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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 when the Cabinet committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [35139/20]

24. 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]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35252/20]

26. 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]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35423/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*28. To ask the Taoiseach the number of homes which were vacant, occupied by one person and occupied by two persons, respectively in the most recent census; and the distribution of such

homes by number of bedrooms contained within the home and the age of the head of household in each case. — Richard Bruton. [35577/20]

*29. To ask the Taoiseach the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35619/20]

*30. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; and the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company. — Matt Carthy. [35722/20]

*31. To ask the Taoiseach the quarantine rules that apply to members of the Government and officials on returning from attending events abroad; if all members of delegations returning from such visits are automatically tested for Covid-19 on arrival; the applicable period of self-isolation that applies; the processes for ensuring compliance with the relevant rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35733/20]

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

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the assistance that can be offered to a business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35466/20]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or the IDA have actively worked with a company (details supplied) to find a suitable buyer for its plant in Clarecastle, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35533/20]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or the IDA have considered buying the factory of a company (details supplied) with a view to leasing it out to another suitable pharma company when the company closes same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35534/20]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the advice provided to Government by NPHEAT regarding the operation of acupuncture services under level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35545/20]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35608/20]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the timeline for the proposed universal basic income pilot that was set out in the Programme for Government; and if there is further information on this pilot. — Steven Matthews. [35631/20]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time

they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35711/20]

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

*39. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown of the funding allocation for his Department for 2021, by project in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [35502/20]

*40. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of homes and businesses in each county and city that currently have access to high speed fibre broadband in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35530/20]

*41. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35609/20]

*42. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan will provide a property (details supplied) with service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35659/20]

*43. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35712/20]

*44. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to ensure that fishing communities are consulted on the development of any offshore wind energy projects and the way the principles of a Just Transition will be applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35748/20]

*45. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if specific financial resources will be allocated to local authorities to ensure that the ban on smoky coal is monitored and implemented due to the difficulties caused for some businesses arising from cross-Border trade in such products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35755/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*46. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a driver licence application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35455/20]

*47. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve the standard of urban cycle lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34525/20]

*48. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to reduce the emissions profile of the public transport fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [34526/20]

*49. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the funding allocation for his Department for 2021, by project in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [35503/20]

*50. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has consulted with taxi drivers in relation to the BusConnects project; if taxis will be permitted to use existing and newly proposed bus lanes and quality bus corridors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35555/20]

*51. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the three month taxi license suspension introduced in 2020 was important to allow taxi drivers revert to social and domestic insurance when they are not working due to the pandemic thereby saving on monthly insurance costs; his further views on the need for a similar suspension now to allow taxi drivers that are not working to reduce their overhead costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35556/20]

*52. To ask the Minister for Transport the current Covid-19 guidelines for driving instructors and driving testers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35562/20]

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the RSA is contacting persons that have cancelled their driver test as they are not an essential worker to offer them a new date for their test that is still within the level 5 time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35563/20]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting to take a driver test as of 31 October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35564/20]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that driving instructors are prevented from using toilet facilities and sanitation facilities in driving test centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35566/20]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35621/20]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a web link to the Road Safety Strategy 2004-2006 as it does not seem to be available on his Department's website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35672/20]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of roads funding for local authorities in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35692/20]

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to

make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35724/20]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35742/20]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure the provision of proper infrastructure along regional and expressway bus routes to accommodate customers that are wheelchair users. — Holly Cairns. [35754/20]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress to date of expanding and developing Bus Éireann services in Cork city; if consideration is being taken on direct public transport links from Ballincollig to the various industrial estates in the city and hinterland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35787/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance when the HSE will be in a position to resume issuing primary medical certificate in the context of the disabled drivers tax concession scheme which was halted in 2020 as a result to a Supreme Court ruling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35531/20]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to financial institutions refusing to provide bank accounts not including credit facilities to persons previously adjudicated bankrupt and whom have since been discharged from bankruptcy; his views on the practice; the options in relation to financial services available to such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35454/20]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps a person must take if they import a vintage car (details supplied) from the UK without a certificate of conformity; and the way in which they can register the vehicle without same. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [35459/20]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has encouraged banks to offer payment breaks for small businesses or on mortgages for those that are out of work due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [35475/20]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the assistance that can be offered to a business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35493/20]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 106 of 23 July 2020, the status of the steps taken to date to divest from fossil fuel investments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35537/20]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Central Bank has ceased to enforce the Consumer Protection Code as evidenced by the fact that the Central Bank conducted 26 enforcement actions for breaches of the Consumer Protection Code between July 2006 and July 2016 and since July 2016 has not conducted a single enforcement action for a breach of the Consumer Protection Code aside from enforcement actions related to the tracker mortgage scandal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35552/20]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the Central Bank has been routinely renewing the licences of moneylenders on an annual basis for the past 17 years including licences with associated interest rate charges of as high as 187%; his views on whether the Central Bank's actions in approving these charges on an annual basis is consistent with its consumer protection role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35553/20]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review a matter (details supplied) regarding the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [35573/20]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35610/20]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions his Department took to assist a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [35647/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35713/20]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the no-double taxation agreement between the UK and the Republic of Ireland in relation to pensions after 31 December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35753/20]

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

*76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projects that have received additional funding in order to prepare for Brexit. — John Brady. [35510/20]

*77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount given to NGOs by Ireland in 2019; the relative percentage of national income and expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [35632/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the funding allocation for his Department for 2021, by project. — Mairéad Farrell. [35517/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of renting, leasing and hiring office space for each Department including public bodies in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35598/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35616/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish

subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35719/20]

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

*82. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will in conjunction with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage devise a new grant scheme in which farmers will contribute colloquial and historical names of fields within their landholding to an expanded database of local place names. — Cathal Crowe. [35676/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider permitting outdoor court and field sports and activities to resume during level 5 restrictions in order to mitigate the negative mental health impact that these restrictions are having on persons; if she has evaluated the benefits of permitting persons to resume these activities in outdoor settings; and if her attention has been drawn to the general well-being that physical activity can have for persons. — Catherine Murphy. [35728/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason for the delay in the publication of the annual report by RTE for 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35515/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she will take to inform Foras na Gaeilge that the additional funding allocated in Budget 2020 should be used to provide a yearly total of €55,000 to each new Scéim Pobal Gaeilge and that no reduction in funding should occur for any Scéim Pobal Gaeilge situated in an Irish network town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35532/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will request the institutions with responsibility for State exhibits which are currently held in storage to consider offering them on loan for display in public buildings across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35554/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the process by which persons are identified as an elite athlete (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [35559/20]

*88. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the timeline for the publishing of the updated level 3 and Level 4 guidelines for indoor training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [35571/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35620/20]

*90. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the ban on traditional game shooting will be lifted (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35690/20]

*91. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company. — Matt Carthy. [35723/20]

*92. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason a large number of teams in the all-Ireland intermediate and premier junior camogie championships including Wexford have been removed from their competitions while other teams playing in the same grade are allowed to continue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35737/20]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been no change to the open season period for cock pheasant hunting in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35732/20]

*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if notices, circulars or guidance have issued to Limerick City and County Council on the affordable housing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [35478/20]

*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities are directly funded the actual cost to the authority of funding and administering the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; if the scheme creates a contingent liability on the balance sheet of the local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35569/20]

*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans currently in arrears and over three months by local authority in tabular form; if bad debt provisions under this scheme are carried by the local authorities or another agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35570/20]

*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to launch his new affordable housing plan. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35579/20]

*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to announce the detail of his shared equity loan scheme for approved housing bodies and private sector home purchases. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35580/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to issue the methodology for the housing needs demand assessment to local authorities as part of the development plan review process. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35581/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to publish his Department's new rural housing planning guidelines. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35582/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to circulate to local authorities the updated development plan guidelines. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35583/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35614/20]

*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Irish Water's Leakage Reduction Programme in Dublin city will be accelerated in the coming weeks in circumstances in which reduced currently economic activity will result in less economic reduction than heretofore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35662/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost of running An Bord Pleanála for 12 month periods (details supplied); the number of persons employed by the board in each period; the number of planning decisions issued during each year; the average waiting time for a decision to be reached on an appeal submitted in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35677/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will re-examine the current social housing bands with a view to moving County Westmeath to band 2 given the consistently high cost of private rental accommodation within the county. — Robert Troy. [35679/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities can accept a payment of illness benefit on a housing support application when assessing a person's qualification for social housing support. — Robert Troy. [35680/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of funding awarded to Kildare County Council under the LIHAF; the extent to which funds have been spent; if further funding is likely to be provided; the level of development in the various towns in north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35682/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35717/20]

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

*109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps taken by his Department to ensure no further demolitions of homes and schools in Masafer Yatta on the West Bank which are funded by Irish Aid and the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35504/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised the issue of the demolitions of homes and schools in Masafer Yatta on the West Bank with the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland and or with his EU counterparts; if he considers that Ireland should be compensated for the funding provided by Irish Aid for these demolished structures in order to use this to provide support to the families that have been made homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35505/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the breakdown of the funding allocation for his Department for 2021, by project. — John Brady. [35508/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35611/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a desktop exercise was used in relation the election observer competition in view of the fact weeks previously Irish Aid stated a rigorous competition was required and promised same to the Oireachtas Committee on Public Accounts including specifically, independent chairmanship, human resources expertise, competitive interviews and so on; if this public competition contained provision for disability on the application form or application process; if disability will be considered as part of the process of appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35685/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35714/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*115. To ask the Minister for Defence the funding allocation for his Department for 2021, by project. — John Brady. [35535/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Defence the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35606/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35709/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*118. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a full report on the Indemnity Agreement; the details of the 18 religious congregations that it indemnified; the amount these congregations have contributed to the redress board; the value of these contributions that were made by the transfer of property to the State; the details of these properties; the amount by way of monies by congregation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35627/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education if the matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be clarified; the reason distinctions are made; the reason the rate of sick pay or leave differs substantially despite the effect of being out of work being the same in both cases; the reason a

Covid-19-symptomatic person is being put on normal sick leave instead of a Covid-19-related leave; the provisions her Department has made for Covid-19-related leave to ease the burden of the pandemic on workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35460/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education if an exemption is made available to leisure centres which facilitate physical education for schools with no indoor physical education facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35468/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education if a proposal to acquire land beside a school (details supplied) will be considered by her Department in view of the serious road safety concerns in the village due to a lack of parking facilities. — Cathal Crowe. [35471/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education if it is still her plan to have a school (details supplied) completed by September 2021 in view of the fact that a commitment was given by the previous Minister for Education to have the new school building completed by that date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35509/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education if the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment will provide a more detailed and dedicated specification document to agricultural science teachers with regard to the specification design and learning outcomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35528/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education if she will undertake to consult with an association (details supplied) on the on reforms to the curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35529/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education if the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment will provide the promised teacher guidelines document to accompany the new agricultural science specifications to agricultural science teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35536/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 753 of 3 November 2020, if her attention has been drawn to a school giving enrolment priority to residents of Dublin 15 despite having opened in response to demographic need in Scribblestown and Finglas West, County Dublin (details supplied); and if the matter will be addressed. — Róisín Shortall. [35543/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the ex-gratia payment scheme pursuant to the 2014 judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the O’Keeffe case and the subsequent review in 2019 of the judgment and scheme by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35548/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education the guidelines issued to teachers and schools in relation to the social distancing requirements in classrooms in primary and post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [35557/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the publication of the terms of reference of the recently announced independent review of the leaving certificate calculated grades process; the timeline for the commencement of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [35560/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 759 of 3 November 2020, if she will address further queries raised in correspondence. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35572/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35607/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new primary school building in Charlesland, Greystones, County Wicklow (details supplied); and the stage discussions are at with her Department and the contractor regarding the handover of the new school building. — John Brady. [35624/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Education when it is anticipated that students of schools (details supplied) will be in a position to move into their new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [35625/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to relocate a school (details supplied) to meet its need to expand from its current two classes to have additional classes as the new school grows before the date of September 2021 at which point its current lease arrangement will no longer suffice; the way in which the school will meet the needs of the area the school is supposed to serve; the proposed relocation options identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35641/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to put in place a greater number of second-level substitute teachers for certain subjects for which there is a shortage of substitutes, for example, biology, maths, physics and home economics in order that students currently in sixth year are not at a disadvantage when they take the leaving certificate in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35650/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Education if a stay will be put for the rest of the academic year on a school (details supplied) due to the loss of a teacher. — Sean Sherlock. [35663/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 778 of 3 November 2020, the number of those eligible for school transport applicants by county that have not yet secured a place on a bus due to late payment of fees in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35669/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education when the permanent home for a school (details supplied) will be facilitated; the plans ongoing to achieve same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35684/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of the funding allocation for her Department for 2021, by project. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35687/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Education when it is expected repair works will be carried out on the protected building on the grounds of a school (details supplied) due to the health and safety concerns it poses to students. — Denise Mitchell. [35688/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35695/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 265 of 13 October 2020, if school transport will be provided to persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35701/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Education the status of arrangements currently in place regarding the right of way issue at a school (details supplied); if her Department is pursuing the agreed proposal outlined to the school board of management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35704/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education the meetings that have taken place between her Department and an organisation (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020 to discuss an issue at a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35705/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a request from the board of management of a school (details supplied) to facilitate a meeting between the stakeholders involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35706/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35710/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Education if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the urgent need for a teacher supply panel in Drogheda and south County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35756/20]

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

*148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of applications for PPS numbers at a company (details supplied); his plans to reduce the waiting times on these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35473/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of applications for PPS numbers at a company (details supplied); his plans to reduce the waiting times on these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35474/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPSN will be issued to a person (details supplied) in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35538/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid in carer's allowance in each year since 2015; the number of carer's allowance applications received in each year since 2015; and the number of successful applicants as a percentage of applications made in each year since 2015. — Martin Browne. [35546/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the fuel allowance will be awarded to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35550/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the means test will be removed for the fuel allowance for those in receipt of a State pension that have a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [35568/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals to carer's allowance refusals received in each year since 2015; the number of those appeals that were successful in each year; and the number of appeals in which the original decision was upheld in each year. — Martin Browne. [35576/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35618/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [35626/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35673/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of appeals that are won on payments such as pension payments, carer's allowance, disability and invalidity pensions; the average time for these appeals to be decided upon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35694/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35721/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an appeal submitted by a person (details supplied) for partial capacity benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [35740/20]

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

*161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the provision of a response to the recommendations of the report by a person (details supplied) on direct provision; the status of the development of a white paper options for a replacement to the direct provision system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35494/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has undertaken to monitor the conditions in direct provision centres in County Monaghan; if he is satisfied that conditions are acceptable for residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35495/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to concerns in regard to living conditions for residents in direct provision centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35561/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has been contacted by any NGO, agency, organisation or charity expressing a concern regarding an increase or the potential for an increase in domestic violence, child suicide rates or alcoholism among youths, during the lockdown Covid-19 pandemic; and the details regarding such communication and correspondence. — Peadar Tóibín. [35456/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the number of persons to report a concern regarding a child to Tusla through its website or other forums has increased in 2020 when compared with previous years; and the number of reports of concerns regarding a child received by Tusla in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [35463/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35605/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the breakdown of the funding allocation for his Department for 2021, by project. — Kathleen Funchion. [35642/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the breakdown of the various units within his Department; and the number of staff working in each unit in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [35643/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions his Department has taken since he took office to engage with the Collaborative Forum. — Kathleen Funchion. [35644/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of personnel employed within his Department that are working solely within the remit of Mother and Baby Homes. — Kathleen Funchion. [35645/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the groups his Department has contacted in relation to the Mother and Baby Homes legislation; and the dates when his Department made contact. — Kathleen Funchion. [35646/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to an incident (details supplied) in a direct provision centre; if he has launched an investigation into this incident; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35691/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35708/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35741/20]

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

*175. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused a SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35476/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the educational qualifications accruing to graduates of the GMIT Mountbellew bachelor of business in rural enterprise and agri-business; if this qualification accredits those that have completed and graduated from the course at level 6 advanced certificate in agriculture through an equivalence arrangement with Teagasc; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [35458/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1018 of 3 November 2020, if his attention has been drawn to the report (details supplied); if he has read the report; if he or his Department has engaged with the University of Limerick in relation to the report; the actions he or his Department will be taking on foot of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35498/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1018 of 3 November 2020, if he has engaged with them Higher Education Authority in relation to the report; the actions the HEA will take on foot of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35499/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of the funding allocation for his Department for 2021, by project and initiative. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35501/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35612/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of his plans to amend the Industrial Training Act 1967 to cover certain areas of activity currently excluded from the development of apprenticeships as laid out in the legislative programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35633/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 184 of 5 November 2020, the reason a student (details supplied) has been granted financial support from the student support scheme that specifies that it must be used for accommodation purposes; if she will assure students that this funding can be used for other purposes given the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35658/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office

space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35715/20]

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

*184. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a person (details supplied) was refused permission to remain in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35500/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the funding allocation for her Department by project. — Martin Kenny. [35506/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Justice the timescale for the implementation of The Family Court Bill announced on 30 September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35516/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Justice if the establishment of a Judicial Council with which persons could lodge complaints against members of the Judiciary as set out in legislation passed in July 2019 has been set up; if not, when it will be set up; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35549/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35615/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Justice the monthly number of applications, approvals and refusals for permission to remain since the commencement of the International Protection Act 2015 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [35649/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has received a report of the inquiry into the adequacy of the An Garda Síochána investigations and disciplinary inquiries that took place between 1984 and 1986 following the death of Patrick Nugent (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35660/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will return the passport of a person (details supplied) who has made an application for a certificate of naturalisation in circumstances in which the person has an absolute right under international law to visit the country of their current nationality which right is not and cannot be confined to cases of medical emergency. — Michael McNamara. [35661/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35718/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Justice the time scale for the implementation of the family court Bill announced on 30 September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35735/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Justice when the recommendations of the Report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice on the Reform of the Family Law System published 25 October 2019 will be considered and implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35736/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Justice the consideration being given to the introduction of laws in respect of parental alienation; if the recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice report on family law will be fully implemented. — Jim O’Callaghan. [35739/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of all offices rented by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland; the amount spent renting each location; the number of employees in each office in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35513/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the reason behind the decision made regarding the operation of acupuncture services under level 5 restrictions; if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss its concerns regarding these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35542/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if an association (details supplied) will be considered as an essential service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35913/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women currently involved in court cases, litigation and negotiation with the HSE regarding the alleged misreading of their smear tests by the HSE CervicalCheck. — Peadar Tóibín. [35462/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women that took legal proceedings against the HSE regarding the alleged misreading of their smear tests by the HSE CervicalCheck since 2018. — Peadar Tóibín. [35461/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned primary care centre, Bangor Erris, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35464/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 894 and 895 of 29 September 2020, in relation to an increase in suicide mental health issues during the Covid-19 pandemic if the correspondence will be provided to this Deputy. — Peadar Tóibín. [35465/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of influenza vaccines by type ordered in 2019; the number administered in 2019; the stock unused in 2019; the estimates for 2020 in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [35470/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that will be taken to decrease waiting times for a service (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Michael Ring. [35472/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the quantity of the LAIV flu vaccine for winter 2020/2021 distributed to date; the current uptake of the vaccine by county; when general practitioners commenced giving the winter flu vaccine to patients; the length of time the vaccine will be made available for free; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35477/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been appraised of a mink cull in Denmark linked to a mutated strain of Covid-19 that has apparently been shown to be transmissible to humans; the actions he will take with regard to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35539/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1163 of 3 October 2020, if he will allow dance schools to be treated the same as sports clubs and gymnastics classes for the purposes of Covid-19 restrictions; if he will allow dance schools to operate under level 3 and 4 Covid-19 restrictions rather than arbitrarily treating dance schools differently to other exercise activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35540/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be assessed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35541/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that have left the DTSS scheme for medical card holders; the basis on which they are leaving; the efforts his Department is taking to address the current impasse which has resulted in many medical card patients unable obtain a dental appointment; if he has met with an association (details supplied); when the proposal for the supply of PPE was submitted to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35544/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a procedure; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [35551/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the interim HSE advice in relation to return to school and at-risk groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [35574/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 228 of 21 October 2020, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a union (details supplied) has now stated that the HSE has effectively reneged on the WRC agreement; the future of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [35575/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the sports organisations that have applied for the community mental health fund to date; the number that were successful; the number that were unsuccessful; the reason they were not successful in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35584/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35613/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the sectors of employment those that test positive for Covid-19 are in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35628/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all Covid-19 screening programmes that he has or is planning to introduce; if same will be for screening by region, industry, school or by third-level institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35629/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the sports organisations that have received funding by the HSE National Office for Suicide to provide suicide or mental health services; the process for applying for this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35635/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and volunteers from sporting organisations that have taken part in suicide prevention training provided by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention by gender and age in each the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35636/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the polices, plans and programmes designed to integrate suicide prevention programmes through the National Physical Activity Plan; the suicide prevention training and well-being programmes delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35637/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sport organisations which have received mental health first aid training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35638/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time and the number of children that are waiting for a dental appointment in counties Carlow and Kilkenny in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [35648/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health if reimbursement of Covid-19-related costs will be forthcoming to disability service providers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [35657/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health if all documentation will be published relating to the investigation into a series of outbreaks of Covid-19 in meat processing plants in Ireland as referenced in the letter he received from NPHEA of 7 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35670/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the reason public patients in County Waterford are directed to Cork and Dublin at great personal discomfort and cost while bypassing a newly-opened service (details supplied) in Waterford which is presently trying to close a service agreement to provide for these patients in their own locality and under the medical care and supervision of their own cardiologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [35671/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the status and timeline for the delivery of a primary care centre in Finglas, Dublin 11 which was first promised over eight years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35674/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health when home help provision will be made in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35675/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [35681/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to meet the significant shortage of doctors at Naas General Hospital in the short term with particular reference to quickly addressing deficiencies in

processing streams of Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35686/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health if the use of a drug (details supplied) will be covered under the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35689/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the right of ambulance personnel to join and be represented by a union of their choice; the status of the dispute between the HSE and members of a union (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35697/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to outbreaks of Covid-19 in the University of Limerick Hospital and Naas General Hospital; and his plans to implement a standardised response and mitigation protocol to hospitals in relation to Covid-19 outbreaks (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [35698/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35699/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35716/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health if reflexology treatments can continue during level 5 restrictions; and if not, the rationale for the restriction on these services. — Catherine Murphy. [35725/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health if massage treatments can continue during level 5 restrictions; and if not, the rationale for the restriction on these services. — Catherine Murphy. [35726/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health if acupuncture treatments can continue during level 5 restrictions; and if not, the rationale for the restriction on these services. — Catherine Murphy. [35727/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health if a record of meetings will be provided including dates and attendees which the HSE held regarding plans to build a private hospital in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35729/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a commitment, tacit or otherwise, to purchase services or use any element of the services at a proposed new facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [35730/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the disabilities sector budget; the percentage of the budget that will be allocated specifically to transport for service users within the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35738/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health if persons are allowed to bring an accompanying person with them to accident and emergency departments under levels 4 and 5 restrictions. — Holly Cairns. [35750/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of waterbirths as part of the homebirth service are being facilitated currently; if the practice is under review; if a specific incident is under review; if so, the professionals that are conducting the review; and the timeframe for completion and decision and any reviews. — Holly Cairns. [35751/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health if craniosacral therapists are classified as essential health workers; and the rationale on which this assessment was made. — Holly Cairns. [35752/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the procurement procedures and cost-benefit analysis that the NTPF describes in sending public patient cardiac angiograms out of Waterford to centres in Dublin and Cork while bypassing the local private hospital cath lab which has been providing a cover cath lab service to University Hospital Waterford while its own cath lab was closed for seven months; and his views on the way in which public patient safety, patient cost and patient personal inconvenience are considered when the NTPF makes such decisions. — Matt Shanahan. [35807/20]

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

*244. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the educational qualifications necessary to be eligible to take-up a position as a technical agricultural officer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [35457/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to issues with the online application system for the BEEP scheme (details supplied); the steps being taken to assess the situation and make necessary changes and help disadvantaged applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35467/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a mink cull in Denmark linked to a mutated strain of Covid-19 that has been shown to be transmissible to humans; the actions he will take with regard to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35511/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the PGI application concerning Northern Ireland; the engagements he has had with his counterpart in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35512/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the financial assistance scheme for avian influenza outbreaks of the H6N1 subtype in poultry flocks in 2016; the number of applications accepted and rejected; the amount paid per applicant per county in tabular form; if there have been delays associated with the scheme and payments to applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35514/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35604/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the funding allocation for his Department for 2021, by project. — Matt Carthy. [35664/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current contingency measures in place for farmers and the agri-food sector in the event of a no-deal Brexit; the financial packages that will be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35667/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to support the revitalisation of the indigenous wool sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35668/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the issue of oyster fishermen and the new schemes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35678/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35693/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a beef environmental efficiency programme appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35696/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35707/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35731/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his position on all outstanding issues in relation to compensation and wildlife measures regarding the tuberculosis strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35734/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of fishermen and women that availed South & South West Fisheries Local Action Groups 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. [35743/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the process by which information on the scale and amounts of inshore fishing is gathered and collated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35744/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of fishermen and women that are members of existing producer organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35745/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on implementing prohibitions on vessel and net sizes for inshore fishing rather than a blanket ban on pair trawling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [35746/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will meet with organisations (details supplied) to discuss the High Court ruling that overturned Policy Directive 1 of 2019 and related matters. — Holly Cairns. [35749/20]

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

*264. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the commitment to bring forward an expanded town and village renewal scheme to bring vacant and derelict buildings back into use and promote residential occupancy; when the scheme will open; if it will be open to business looking to rejuvenate derelict buildings for commercial use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35558/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cost of renting office space including for public bodies from a company (details supplied) in 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [35617/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding or grant assistance available to a business (details supplied); when the social enterprise fund will next be open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [35700/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department rent office space from a company (details supplied) or an Irish subsidiary; the number of employees that work out of such office space; the length of time they have been working from the offices; the cost to date of renting such offices; the tender process by which it was decided to make use of the services of the company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35720/20]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 12 SAMHAIN, 2020
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 2020**

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

1. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve improving micro-mobility infrastructure in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35771/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the development of the CMATS strategy and the need for a bus rapid transit system in Cork. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29627/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to ensure access for foot passengers on ferry services to France. — Paul Murphy. [35795/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his response to the planned one month suspension of flights from Knock Airport; the way in which he will protect jobs and ensure the viability of the airport throughout the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35805/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to ensure that all driving instructors will be given access to shelter and handwashing and toilet facilities at RSA driving test centres in the course of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [35520/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase both the Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann fleet numbers in the coming years; the expected extra capacity that will result from this in both companies in order to increase public transport use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35773/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the expansion of the LocalLink and Rural Link bus services to reduce isolation for persons living in rural areas. — Paul Murphy. [33153/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve public transport provision in County Longford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [35779/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the future of the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line; and his plans to increase usage of the line. — Brian Stanley. [35622/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport the correspondence he has had with the RSA regarding driver test cancellations; the number of cancellations there have been; if those cancellations will be prioritised when level 5 restrictions have been lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35653/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to test passengers for Covid-19 at airports and ports; when Ireland will be adopting the EU traffic light system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35760/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the resurfacing of the Glengarriffe Road, N71, Bantry, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35063/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport when a feasibility study for light rail in Galway will be undertaken or commissioned by his Department; his views on the importance of light rail in the context of climate change obligations and commitments under the National Planning Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35763/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he and his colleagues throughout Europe continue to engage with the airline industry in an effort to bring about a semblance of business restoration while maintaining Covid-19 prevention practices and rapid testing in order to enable economies dependent on air passenger and commercial transport to operate to a reasonable extent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35770/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding timeframe within the shared island unit for the proposed narrow water bridge between County Louth and County Down. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31382/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures his Department has taken to provide support for pilots that have not been able to fly for much of the year as a result of Covid-19; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that as a result many are facing a situation in which they do

not have the minimum flight hours to qualify for a pilot licence under EU legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [35802/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of infrastructure works at Dublin Port given anticipated custom changes as a result of Brexit; if there is sufficient land; the effect this will have for the other activities of the port and its land use; and the additional impacts expected on surrounding local infrastructure, for example, the port tunnel and access points to the port from various directions. — Eoghan Murphy. [35789/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress regarding the construction of the new N22 Macroom and Ballyvourney bypass; the status of and anticipated timeline for the N22 Killarney bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35799/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport the work being undertaken 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 even in the face of a step up in restrictions on social interaction. — Richard Bruton. [34557/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure there will be a substantial increase in the non-national roads allocation for local authorities in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35426/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to meet with the CEO of the IAA in relation to policy on the aviation industry and the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [35774/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason driving testers are taking only six tests per day instead of eight; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [35524/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the feasibility study into bringing the metro to south-western areas of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [35765/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the provision of public transport for Carlow town; when such a service can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [35776/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on projects in the east County Cork area under the review of the National Development Plan 2018-2027 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [35792/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether student nurses joining the frontline against Covid-19 should be exempt from the six-month rule for sitting the driver test; if so, the steps he will take to implement the necessary changes needed; the timeframe to implement these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [35785/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of and position regarding the Sallins bypass; the reason for non-Covid-19 delays during 2020; the status of the cycle and jogging path alongside the bypass; his views on the integration of the bypass with the Grand Canal Greenway; the projected completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [35777/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport the transport rationale of allowing less carpark spaces than apartments in build to rent developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35361/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport his overall national policy in relation to fares on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35135/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the roll out of the GDA cycle network in County Kildare. — James Lawless. [35778/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport if infrastructural improvements on the rail and bus networks in County Clare will be considered by his Department. — Cathal Crowe. [35523/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to commence the roll-out of the Dublin Bus strategy, BusConnects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [35360/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given by his Department to increasing the numbers of buses on specific routes in Dublin city to cope with current demands during level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [35775/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the situation in which some persons that had received appointment dates for their driver theory test during the six week level 5 restriction period had their tests cancelled and rescheduled eighteen weeks after the initial date; his views on the adequacy of this; the steps he will take to rectify this; the timeframe for it to be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [35786/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether public transport providers can cope with demand in the remaining weeks of level 5 restrictions at only 25% of capacity; his plans to provide extra services on Dublin Bus or BusConnects routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [34823/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagement with the proposed new CEO of the IAA; his views on the Covid-19 safety guidelines drawn up by EASA in relation to airline travel; his further views on the future role for the IAA in ensuring passenger safety during the ongoing public health crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35793/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to support an increased bus fleet in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [35639/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the east-west link which is urgently needed in the north-east; the most recent engagements his Department has made on this project; the persons or bodies his Department has engaged with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35346/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for his refusal for the request of taxi representative groups to halt the issuing of new taxi licences in view of the devastating impact of Covid-19 on the industry; the reason for his refusal to dissolve the Taxi Advisory Committee and replace it with a structure more representative of the taxi industry as part of the national transport forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35794/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the completion of the southern relief road for Bandon, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [35062/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of Metro North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [35427/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to ensure that the Metropolitan Area Transport Strategies produced by the National Transport Authority are compatible with Government policies on transport emissions and modal shift; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [35519/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the development and funding of the Dodder cycle route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [35784/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure the development of cycling networks separate from greenways in rural areas. — Holly Cairns. [35797/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce the waiting times for driver theory tests in Cork city and county; if consideration will be given to making driver theory tests an essential service as a result of the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [35497/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a Castlemaine Harbour cycle route from Glenbeigh to Annascaul; if the appropriate persons in his Department will engage with this Deputy with a view to establishing a plan for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35800/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport when he plans to legislate for the use of e-scooters as set out in the Programme for Government; his views on whether this area needs regulation urgently to protect e-scooter users, pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and other road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [35766/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport if her Department will introduce a system of online licence renewal in particular for commercial drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35759/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to undertake a feasibility study on the development of a railway network in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35798/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his consultations with taxi representatives regarding reforms needed in the sector; if his attention has been drawn to the financial challenges facing drivers as a result of the current restrictions with overhead costs such as taxi insurance for example still requiring payment despite many taxi drivers not working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [35768/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider conducting commercial driver CPC courses online similar to that provided in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35757/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the planned M20 motorway between Cork and Limerick; the current stage of the project; the next steps and associated times; when the motorway will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35790/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the high costs of public transport in rural areas prohibiting some from availing of public transport in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [35804/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of Ireland joining the EU traffic light system for travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [35006/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport the innovations he plans for the upcoming statement of strategy of his Department. — Richard Bruton. [34556/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing the driver theory test online similar to that provided in other countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35758/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport the temporary changes that will be made to allow those seeking to renew driver licences a grace period to renew same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35654/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on plans to increase the tram fleet on the Luas Green Line; when the expansion is due to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35783/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the need for support and clarity on an ongoing basis for Cork Airport; and the way in which he plans to safeguard the employment of workers connected to the airport directly, indirectly and in the wider local economy. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [29626/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to meet with the IAA in relation to changes in the remit of the organisation and especially its role during the Covid-19 crisis in aviation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [35772/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which he plans to increase the use of public transport; and his further plans for the upgrade of the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line. — Brian Stanley. [35623/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional funding which will be provided in 2021 for the improvement of regional roads in County Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [35780/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the concerns locally at plans for the N24-N74 Tipperary town road improvement scheme; his views on the impact that it will have on local business; his further views on the impact that diversions may have on local residential areas; if his attention has been further drawn to the large volume of traffic that uses the route on a daily basis; if he will consider engaging with local groups on the matter or facilitating engagement between the authorities concerned and local groups and representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [35801/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport if rail and bus infrastructure improvements are planned to bolster public transport in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [35522/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure the development of safe cycling routes to rural schools and the provision of cycling parking facilities within schools in rural areas. — Holly Cairns. [35796/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made in the past two months in relation to the review of a report (details supplied) on the Western Rail Corridor; when this review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [35136/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering an extension of the ten-year age limit in relation to taxi vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35655/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will consider a feasibility study of the Navan to Kingscourt railway line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35764/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the dangers faced by vulnerable road users from the parking of cars on footpaths; if the Road Safety Authority has any responsibility for the issue in terms of promoting behavioural change and safe parking practices by motorists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [35518/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria which are applied to adding bus stops to Bus Éireann routes in rural areas. — Pa Daly. [35803/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his plan to introduce airport Covid-19 testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35652/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has carried out a study on the environmental benefits of a Dublin-Navan rail line. — Peadar Tóibín. [34742/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans for the LocalLink service to be expanded in areas in which the need is there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34165/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific funding measures in place to assist persons with disabilities in accessing local and public services under the Programme for Government commitment for promoting active travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35656/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the excessive cost incurred by those learning to drive; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35496/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements he has held with travel agents and bus and coach operators to date to discuss State support for their severely impacted sectors; if he engaged with his colleague, the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding extending access to existing supports such as the CRSS scheme to these sectors that fall under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35767/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport if the morning train timetable from Dublin to Cork will be reviewed in view of the fact the first train in the morning does not arrive in Cork until approximately 9.30 am, which is of little use to those commuting for work or education purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35527/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport the detail of the funding component to be provided by his Department towards the development of the North Quays SDZ in Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [35526/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the roll-out of park and ride facilities for Galway city; the number and locations of all sites identified to date from which to operate park and ride; the engagement he has had with Galway City Council on the issue; the engagement he has had with the park and ride development office on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [35762/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his plans for feasibility studies for the Metro south of St. Stephen's Green in terms of potential new or additional routes. — Eoghan Murphy. [35788/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposals his Department is working on in conjunction with the NTA on the Action Plan for Rural Development to work with rural communities to assess and implement improvements to existing rural transport routes and develop new rural transport routes as necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [35791/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport if specific funding will be provided for the local improvement scheme in the 2021 road works allocation to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35425/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport if support will be given to the suspension of all check tests at driving tests during the course of the Covid-19 pandemic in the interests of ensuring the safety of driving instructors and others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [35521/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy; if the MASP can be amended to include Tramore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [35525/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports provided to the aviation sector during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [35007/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he and his Department have examined the options available for Irish exporters with business commitments in the UK and throughout the European Union or beyond with respect to their ability to gain ready, speedy and unimpeded access to their markets post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35769/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the ongoing maintenance such as weed spraying, upkeep and so on of the currently disused Rosslare Strand to Waterford railway line; if his Department will agree with Iarnród Éireann to continue to maintain the line on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [35761/20]