



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for Covid-19 testing facilities in ports and airports; the form of testing that will be used; the cost travellers will face; if it will be in place before Christmas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35955/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to protect frontline workers that use public transport from those that are not following public health advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [35651/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which he plans to deal with the huge waiting list of persons now waiting for a driver test and for driver licence appointments; if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of driver instructors regarding access to testing centre facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35956/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand the DART+ programme beyond the plans announced in view of the fact that significant commuter populations are already living outside the geographical areas that will be provided for; if costings have been undertaken in respect of doubling rail lines west of Maynooth, County Kildare and south of Bray, County Wicklow in order to increase frequency of services; and his plans to include Sallins and Naas, County Kildare in plans to further expand the electric rail network. — Catherine Murphy. [35958/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the State should be involved in creating and expanding shipping routes directly to the continent in preparation for Brexit; the engagements to date he has held with shipping companies on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [35957/20]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

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

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

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

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]



68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

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**CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter in relation to toy shops for Christmas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35809/20]

\*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35854/20]

\*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35872/20]

\*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if resources will be directed to the work permits section of his Department to ensure that as many persons that have secured employment as possible can be working. — Eoghan Murphy. [35907/20]

\*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the new ERO for the security industry; if consideration is being made of the proposed rate increase; the timeframe for the proposed implementation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [35927/20]

\*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question 209 of 3 November 2020, if dog groomers and dog day care centres can remain open during level 5 restrictions; if dog day care centres can also remain open for essential workers that have pets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35936/20]

\*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such

products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36001/20]

\*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if changes to the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 to allow the migration of Irish securities from their current central security depository, Euroclear Britain and Ireland to the Euroclear Bank after Brexit would delay the settlement or transaction date on which securities are traded; if trades will still be cleared in real time ensuring that the buyer of a security is not waiting for days to attain ownership of a share; if there are financial risks with the new arrangement regarding these securities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [36119/20]

\*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the changes the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 to allow the migration of Irish securities from their current central security depository, Euroclear Britain and Ireland to the Euroclear Bank after Brexit will disrupt trading of certain types of securities being traded between Ireland, the European Union and Britain; if so, the securities that will be affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [36120/20]

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

\*102. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on subsidising the radon testing services to encourage more household testing for this cancer-causing radioactive gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36088/20]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) that highlights the benefits plastic packaging offer with regard to food preservation; and his views on the relationship between food waste and packaging technologies. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35810/20]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if in keeping with the findings of a report (details supplied) there is a risk that with moving away from plastic, food waste will increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35811/20]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he or his Department has considered that promoting packaging free foodstuffs would lead to an increase in food waste; the estimated level of increase in food waste as a result of same; the estimated carbon footprint of that food waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35812/20]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35824/20]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when the investigation into the protected disclosure of a person (details supplied) will be completed. — Paul Murphy. [35848/20]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35855/20]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35873/20]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if he will prioritise midland counties specifically counties Laois and Offaly for the roll out of the next tranche of rural broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35893/20]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36002/20]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed fibre broadband will be fully available in rural areas such as Moycarkey-Borris, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36029/20]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of quarterly progress reports on the Climate Action Plan published in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36073/20]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a common definition of recyclable plastic in either Irish or EU legislation; if a definition of recyclable plastics is under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36074/20]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if an organisation (details supplied) will develop a definition of recyclable plastics to assist with administering eco-modulated extended producer responsibility fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36075/20]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the fact that should plastic packaging producers eco-design plastic products to mono-material structures, waste managers may still not recycle these products and thus producers would continue to incur eco-modulated extended producer responsibility fees by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36076/20]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if a list of environmental fines payable to the EU in 2019 will be provided; the reason for each fine and geographical area in which the fine was incurred in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [36116/20]

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

\*118. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the continuation of the southern relief road bypass for Bandon, County Cork. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35103/20]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider bringing forward the construction of the Luas to Finglas route in the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26667/20]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure the survival of important sectors of the economy such as the aviation, travel and taxi industries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [25946/20]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to support the maintenance of regional roads in County Cork in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35781/20]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional funding for the Irish Coast Guard in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [35782/20]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial supports in place to assist the travel agency sector in view of the impact of Covid-19 on the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25977/20]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports that have been put in place for travel agents in view of the decimation of travel and tourism due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [27365/20]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered a proposal to make Rosslare Europort a freeport as part of preparations for Brexit. — Verona Murphy. [28438/20]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Transport his interactions with the Irish travel agent sector during the Covid-19 pandemic period. — Pa Daly. [25981/20]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports for sectors most affected by Covid-19 in particular the travel agency sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30564/20]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35867/20]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35885/20]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria that will be applied to assess whether the new cycle route on the Strand Road, Dublin 4 will be maintained after its trial period. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35920/20]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Transport when the full infrastructure for the Sutton to Sandycove cycle route will be installed. — Jim O'Callaghan. [35921/20]



\*132. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific financial supports available to those in the chauffeur, limousine and small coach operators' sector; the details of the funds; the guidelines to access same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [35923/20]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated timeline for completion of upgrade works in respect of the N2/A5 Dublin to Derry road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35969/20]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Transport when upgrade works on the N53 Castleblayney to Dundalk road including improvement works at Ballinacarry bridge will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35970/20]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be allocated to develop a link road between the N2 and N12 in Monaghan, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35971/20]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36014/20]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the board of the NTA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36026/20]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific type of testing that will be used at airports; the locations the testing staff will be seconded from; if they will be hired for the purpose; the testing capacity that will be in place by 1 December 2020; the desired optimal testing capacity; the procedures to be put in place for those that fail testing in the airport; and the Department or agency that will have responsibility for the administering of tests. — Seán Crowe. [36035/20]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to deal with the applications for driver licences ahead of the UK departure from the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36041/20]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of annual referrals made to the Marine Survey Office by the Workplace Relations Commission under the agreement made between those agencies on 3 April 2019; the number of referrals that led to inspections of fishing vessels by the office; the number of inspections that were unannounced; the number that involved a review by Marine Survey Office surveyors of records of work and rest maintained under statutory instruments (details supplied); the number of these reviews that identified violations of the regulations; the action the office took in respect of the violations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36057/20]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of unannounced inspections of Irish fishing vessels made by surveyors of the Marine Survey Office annually since 1 January 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36058/20]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to amend the European Union (International Labour Organisation Work in Fishing Convention) (Working Hours) Regulations 2019 SI 672

of 2019 to include a method for calculating, in particular cases, the reference period for use in calculating average weekly hours as required by Council Directive (EU) 2017/159 of 19 December 2016 implementing the agreement regarding the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 of the International Labour Organisation, concluded on 21 May 2012 between organisations (details supplied) and in particular Article 11 of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36059/20]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Transport the Irish flagged fishing vessels over 15 metres in length that were inspected by the Marine Survey Office annually since 1 January 2018; the number of vessels that had returned the official log book to the office as required by sections 239 to 242 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 as amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36060/20]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on extending driver licences for those that expire between 1 September and 30 November 2020 for seven months due to ongoing backlogs in the NDLS system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [36087/20]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress to date in the upgrading of commuter rail services with particular reference to frequency, capacity and the ability to meet the ever increasing requirements in the commuter belts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36089/20]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress in the programme to renew the rail transport sector with particular reference to meeting the needs of commuters and average users of the system in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36090/20]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers making daily use of rail services in each of the past five years to date; his plans in this regard in response to trends arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36091/20]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet a delegation from Kildare County Council made up of public representatives and the officials responsible for transport policy in connection with their requests to extent the DART to Kilcock, County Kildare and Enfield, County Meath in order to accommodate a wider catchment area and reduce pressure on road transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36092/20]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which he has had ongoing discussions with the transport sector with a view to providing ready and accessible transport routes to Europe to facilitate the Irish import export sector post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36093/20]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the ability of sea and air transport sectors here to deliver to Irish customers ready and unimpeded access to mainland Europe at a competitive cost regardless of Brexit negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36094/20]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects to be in a position to assist the airline industry to operate between all European countries keeping in mind the need to observe Covid-19 restrictions but facilitating necessary travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36095/20]



\*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which he and his Department have made sufficient alternative preparations to facilitate the air transport sector in its efforts to fulfil its obligations to customers in respect of freight and passenger services in the post-Brexit and ongoing Covid-19 eras; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36096/20]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which he expects to commuter rail transport in north County Kildare to be upgraded or enhanced to meet the modern demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36097/20]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to encourage increased use of the commuter rail services in County Kildare with a view to alleviating road traffic congestion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36098/20]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the traffic capacity of the M50 or alternative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36099/20]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Transport when the provision of low noise level surfaces will be completed on the M4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36100/20]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vehicles currently using the M4 for commuting purposes on a daily basis; the future plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36101/20]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if changes are afoot in respect of integrated ticketing to compensate for reduced use due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36102/20]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department engaged with Irish Rail on the feasibility of opening a rail line between Sixmilebridge, County Clare and Shannon Airport. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36124/20]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand bus services across County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [36125/20]

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

\*161. To ask the Minister for Finance if the event industry and associated sectors can access the Covid restrictions support scheme as announced on 6 November 2020 (details supplied); if he will provide a schedule of the sectors and business types that can access the scheme; and the criteria for accessing same. — Catherine Murphy. [35891/20]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review correspondence (details supplied) regarding the local property tax; if his attention has been drawn to the change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35825/20]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35874/20]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the challenges facing the nursing home sector following the withdrawal of a major insurance provider to nursing homes that have less than 40 beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35896/20]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35916/20]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Finance if a tax amnesty in relation to accumulated holiday pay can be granted to essential workers that had no opportunity to take holidays due to Covid-19. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [35937/20]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36003/20]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of nursing homes and long-term care facilities that have availed of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36021/20]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Finance if a nursing home can avail of both the standard assistance scheme and the enhanced assistance outbreak scheme for nursing homes and still avail of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36023/20]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Finance if supports given to a nursing home under the standard and enhanced outbreak schemes are calculated as income for the facility if it then applied for the wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36024/20]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to an anomaly relating to the Covid restrictions support scheme raised by an organisation (details supplied); his views on same; his plans to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36070/20]

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

\*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has signed off on the Glashaboy flood relief scheme. — Thomas Gould. [35831/20]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeline for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme. — Thomas Gould. [35832/20]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when work will commence on the Glashaboy flood relief scheme. — Thomas Gould. [35833/20]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35862/20]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35880/20]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he will take to address the two pinch points on the River Shannon at Shannon Grove and Derryholmes; if they will be prioritised under any emergency legislative provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35894/20]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36009/20]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he expects to receive the report from the steering group on transport and mobility challenges in the Phoenix Park; when a public consultation is expected on the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [36034/20]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the work to be done to the Garda station in Ballyporeen, Cahir, County Tipperary; his plans to have this work done; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [36067/20]

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

\*181. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to shooting and fishing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35938/20]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the restart grant plus for bed and breakfasts will be issued to those awaiting an injection of funding. — Cathal Crowe. [35821/20]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35866/20]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35884/20]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to increase the number of publicly-funded outdoor event venues that can accommodate social distancing similar to those which have taken place at Wood Quay, Dublin 8. — Eoghan Murphy. [35903/20]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if event-specific supports have been made available to encourage increased numbers of Covid-19-safe cultural events, for example, outdoor cinemas. — Eoghan Murphy. [35904/20]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a decision will be made on sports capital appeals. — Robert Troy. [35949/20]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department or an agency operating under her Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36013/20]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if guidance will be provided on a query by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36027/20]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36032/20]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of a grant application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36039/20]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when applications will be opened for the sports capital programme 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36117/20]

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

\*193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding aimed at compensating Offaly County Council for lost rates revenue following the closure of Shannonbridge and Lanesboro power plants will be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35895/20]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current population equivalent in terms of the operating capacity of the Drogheda waste water treatment plant at Marsh Road, Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [35827/20]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when new wind energy guidelines will be issued to planning authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35830/20]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35860/20]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35878/20]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a licence will issue to a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [35917/20]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of inspections of private rented accommodation carried out by local authorities in 2019 and to date in 2020; the findings of those inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35930/20]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the regulations that are in place to prevent overcrowding in private rented accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35931/20]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons living in private rented accommodation here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35932/20]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he will take based on the findings of the report by the Economic and Evaluation Service which found that resourcing local authorities is the most cost effective way to deliver new social housing units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35977/20]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost of purchased part V social housing units in each local authority in the past three years; the budget spent; the number of part V social housing units that were purchased by each local authority; the average per unit cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35983/20]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a copy of the circular issued on the purchase of new and existing homes for Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35984/20]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has issued any guidelines or circulars to local authorities in Dublin and or the Dublin Region Homeless Executive on travel supports or funding for families placed in emergency homeless accommodation in particular in relation to school travel costs; if so, if a copy of the guidelines or circulars issued will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35985/20]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports in place for families that are not first time buyers that require more space for their growing family but cannot afford to buy an adequately sized home on the private market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35986/20]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of proposed legislation in relation to marine protected areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35988/20]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next review of the National Parks and Wildlife Service will commence; the terms of reference for such a review; if there will be a public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35989/20]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of new social and affordable housing units which meet the universal design standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35990/20]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the target for the number of new social and affordable housing units that will be fully accessible for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35991/20]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the mechanisms that exist to ensure the voices of persons with disabilities are heard in relation to housing provision; his views on the effectiveness of the mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35992/20]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the accessibility of existing homeless services for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35993/20]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding under the affordable housing scheme that will be allocated to County Monaghan in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35994/20]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the income limits that apply in respect of local authority housing applications by county; his plans to increase these limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35995/20]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding provided to each local authority for the disabled persons grants and the older persons grants scheme in each of the years 2011 to 2020, in tabular form; the estimated corresponding figures for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35996/20]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36007/20]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commission an independent review of homeless services in order to ensure they are meeting the required standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [36079/20]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the ERSI report on the review of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [36083/20]



\*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the level of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan limit on single-income households in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [36085/20]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, in cases in which an applicant may have inadvertently turned down an offer for housing, was removed from the housing list for a specified period and was subsequently reinstated, can now expect an offer of rehousing in the near future; if not, if they may have to wait several years for rehousing despite being homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36104/20]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to simplify access to Rebuilding Ireland housing loans in order to accelerate their availability and meet the housing needs of many couples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36106/20]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the issue of access to local authority loans for applicants whose income is in excess of the qualifying guidelines but vastly short of what is required to purchase a home on the open market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36107/20]

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

\*223. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will countenance under any circumstance a border, economic or otherwise being introduced within Ireland. — Matt Carthy. [35966/20]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport office has ceased processing passports for children during level 5; and if this renders it impossible for families with children that need a new passport from exercising their right to travel in which they honour all due restrictions for the destination. — Richard Bruton. [35849/20]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35857/20]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35875/20]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the measures taken here in relation to Covid-19 restrictions are compatible with the Athens Declaration by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe; if not, if it will be ensured that the measures will continue to be compatible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [35908/20]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of Ireland on the rule of law mechanism included in the proposed EU budget framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35978/20]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has written to the Polish Prime Minister in relation to concerns regarding LGBT free zones; if so, if the letter will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35979/20]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of Ireland on the draft legally binding instrument to regulate in international law the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises as they relate to human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [35981/20]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36004/20]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the need to progress immigration reform will be prioritised with the next administration in the United States of America with particular reference to the needs of the undocumented Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36115/20]

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

\*233. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [35847/20]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35852/20]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35870/20]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35999/20]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Army Reserve officers that were commissioned after 1 October 2005 that have attained the rank of captain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36081/20]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Defence if the provisions of paragraph 31(1) of Defence Forces Regulation R5 have ever been used to promote an Army Reserve officer commissioned after 1 October 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36082/20]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated projections for the increased expenditure in order to participate in the European Peace Facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36121/20]



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

\*240. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided to siblings (details supplied) given that the applications were submitted on time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [36114/20]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Education the status of divestment plans for primary and secondary schools in order to provide more multi and non-denominational school options for parents; and the progress that has been made in 2020 on same. — Joe O'Brien. [35817/20]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project (details supplied); the timeframe for progression; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35818/20]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to expand the yellow flag programme to all schools throughout the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [35823/20]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Education when the temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) will be finished; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35835/20]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35853/20]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35871/20]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 329 of 20 October 2020, if she will provide a time frame in relation to the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35922/20]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 373 of 20 October 2020, when a detailed reply will issue to the question raised. — Michael Creed. [35941/20]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Education if the framework components of the yellow flag programme will be incorporated into the national education policy; if a strategy will be established on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35980/20]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider suspending the use of prescribed English texts which include racial slurs until there is a review of their suitability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35987/20]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department or an agency operating under her Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36000/20]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Education when a payment to a person (details supplied) will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [36018/20]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider incorporating aspects of the yellow flag programme into national education policy. — Joe O'Brien. [36019/20]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Education the protocol for students opting to sit the written leaving certificate scheduled for November 2021 if a student has suspected Covid-19 symptoms and is awaiting a test or results if they are a close contact and have to self-isolate for 14 days; the accommodation that will be made for them to sit their exams; and if they can be accommodated to sit their exams virtually or at a later date if they have Covid-19. — Gary Gannon. [36036/20]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Education the protocol for students sitting State examinations in June 2021 if a student has suspected Covid-19 symptoms and is awaiting a test or results; if they are a close contact and have to self-isolate for 14 days; the accommodation that will be made for them to sit their exams; and if they can be accommodated to sit their exams virtually or at a later date if they have Covid-19. — Gary Gannon. [36037/20]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made in relation to an appeal by a school (details supplied) in County Donegal regarding the decision not to increase special needs assistance supports in the school; if he will ensure that the reasons for the decision are provided to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36052/20]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building (details supplied) in Dublin 9; the nature of the remedial works required; the body which will meet the cost of these works; when the building will be ready for occupation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36062/20]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider an appeal (details supplied) for the immediate establishment of a primary teacher supply panel in the south County Louth and east County Meath area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36071/20]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the situation in respect of students that have opted to sit the leaving certificate in November 2020; if they will be awarded full marks on the oral elements of their language exams; and if her attention has been drawn to aspects (details supplied) in which students are without supports ahead of the exams. — Catherine Murphy. [36086/20]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with parents and secondary schools in Swords, County Dublin regarding the shortage of secondary school places in the town; if additional modular accommodation and teaching staff will be provided for schools with significant waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [36118/20]

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

\*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the invalidity pension in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [35951/20]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35864/20]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35882/20]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the extension of a community employment scheme could be facilitated for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35886/20]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pandemic unemployment payment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Duncan Smith. [35918/20]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a pandemic unemployment payment; and if the application will be reviewed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [35919/20]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [35924/20]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the anomaly whereby a person (details supplied) cannot be awarded reckonable credits for the period that they were in receipt of the one parent family payment and subsequent welfare payment due to the fact that immediately prior to claiming the payment the person was on a community employment scheme which is not listed as one of the qualifying schemes for awarding credits; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that this has a knock-on effect for the person in that they cannot qualify for the widow's contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [35925/20]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number for a person (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35959/20]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number for a person (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35960/20]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number for a person (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35961/20]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number for a person (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35962/20]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number for a person (details supplied) will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35963/20]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [35964/20]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department or an agency operating under her Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures

will be recouped from the sellers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36011/20]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an old age pension (non-contributory) application by a person (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [36020/20]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal decision will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36047/20]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a disability payment will issue including arrears to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36048/20]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a jobseeker's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36049/20]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many parents face challenges in providing continuity of child care for young babies; and if it is feasible to permit the extra three weeks of parental benefit to be taken now to help them overcome those challenges. — Richard Bruton. [36050/20]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in the provision of PPS numbers to applicants; the average time frame for the application to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [36084/20]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supplementary welfare or an exceptional needs payment will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36109/20]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36111/20]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a part carer's allowance will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36113/20]

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

\*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the commitment by Ireland to take in 50 refugee families from the Moira Camp in Greece; the number of unaccompanied children due to arrive; the timeline for the arrival of refugees from the camp; the current status of same in Greece; the supports that will be granted to them upon their arrival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35935/20]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter regarding a youth service (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36068/20]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35851/20]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35869/20]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide information on funding for emergency capital works in a childcare facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [35912/20]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter regarding parental leave (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35929/20]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the difference in the level of governance and oversight between emergency accommodation centres and direct provision centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [35934/20]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35998/20]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he plans to publish the final report of the Commission of Investigation into the Mother and Baby Homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36031/20]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [36051/20]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration will be given to the provision of a dedicated youth service for an area (details supplied) in County Dublin in view of the rapid population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36066/20]

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

\*296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the bursaries available to a student (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [35816/20]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the

details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35858/20]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35876/20]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students enrolled in apprenticeships; the estimated cost to the Exchequer on an annual basis; the number of craft apprenticeships; the estimated cost to Exchequer of all craft apprenticeships on an annual basis; the number of students enrolled in new apprenticeships; the estimated cost to the Exchequer of new apprenticeships on an annual basis in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [35953/20]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36005/20]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the arrangements that have been made to ensure that students from Northern Ireland will continue to be treated as previously in Irish universities post-Brexit in relation to fees and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36064/20]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Irish students will be able to avail of SUSI grants post-Brexit to study at universities in Northern Ireland and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [36065/20]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the campaign by UCD graduate medical students in seeking clarity in relation to the 2% to 4% annual increase in tuition fees for both EU and non-EU students; his views on and response to this campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [36077/20]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a person (details supplied) could not have their accommodation fees refunded from DCU in line with best practice in terms of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36103/20]

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

\*305. To ask the Minister for Justice the work carried out by the Family Justice Oversight Group to implement the Report on Reform of the Family Law System by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice and Equality with reference to parental alienation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [35836/20]



\*306. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35861/20]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35879/20]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have been fined for breaching Covid-19 level five restrictions. — Eoghan Murphy. [35906/20]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Justice if responsibility for the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy and wider measures and provisions to promote LGBTI equality in society here (details supplied) will be transferred to another Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [35982/20]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department or an agency operating under her Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36008/20]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has issued permissions to reside and work in the State since 1 January 2020 to non-EEA, Swiss nationals on stamp 1 conditions subject to the general requirement that the person in question be in employment rather than the usual requirement that they be employed by a named employer; if so, the number of such permissions issued; her plans to grant such permissions in future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36055/20]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of letters of notification sent in 2019 and to date in 2020 by her Department to participants in the atypical working scheme to non-EEA Swiss crew in the fishing fleet here notifying them that their contract of employment has ceased that they should furnish details of their new contract of employment under the scheme within 28 days of the issue of the letter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [36056/20]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding residency and eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36110/20]

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

\*314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes and long-term care facilities that have availed of the assistance scheme for all private and voluntary nursing homes and the enhanced outbreak assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36021/20]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that qualified for the maximum monthly support grant available under the support schemes announced. — Bríd Smith. [36022/20]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35822/20]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Health the status of SouthDoc reopening in Blackpool, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [35828/20]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive extra urgent home care hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [35829/20]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35834/20]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35837/20]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Health the status of growing hemp for industrial purposes such as hempcrete construction; and his plans to change same. — Darren O'Rourke. [35838/20]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the purchasing of PPE; if he and the HSE are prioritising the purchase of PPE from Irish suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [35843/20]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cycles of the PCR test that are being used in the field to diagnose the rising cases of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35846/20]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35859/20]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35877/20]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Health if student nurses are still being offered a contract as health care assistants and therefore still being paid for their work during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [35890/20]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of an independent external facilitator to engage in a consultative process in respect of the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35892/20]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Health the details of analysis, studies and reports on the number and rate of infection of persons with Covid-19 in private rented accommodation; if a comparison will be provided of the data with that for the general population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35914/20]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information in respect of analysis, studies and reports on the overall rate of infection of persons with Covid-19 since the pandemic began in



the 8 Dublin local health office districts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35915/20]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35940/20]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Health the number of names on the assessment of need waiting list for north County Dublin; the resources and funding that has been allocated to clear the waiting list by April 2021 as advised by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [35943/20]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to streamline the referral process for children that move between early intervention services and the school age team in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [35944/20]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Health the resources being allocated in the early intervention services and school age team to assist it accept the influx of referrals if the assessment of need waiting list is cleared by April 2021 in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [35945/20]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to open a school age team in Balbriggan primary care centre and transfer the waiting list and families already attending the services of a clinic (details supplied) in Clontarf, Dublin 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [35946/20]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Health if resources will be allocated to community care teams within north County Dublin to treat additional referrals following the clearing of the assessment of need waiting list by April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [35947/20]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the €10 million funding announced in Budget 2021 for the National Drugs Strategy; if the drugs and alcohol task force in Tallaght, Dublin 24 is included in funding for the expanded family support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35948/20]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a document (details supplied) in relation to cancer services; if the document will be assessed; his objectives in respect of further progressing an all island strategy in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [35950/20]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Health the additional supports that will be provided to specialists in public health medicine to bring their contracts in line with their duties and responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [35954/20]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the general practitioner shortage in the area of Carrickmacross, County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35975/20]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it is planned that the group home for persons with physical and sensory disabilities at Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan will

be operated by an external service provider rather than staffed with HSE personnel; when the centre will become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35976/20]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36006/20]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has put a standard PPE procedure in place for the hospital staff including student nurses and midwives that are involved in the treatment of Covid-19-infected patients in hospitals; if the HSE has put a standard cohorting procedure in place for Covid-19-infected patients in hospitals to prevent the spread of infection; if all hospital staff including student nurses and midwives are regularly made aware of these procedures; if there is a confidential reporting procedure in place in which staff including student nurses and midwives can report concerns regarding the implementation of such Covid-19-related procedures (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36015/20]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reinstate the healthcare assistant pay scheme for student nurses and midwives which was introduced in March 2020 but is no longer in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36016/20]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Health if a protected disclosure has been received from staff in a hospice (details supplied); the actions he plans to take in relation to the disclosure; if this disclosure is the same as a previous disclosure sent to his predecessor in 2018; the actions that were taken by the HSE in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [36025/20]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately review the HSE distribution chain for the winter flu vaccine (details supplied). — Johnny Mythen. [36030/20]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Health the date for the reopening of the Keltoi Residential Drugs and Alcohol Service, Phoenix Park, Dublin 7 which was closed in March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [36038/20]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have an operation at Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36042/20]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Health when it is planned to resume speech and language services in County Donegal with speech and language therapists returning to their positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36043/20]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists redeployed to Covid-19 testing in County Donegal per month to date in 2020; the number of those that resumed their roles in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36044/20]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit Covid-19 testers in County Donegal to allow speech and language therapists to resume their positions in their qualified field; when it may be expected this will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [36045/20]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Health if day care facilities and grooming salons for pets are deemed an essential service under the term animal welfare as per the Health Act 1947 (Section 31A - Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (No. 8) Regulations 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [36046/20]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in implementing the recommendations of the 2018 Report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health on Foetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [36053/20]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to the recognised institutional member on the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council; his plans to appoint an educational nominee from the National Ambulance Service when it comes to personal selections later in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [36061/20]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health if clarification and guidance will be provided on the continuing operation of beauty clinics offering botox and other injectable treatments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36078/20]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health if issues raised in the media (details supplied) in relation to the new National Forensic Mental Services Hospital, Portrane will receive a response; if an advice notice will be provided to local residents in relation to possible disruptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [36080/20]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health if a mobility scooter will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36108/20]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health when an application under the fair deal scheme will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36112/20]

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

\*358. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine the level of carbon sequestration from hedgerows; if he will provide incentives for the protection and development of hedgerows; if financial supports will be provided to landowners in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35972/20]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent of research done into the use of growing sugar beet as a rotational crop and for the possible production of bioethanol; the extent of such production at present; the viability or otherwise of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [36105/20]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will expedite an application for a PCS number (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35813/20]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a refusal for the beef finisher scheme was issued to a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary despite the applicant being able to provide evidence they are farming a holding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [35815/20]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a basic payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [35820/20]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of progress made regarding the commitment in the Programme for Government to fully explore the potential for growing fibre crops such as hemp considering whether these crops have a viable market. — Darren O'Rourke. [35839/20]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to work collaboratively with an organisation (details supplied) and other NGOs to enforce equine ID and clampdown on horses being kept on public land without the landowners permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35840/20]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his action plan for dealing with the urban equine crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35841/20]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding Christmas trees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35842/20]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the delivery of the animal welfare strategy for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [35844/20]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35850/20]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35868/20]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of work being carried out to establish the office of the national food ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35897/20]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the membership and minutes of the stakeholder forum convened to address the challenges facing the agricultural and livestock merchant sector with respect to EU regulations on the dispensing and prescribing of certain medicinal products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35898/20]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the most recent analysis conducted by his Department on the contribution of the biosector to the net foreign earnings of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35899/20]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Food Wise high-level implementation committee has engaged in a reassessment of the growth projections contained with the Food Wise 2025 strategy in view of the challenges raised by Brexit and Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35900/20]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of exporters requiring certification for products being exported to the UK have registered for access to the export IT system of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35901/20]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the review of biosecurity practises that has taken place following the confirmation of two cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N8 in the Netherlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35902/20]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter in relation to the sheep welfare scheme (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [35909/20]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine the recent High Court ruling which overturned a ban on fishing vessels greater than 18 metres being allowed to fish within six miles of the coastline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [35910/20]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has ordered the closure of the three remaining fur farms here in the interests of public health in view of a mutated strain of Covid-19 which can spread from mink to humans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [35928/20]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an additional payment can be claimed for preparatory works required in respect of TAMS grant applicants for the replacement of slots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [35952/20]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the technical manner in which grass-fed standard is assured; the way in which the matter is managed by his Department or a body under its aegis; the details of such inspections; if such inspections are carried out as part of a broader regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35965/20]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address the issue in respect of the National Forestry Accounting Plan 2021-2025 finding that 54% of forestry in Ireland emits more carbon than it sequesters. — Matt Carthy. [35967/20]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans in respect of the nitrates derogation review; his engagements with EU representatives in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35968/20]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department or an agency operating under his Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by his Department in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35997/20]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all hare coursing activity will be suspended for the purpose of restricting the spread of Covid-19 for the duration of all travel restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [36017/20]

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

\*385. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the matter of no funding having been identified for the delivery and administration for the Leader 2021 programme will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35942/20]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the interim rural development programme will be announced for the period 2021 to 2023 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [36028/20]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has lease arrangements with co-working real estate companies; and if so, the details of the leases including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35863/20]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department leases additional office space that is outside its Departmental building and the estates section of the OPW; and if so, the details of the lease including the terms of the lease, location, price and duration. — Catherine Murphy. [35881/20]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of funding allocated to each local authority for the local improvement scheme in 2020; the proposed allocation per county for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35973/20]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will allocate funding towards the development of a hub (details supplied) under the rural regeneration programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35974/20]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department or an agency operating under her Department have encountered expenditure in respect of hand sanitisation products or other PPE products that were subsequently subject to a recall by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in 2020; if so, the expenditure in respect of such products; if the expenditures will be recouped from the sellers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [36010/20]