherty. [35028/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Justice if Garda vetting for special needs assistants will be brought in line with fast-tracked vetting for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [35033/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a timescale for the implementation of the Family Court Bill announced on 30 September 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [35164/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Justice the date on which an ombudsman will be appointed to the Office of the Legal Services Ombudsman; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [35191/20]

*631. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has been provided with quarterly financial reports from the Office of the Legal Services Ombudsman for the year to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [35192/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount granted to the Office of the Legal Services Ombudsman from organisations (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [35193/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Justice when the family court Bill announced on 30 September 2020 is due to come before the Houses of the Oireachtas; when she plans for the Bill to be enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35214/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Justice when each of the recommendations of the report on Reform of the Family Law System published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality on 25 October 2019 will be implemented; the steps she has taken and plans to take toward their implementation; the progress in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35215/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Justice the action she is taking in response to the motions passed by local authorities across Ireland to take action to recognise and address parental alienation; the

consideration she has given to recommendation 36 of the report on the Reform of the Family Law System published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality on 25 October 2019; and her views on the issue of parental alienation. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35216/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Justice the provisions that have been made for prison officers in the very high-risk category health category in respect of being assigned to other duties outside of prison settings and or the option of working from home. — Catherine Murphy. [35221/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to assigning prison officers to contact tracing duties in the context of Covid-19 in instances in which the prison officer is in a high risk health category and or has an underlying health condition (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [35222/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 identified in the prison system here to date in 2020, by the number of prisoners, prison officers and prison location. — Catherine Murphy. [35223/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is an approximate timeframe for the drafting of the family court Bill that was announced in September 2020. — Steven Matthews. [35224/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No.1082 of 3 November 2020, the length of time a D join family application will take once the D join family long stay visa has been applied for; and if the person is free to return here. — Robert Troy. [35245/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Director General of the Prison Service lifted the suspension of investigations into malpractice within the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35261/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider correspondence from a person (details supplied) sent to her Department regarding the expediting the immigration and naturalisation process for frontline health workers that have worked across the health service throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. — Louise O'Reilly. [35265/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have arrived in Ireland for the purpose of pleasure or holiday since March 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [35267/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda public order unit vans attached to each Garda division as of 3 November 2020, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [35308/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to establish a new planning and environmental law court managed by specialist judges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35323/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Justice the policy basis underlining the decision-making process for the provision by the INIS of either stamp 2A or stamp 3 permissions to dependent minors; the way in which the decision between granting a stamp 2A or a stamp 3 permission is made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35420/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Justice the practice in relation to persons released prematurely from prison having been convicted of an assault causing grievous bodily harm; and if the victim

of the assault is ordinarily notified of the release and offered victim protection. — Peadar Tóibín. [35428/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by her Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35489/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*649. To ask the Minister for Health when families caring for young persons with intellectual disability will be able to avail of respite in their own county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34971/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35350/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the reason alternative therapies such as reflexology are not permitted to operate during the level 5 lockdown (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [34532/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed by the HSE that have been unable to return to work after contracting Covid-19 by the length of their absence. — Pa Daly. [34533/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the overall estimated number of healthcare staff that have been unable to return to work due to after-effects of Covid-19. — Pa Daly. [34534/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34536/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health if the situation in which persons (details supplied) may travel beyond the 5km limit during the current public health advice will be clarified. — Catherine Murphy. [34538/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health if extra home help hours can be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34542/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health if there is evidence of a general lack of awareness of the pneumococcal vaccination in the at-risk population and if so, if there are plans to address this with a public health awareness campaign similar to that of the availability and importance of the flu vaccine for these groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34546/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34548/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a national shortage of the flu vaccination for adults in general practitioner practices; if there is an issue on reordering the vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34563/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the healthcare providers with whom contracts or service level agreements were signed between 2014 and 2016 by the HSE or his Department or health services of any form in which funding came from the State by year and company in tabular form. — Bríd Smith. [34580/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that has been had with regard to the RescEU stockpile scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34585/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated impact Brexit will have on the provision of medicines here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34586/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if he has conducted research on whether carbon emissions related to the health care sector will be measured and presented annually. — Sean Sherlock. [34601/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health if businesses providing elective aesthetic treatments under circumstances (details supplied) fall under essential services with respect of the level 5 Covid-19 restrictions. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34602/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the meaning of specialist medical practice activities under human health and social work activities in the list of essential services for level 5 Covid-19 restrictions. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34616/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the current level 5 restrictions in relation to public religious worship as the inability to attend religious worship is a cause of distress to many persons across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34623/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding services for dementia patients during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34625/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no flu vaccine available in Stranorlar Health Centre, County Donegal; when it will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34627/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if holistic therapy is considered an essential therapy in relation to level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [34638/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the payment of salaries to student nurses as healthcare assistants has ceased; his plans for the reinstatement of the payment for student nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34642/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for primary medical certificates in 2019 and to date in 2020; the number approved; and the number denied by county, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [34644/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been for an appointment with a consultant at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [34645/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34646/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the reason access to the compassionate use programme for the new spinal muscular atrophy drug, risdiplam or evrysdi, is not currently available to adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [34663/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the granting of access to the compassionate use programme for the new spinal muscular atrophy drug, risdiplam or evrysdi by hospitals to adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [34664/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a specific reason adults cannot currently avail of the new spinal muscular atrophy drug, risdiplam or evrysdi, under the compassionate use programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [34665/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health if he will facilitate an increase in the number of blood collections in west County Waterford (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34669/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the lack of supply of the flu jab in local pharmacies; the reason it is difficult to access same; the reason for the long delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34670/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the status of teenage counselling services cancelled from March to August 2020 due to the restrictions in place and the impact on young persons that were waiting on counselling during that period; his plans to make sure this does not happen again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34674/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to act on the 12 month notice of termination of contract served on the HSE by a service (details supplied) and the transfer of all of its services to the HSE or to a provider identified by the HSE over the coming 12 months due to a crisis in its funding; the additional funding being made available to avoid a disaster in the provision of disability and community care facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [34676/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the planning to date which may allow an activity (details supplied) in December 2020 to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34677/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of increasing the opening hours of the minor injuries unit at Monaghan General Hospital from the existing hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday to 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday to Sunday; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34689/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time staff nurses working in Cavan General Hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34690/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time staff nurses working in Monaghan Hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34691/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding developmental checks carried out by public health nurses for young babies; if these checks are occurring in homes; if there is a standard approach across all health regions; if it is planned that these checks will commence in homes across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34692/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a project (details supplied) with regard to providing additional HIQA compliant beds at Oriel House, Castleblayney, County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [34688/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health when 2021 funding will be available for existing Sláintecare projects (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34711/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions being made to maintain out-of-hours general practitioner services such as ShannonDoc during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Cathal Crowe. [34737/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health if pharmacy staff that were wearing masks and deemed a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case are classed as casual contacts and can continue to work. — Paul McAuliffe. [34749/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health if definitive clarity will be provided regarding the term support bubble; the details of that which is and is not permissible for those that form a support bubble with another person that is living alone; the action taken if a person is stopped at a Garda checkpoint on their way to visit their nominated support bubble person that lives in another county; the guidelines associated with all aspects of the formation and practice of support bubbles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [34751/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if routine Covid-19 testing is available for home helps and carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34754/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's current understanding of the reliability of PCR testing for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [34774/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the drug imfinzi for advanced lung cancer to become available for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [34775/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that medical card holders in Athlone, County Westmeath cannot avail of the services of a dentist. — Sorca Clarke. [34785/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if the criteria for the roll out of home testing has changed now that level 5 restrictions are in place. — Sorca Clarke. [34786/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner vacancies within CHO8 by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [34787/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health when the promised reduction on charges for prescriptions for medical card holders will be introduced. — Sorca Clarke. [34788/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of passenger locator forms which have been filled in by travellers into Ireland since the locator form was introduced; the number of persons that were phoned on foot of filling out a passenger locator form; the number of these calls by month in tabular form which resulted in a successful answer from the traveller; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [34791/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for residential addiction treatment services from November 2019 to date, by month in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34796/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for residential medical detox treatment services from November 2019 to date by month in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34797/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health when legislation will be reintroduced to amend the current criteria for the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34803/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time it will take to provide treatment to the 1,784 persons on the waiting list for orthodontics in County Galway; if the unfilled specialist orthodontist position has been filled; the plans that exist to fill the position of orthodontists on maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34822/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the reason services for dementia patients were abandoned during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34827/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health if the designated authorised officers are adequately resourced and in a position to ensure the implementation of regulations and that those retailers failing to comply with the law will be sanctioned accordingly, in view of the extended two year period of transition on the implementation of section 22 of the Public Health Alcohol Act 2018 now closing on 11 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34828/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a three and a half year waiting list for orthopaedic procedures in Sligo University Hospital; his plans to reduce this waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [34829/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce inhaler recycling bins in pharmacies here; and if he has consulted with pharmacy representative bodies in this regard. — Catherine Murphy. [34854/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the opening hours of the eye emergency department at the Mater Hospital from the current hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday to 8:00am to 9:00pm Monday to Fridays and from 9:00am to 6:00pm on Saturdays. — Catherine Murphy. [34856/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of critical care and ICU nurses employed across each hospital in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group as of 31 December 2019 and 2 November

2020, in tabular form; the number in training; and his plans to increase this number even further. — Catherine Murphy. [34857/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of recruiting four additional full-time senior psycho-oncologists in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [34858/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2021 of increasing the amount spent on psycho-oncology services by 15%. — Catherine Murphy. [34859/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant cardiothoracic surgeons employed in the health service; the number required to meet recommendations for the size of the population and consequent shortfall; and his strategy for achieving the number. — Catherine Murphy. [34860/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants in oral and maxillofacial surgeons employed in the health service; the number required to meet recommendations for the size of the population and consequent shortfall; and his strategy for achieving the number. — Catherine Murphy. [34861/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the medication melatonin is no longer covered by the medical card scheme; if this decision can be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34888/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an urgent appointment for emergency hip surgery in Croom Orthopaedic Hospital, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [34894/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure patient access to the use of new innovations such as flash glucose monitoring which is one of the key recommendations in the report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34900/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department will undertake to enable hospital diabetes teams to deliver a higher volume of appointments with their patients utilising remote monitoring solutions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34901/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the additional supports that are available for Alzheimer's and dementia patients that wish to be treated at home during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [34924/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health when home help hours which have been sanctioned for a person (details supplied) will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [34928/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding and status of the Mental Health Transfer Project; the number of properties involved in the project; the number transferred; the number awaiting transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [34929/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a new hospice in Drogheda town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [34939/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that currently operate a helipad within hospital grounds that are opened on a 24/7 basis; and the hospitals that have a helipad within hospital grounds but are not opened on a 24/7 basis. — Patrick Costello. [34955/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time play specialists at CHI, Crumlin and CHI Temple Street in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [34956/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the roll out of additional telemental health services in 2021. — Patrick Costello. [34957/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost including the necessary staffing to provide two extra CT scanners for the CHI Hospital Group. — Patrick Costello. [34958/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the number and nature of vacant positions in the HSE by role and sector and the length of time the position has been held vacant. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34966/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the details of plans to utilize health capacity within the private hospital sector during the next six months. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34967/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 817 and 818 of 22 September 2020 and 298, 299 and 300 of 24 September 2020, the number of the 2,553 Echo calls made from 1 January 2020 to 31 August 2020 that were attended by the first ambulance dispatched to attend the call in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35014/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 817 and 855 of 22 September 2020 and 269, 270 and 271 of 24 September 2020, the number of the 67,849 Delta calls made from 1 January 2020 to 31 August 2020 that were attended by the first ambulance dispatched to attend the call in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35015/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health further to the response of the HSE to Parliamentary Question Nos. 817 and 819 of 22 September 2020, and Parliamentary Question Nos. 269, 270 and 271 of 24 September 2020, the number of the total 70,402 category 1 calls made from 1 January 2020 through to 31 August 2020 that were attended within 20, 20 to 30, 30 to 45 and after 45 minutes in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35016/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the reason consideration is not being given to the time it takes from when an ambulance is called until it reaches its destination as opposed to the time it takes to get an ambulance on the road to a call from the moment the call was made as the main metric for measuring the responsiveness of the Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35017/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for a person seeking the services of the National Counselling Service by HSE area in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [35019/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for an appointment with the National Counselling Service by HSE area in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [35020/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the additional counselling staff, that is, whole-time employees that will be deployed to the HSE to provide counselling services specifically for mother and baby home survivors. — Kathleen Funchion. [35021/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the additional counselling staff, that is, whole-time employees that will be deployed to provide counselling services specifically for mother and baby home survivors. — Kathleen Funchion. [35022/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the package of measures that will support survivors of mother and baby homes. — Kathleen Funchion. [35023/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the key performance indicator for non-urgent colonoscopies was changed in the 2020 HSE Services Plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35159/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health if early learning developmental classes for new babies and mothers may take place in the context of level 5 restrictions (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [35166/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health if extra home help hours will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35180/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend free general practitioner care to children under 8 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35202/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties that agency home carers are experiencing in being tested for Covid-19 as a preventative measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [35210/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the roll out of jigsaw mental health services in County Tipperary; his views on the continued delays in rolling out the service; the date by which the services will be functional; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [35211/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding agreement between the FSAI and an association (details supplied) for local authorities to carry out veterinary inspections on local abattoirs continues past the current agreed date of December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35220/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the status of medical card patients and entitlement of general practitioners to charge them for consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35239/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35247/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for addiction services announced by Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and National Drugs Strategy on 10 September 2020. — Thomas Gould. [35250/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered introducing legislation to cover vaccinations; if so, the circumstances in which it could be required in the public interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [35256/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that recovered from Covid-19; and the number of same that still require additional treatment and support due to the effects of the virus. — Louise O'Reilly. [35266/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health if registered mental health nurses can apply to be perinatal clinical nurse specialists; if not, the specific skills they need to acquire; and the way in which they can bridge that skills gap. — Louise O'Reilly. [35269/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the reason student nurses are not being compensated for working on the frontline of the health services given most student nurses have been used to fill gaps in the nursing workforce due to the recruitment and retention crisis and vacancies due to sick leave and given such these students no longer have recourse to part-time work due to the fact they are working in Covid-19 environments. — Louise O'Reilly. [35270/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the data behind the decision to close field sports courses under level 5 restrictions; the impact of field sports on the R number; the potential reduction in the R number through the application restrictions on field sports; the number of Covid-19 cases linked to field sports; the locations of same by county; and the general data which informed the decision to restrict field sports. — Louise O'Reilly. [35271/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health if persons attending groups (details supplied) or other organised weight reduction groups can do so if they can arrange weigh ins once a week for members on an individual basis adherent to public health advice in the interests of physical and mental health and wellbeing of participants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [35276/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the reason the application was refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35291/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home residents or staff members that have tested positive for Covid-19 since 1 September 2020; and the number that have died. — Peadar Tóibín. [35299/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the 51 Covid-19 ongoing outbreaks in nursing homes; and the size of each cluster. — Peadar Tóibín. [35300/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the name and location of each nursing home which is currently dealing with an outbreak of Covid-19. — Peadar Tóibín. [35301/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if the same access will be allowed to epidiolex here as in the UK in view of the fact the medication is approved by the European Medicines Board (details supplied); if the HSE will be requested to fund the drug under the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35303/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of two additional full-time consultant geneticists for the HSE National Rare Disease Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35313/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health experts that were consulted when the decisions were made on the restrictions that would apply when Ireland moved to level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35327/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health services that would be available for a person (details supplied) at St Mary's Day Hospital, Thurles over the Christmas period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35329/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the sale of greeting cards by retailers being defined as an essential services; his views on whether the sending of greeting cards is a positive substitute for person to person interaction and a means of communication in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35330/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure within the National Ambulance Service if a paramedic tests positive for Covid-19 while on shift; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35343/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the regularity with which deep cleans of ambulance bases are carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35344/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the waiting time for patients of the audiology department in Roscommon is 63 weeks; the average waiting time nationwide; the actions he will take to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35348/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the evidence his Department has considered regarding the efficacy of pre-departure and arrival testing for overseas passengers travelling in and out of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35353/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of HSE contracts awarded to a company (details supplied); the details of the contracts including cost, purpose, length of term and tender process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35355/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contracts the HSE holds with third party suppliers; the number of these that are with not-for-profit organisations; the number that are with for-profit companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35356/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE adheres to a code of conduct during the contract tendering process; and if he will provide a copy of the code of conduct if available. — Róisín Shortall. [35357/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health if organisations tendering for HSE contracts are awarded higher or lower points depending on whether they are for-profit or not-for-profit organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35358/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a record of all meetings between officials of the HSE and a company (details supplied). — Róisín Shortall. [35359/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons that are on tysabri infusions every six weeks for multiple sclerosis in St. James's Hospital are now been treated as day patients which results in an €80 charge for each treatment for this lifelong condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35363/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health if cognitive behavioural therapy groups are provided by the HSE to assist persons with mental health challenges. — Mark Ward. [35364/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health if cognitive behavioural therapists are employed by the HSE; and if so, the way in which a member of the public avail of the treatment. — Mark Ward. [35365/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health when a service (details supplied) will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35367/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the timetable for the operation of the group home for persons with disabilities at Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35377/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) who is a medical card holder is being charged for a recent hospital surgery through the public health system. — Robert Troy. [35388/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that makes up the membership of the working group of drug and alcohol service providers established by his Department to develop a Framework for the Restoration of Drug and Alcohol Services; the terms of reference; the funding available; and the timeframe to agree on a programme to deliver this funding to community based drug projects. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35391/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health if a progress report and roadmap will be provided for the way in which he plans to provide the services which he is required to provide under the Disability Act 2005, now and into the future; if a progress report in relation to the recruitment of the necessary additional HSE-employed permanent full-time clinical staff will also be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35395/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to clear the backlog of children waiting for assessments for occupational therapy and speech and language therapy due to the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [35421/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the average turnaround time for contact tracing job applications; and if there is currently a time lag in responding to applications for this role. — Róisín Shortall. [35431/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health if the purchase of home furniture including bed frames and mattresses is classified as essential retail under the definition included in the list of essential services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35432/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [35448/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35487/20]

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

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if tailored Covid-19 support packages have been put in place to compensate on course bookmakers that maintain stands at race tracks known as seniorities which are a form of premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [34540/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has given consideration to a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [34614/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the assessment by an organisation (details supplied) of the Common Fisheries Policy 2020; his views on the need to develop sustainable fishing limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35157/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the fact that the agri-food sector produces food for more than 40 million persons on its existing carbon footprint can be borne in mind during comparisons with other EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35412/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason horse racing and greyhound racing can continue under level 5 while horse eventing is not; if this will be revisited and horse eventing be allowed to continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [34547/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to change to current level 5 restrictions to allow buyers and farmers attend mart rings in order to purchase cattle and sheep as the current restrictions are having a very negative impact on the prices being received by farmers at a crucial juncture in the farming calendar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34550/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to change the BPS under which some young trained farmers receive very low payments based on a situation that pertained approximately 20 years ago in terms of historic stocking density; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34552/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date his Department was first informed to check hand sanitisers to determine if they were safe to use; the person or body that made that recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34569/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department took samples of hand sanitisers being used to determine if they were safe to use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34570/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hand sanitizers a verification test and an analysis was done; the results of these tests and analysis; if a copy of the results will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34571/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a qualitative analysis was carried out on hand sanitizers; the results of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34572/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a delay of up to six months has developed for the processing of PCS number applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34573/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of expert staff involved in issuing PCS numbers; if these staff have been working from home since the first Covid-19 lockdown earlier in 2020; the number based in-office or working from home on a given day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34574/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if some staff from the meat control division of his Department in recent months to assist with the backlog in PCS number applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34575/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the Department of Education was advised to stop using certain hand sanitiser products in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34576/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dog sellers that have registered with his Department since the introduction of new regulations on the sale or supply of pet animals that came into effect on 1 February 2020; and if he will publish the information on a regular basis. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34655/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to change the reference years for the sheep welfare scheme for the CAP transitional period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34694/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated amount of funding that will be allocated to the areas of natural constraint scheme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34695/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the convergence of BPS payments will continue during the CAP transitional period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34696/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of new entrants that will likely be permitted into the organics farming scheme; the process that will be used to determine successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34697/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the deadline will be extended for the submission of dung samples under the BEEPS scheme due to the unavailability of sampling kits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34698/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an additional period was provided for farmers that failed to meet the 50% female replacement criteria in the BDGP scheme by the 31 October deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34699/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding forestry planting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34706/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the case of a person (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [34710/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on an appeal by a person (details supplied) regarding a grant for TAMS II; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34790/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a reply will issue from the legal services division in relation to an issue regarding transfer of freehold title (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34804/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on an extension to deadline for submission of observations for aquaculture licenses in Valentia Harbour and Portmagee Channel, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34805/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of dairy ingredients exports to Australia in 2019 on a quarterly basis. — Catherine Murphy. [34842/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS appeal submitted to the appeals office in January 2020 by a person (details supplied) will receive a finalised decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34869/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a grant will be issued to a group (details supplied) under EMFF fisheries local action groups. — Sean Sherlock. [34885/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if priority will be given to tree felling applications in forests in which ash dieback has been identified as a problem and trees have to be felled in view of the fact delays in felling these trees will result in the spread of the disease and increase the risk to a tree species which is at the heart of culture and heritage here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [34914/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the sections of animal welfare in particular under which the remit of dogs fall. — Paul Donnelly. [34927/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if restrictions will be eased on attendances of buyers at marts in view of the recent breakdown in the online bidding system for online marts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35032/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if software (details supplied) is available to the public; if so, the way in which it can be acquired; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35161/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria sought when filling the role of head of environment within the forestry inspectorate; the qualifications or experience sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35162/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a strategy statement was submitted by the Forest Service under the Public Service Act 1997 (details supplied); if so, his views on whether it now needs to be revised in view of the current state of the forestry industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35163/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of fishermen and women that availed of the Covid-19 tie up payment by each category of the scheme and in absolute and relative terms to the estimated total eligible number of boats in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [35195/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost when the Covid-19 tie up payment scheme was devised; the areas in which the remaining funds in the difference between the two have been spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35196/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the applications by organisations (details supplied) to become producer organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35197/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a refund of a penalty for commonage following an appeal will issue to a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the matter has been ongoing for several months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [35278/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2020 basic payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35302/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the conditions applicable to mart sales at present and enable the presence of a limited number of buyers at the ringside, properly and appropriately spaced in accordance with public health regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35331/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the feasibility study undertaken by his Department in 2019 to determine the feasibility of future once-off targeted schemes for a voluntary farm building relocation scheme as a result of flooding will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [35366/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views that the findings of the Teagasc National Farm Survey that 41% of cattle and sheep farms are non-viable farm business without additional off-farm employment; his plans to address this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35368/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to provide new additional funding to promote a suckler beef brand; the amount of funding he will commit in 2021 for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35369/20]

*828. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the arbitration process in respect of the Coillte farm partnership scheme; the reason for any delay in this regard; if all discovery documents have been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35370/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to a previous discussion with him, if correspondence (details supplied) issued to farmers within the catchment area of Louth Finshinagh, County Roscommon will be withdrawn in view of the fact that the OPW funded report by Roscommon County Council regarding the lack of cost effective mitigation measures for flooded farmland has only been published; the basis for issuing such correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35380/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to extend the calf welfare scheme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35390/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which funding for Rásíocht Con Éireann will be dependent on welfare standards; the welfare standards that will be used; the way in which the standards will be tracked and evaluated; the timeline that applies to the evaluation of standards for the purpose of funding certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35447/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by his Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35479/20]

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

*833. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if libraries are allowed to operate collection and drop-off services in branches and mobile libraries under level 4 and 5 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [34755/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of broadband connection points that have went live; the number remaining by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [35188/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she sees the development of digital hubs as a means of reducing daily commuter traffic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35410/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the commitment has she given to Leader programme coordinators specifically on the funding shortfall that has been highlighted in regard to the finishing of the current Leader funding at the end of 2020 and the commencement of the new Leader funding programme at the beginning of 2023 (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [34607/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is in receipt of a CLÁR application from a community group (details supplied) in County Mayo; if the application is being considered for approval; the timeframe for approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [34613/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has met formally with the chief executive officer of the Charities Regulator within the past three months; when she will next speak formally with the CEO; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34693/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be provided for Leader projects in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34814/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be provided for the delivery and administration of Leader projects in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34815/20]

*841. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which she plans to deliver the National Rural Development Programme for the 2021-2023 period, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34816/20]

*842. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date on which sections 93 to 98 of the Charities Act 2009 will come into effect. — Catherine Murphy. [34843/20]

*843. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the sections of animal welfare in particular under which the remit of dogs fall. — Paul Donnelly. [34926/20]

*844. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she is taking to provide for interim funding for the Leader programme for the period 2021 to 2023. — Brian Stanley. [34940/20]

*845. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans for a new Leader programme; and the stage the programme is at regarding pillar 2 funding. — Brian Stanley. [34941/20]

*846. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of a town and village renewal grant application by an association (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34944/20]

*847. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans for the Leader programme which is due to wind up at the end of 2020 with the next programme not due to start to 2023; her views on the fact that the €44 million announced in Budget 2021 only provides for payment on allocations up to the end of December 2020; her plans to prioritise a State-led rural development programme to bridge the gap between the wind-up of the existing Leader programme and implementation of the new programme; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that Budget 2021 provides for the delivery of schemes under the CAP during the interim phase notwithstanding the absence of an implementing EU regulation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [34969/20]

*848. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an issue in relation to a local improvement scheme (details supplied) will be clarified. — Marian Harkin. [35012/20]

*849. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le forbairt ché an Chalaídh Mhóir in Inis Meáin agus an ché in Inis Óírr; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35148/20]

*850. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that will be allocated to Leader projects in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35371/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if adequate funding will be provided for the delivery and administration of the Leader programme in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35372/20]

*852. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the interim National Rural Development Plan will be agreed and published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35373/20]

*853. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the further rounds of CLÁR funding that are yet to be announced; and when she will be in a position to announce same. — Robert Troy. [35449/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an application by a community group (details supplied) will be approved. — Robert Troy. [35450/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an application by an organisation (details supplied) under measure 1 of the outdoor recreation scheme will be examined. — Robert Troy. [35451/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of full-time equivalent and part-time equivalent roles filled by her Department of posts at principal officer, assistant principal officer, higher executive officer, executive officer and clerical officer grades for the past five years; the cost to the Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35491/20]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADA OIN, 11 SAMHAIN, 2020
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 2020**

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [35139/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the establishment of the Future of Media Commission; and the role his Department will have in supporting the work of the commission. — Alan Kelly. [35142/20]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35252/20]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet committee on the Environment and Climate Change. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35253/20]

5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35423/20]