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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the establishment of the Future of Media Commission; and the role his Department will have in supporting the work of the Commission. — Alan Kelly. [35142/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the inaugural meeting of the Future of Media Commission. — Paul Murphy. [36612/20]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the establishment of the Future of Media Commission; and the role his Department will have in supporting the work of the Commission. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36675/20]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the establishment of the Future of Media Commission and the role of his Department in its work. — Mary Lou McDonald. [36853/20]

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

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [36603/20]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36676/20]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35253/20]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change. — Alan Kelly. [36604/20]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [36677/20]

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee which addresses climate change will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [38833/20]

12. To ask the Taoiseach the status of Bills under preparation in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [36520/20]

13. To ask the Taoiseach the status of Bills under preparation in his Department. — Mick Barry. [38331/20]

14. To ask the Taoiseach the status of bills under preparation in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [38077/20]

15. To ask the Taoiseach the status of Bills under preparation in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38633/20]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone call with the President-elect of the United States of America. — Alan Kelly. [36601/20]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with the President-elect of the United States of America, Mr. Joe Biden. — Neale Richmond. [36656/20]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone call with the President-elect of the United States of America. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38194/20]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his discussions with the President-elect of the United States of America. — Mick Barry. [38330/20]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his telephone call with the President-elect of the United States of America. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38634/20]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which he plans to allocate funding from the shared island fund. — Paul McAuliffe. [36670/20]

22. To ask the Taoiseach his plans to consult with various communities in relation to the shared island unit. — Paul McAuliffe. [36671/20]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38621/20]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination. — Alan Kelly. [36605/20]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38635/20]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office. — Alan Kelly. [36606/20]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality is due to meet next. — Paul Murphy. [36616/20]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality is next due to meet; and when it last met. — Alan Kelly. [38078/20]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38622/20]

30. To ask the Taoiseach the status of plans to reopen society and the economy when level 5 Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. — Cormac Devlin. [37039/20]

31. To ask the Taoiseach the status of plans to reopen society and the economy when level 5 Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. — Alan Kelly. [38080/20]

32. To ask the Taoiseach the status of plans for reopening after level 5 Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. — Paul Murphy. [38834/20]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Mick Barry. [38329/20]

34. To ask the Taoiseach the status in relation to the Global Ireland Strategy; and when the next progress report is due. — Seán Canney. [38206/20]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [38076/20]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with foreign affairs will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38620/20]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the social housing quarter three output report for 2020 will be published; and the status of the quarter 3 output. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38310/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the terms of reference for the Departmental review on shared an co-living established following his appointment; the membership of the committee; the number of meetings that have taken place; the persons and organisations that were consulted during the course of the review; if he will report on the interim recommendations in the report as contained in a newspaper (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [36465/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if residential development delivered by the Land Development Agency will be delivered through designated activity company subsidiaries of the agency; if Land Development Agency developments may include unaffordable open market priced homes on public land; and if the compulsory purchase powers of the agency will be limited to ransom strips. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38722/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated to each local authority and to approved housing bodies to construct social housing for persons with disabilities; and the amount provided to each local authority for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [38636/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will work with Dublin City Council to secure European Investment Bank finance and a serviced sites fund

allocation to ensure the delivery of social and affordable homes on the Oscar Traynor road site, Coolock, Dublin 17. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38723/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Urban Regional Development Fund for Letterkenny, County Donegal. — Joe McHugh. [38369/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding granted by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive to day services in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [38478/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide funding and support to Dublin City Council to build social and affordable homes on a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38186/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the retrofit works on Pearse House, Dublin 2 will commence. — Jim O'Callaghan. [38289/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking to deal with the rise in the number of deaths of persons who were accessing homeless services and or sleeping rough. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38309/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the development of a site (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [37909/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has been given to increasing the income threshold for applicants to be able to qualify for inclusion on local authority housing lists. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38314/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which allocations under the heading of LIHAF have been made for specific works in each local authority area; the extent to which such progress has been completed or progressed and if any are outstanding; his plans to allocate further funding in this area to meet exigencies that have arisen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38276/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for delivery of the funding for the North Quays from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37828/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loan drawdowns to date in 2020 in each local authority; and the average amount drawn down in each local authority in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38311/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the taking in charge of housing estates process will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38207/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Age Friendly Strategy; the actions being taken to build on housing options for our ageing population; the funding that has been allocated to address policy aims of housing for the older population as part of Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38430/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person or body that inspects private homeless hostels to ensure support services for persons who have become homeless are provided and to ensure that standards are met in the delivery of these support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38184/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure that public land, zoned for housing, will be developed as 100% social and affordable housing in view of the ongoing housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38403/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the upcoming affordable housing scheme; the cost of affordable to buy homes; the eligibility criteria for the homes; the scheme of allocations for cost rental homes; the system for deciding the rents on the homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38401/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the number of houses built through direct build local authority construction in view of the large difference in the cost between local authority direct builds and so called turnkey purchases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [38333/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policies being progressed by his Department to make housing more affordable for first-time buyers; if he is satisfied with this progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [38189/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for implementing the European Commission REACH Committee’s regulation that would ban the use of lead gunshot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [31221/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which affordable local authority housing is being adequately provided for the numbers currently on the local authority waiting lists in view of the difficulties being experienced by young families seeking a home; if he has been in contact with the local authorities that currently have the most serious housing waiting lists with a view to a renewed campaign to deal with the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38275/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he plans to take to reduce homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [38334/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the eviction ban until the end of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38399/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options under consideration for middle income families that cannot secure sufficient mortgages in circumstances in which financial institutions will not take their rental payments into consideration on their applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38326/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that the review of income eligibility limits for social housing is finalised and published without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38279/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if further information will be provided regarding the new affordable purchase scheme as announced in Budget 2021; if a timeline is in place in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37830/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding he plans to allocate to the Urban Regeneration Development Fund 2020 projects; when he plans to deliver this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38321/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the necessary funds and other assistance to develop the Oscar Traynor site for social and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38400/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will announce the specifics of a new affordable rental scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38315/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses that have been procured or built by the State for persons with disabilities in each of the past five years in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [38201/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his assessment of the cost effectiveness of the use of long-term leasing as a method of Part V delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38483/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps which remain to be completed in order to sign the new guidelines for renewable generation at windfarms; and if he will set a deadline for when they shall enter force. — Richard Bruton. [37956/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of plans to introduce a social housing passport scheme to allow households to move from one local authority list to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37831/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding will be released for the building of public housing on 50 acres of council owned zoned landbanks in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [38272/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding will be provided for the modernisation and regeneration of a flat complex (details supplied) to bring it up to the highest level of energy efficiency possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [29610/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of accommodation provided under the Traveller accommodation scheme in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 by each local authority alongside targets in their Traveller accommodation programme for these years in tabular form. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [38472/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to change the practice by which development of council housing starts from a blank canvass design and to move

to having generic designs for the various sizes and types of houses required whether that is one, two, three or four-bed units. — Brian Stanley. [38267/20]

77. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an bhfuil i gceist aige cur i ngníomh an dlí maidir le cúrsaí pleanála sa Ghaeltacht a phlé leis na Príomh-Oifigigh Feidhmiúcháin ó na hÚdaráis Áitiúla a bhfuil ceantar Gaeltachta ina gceantair feidhme; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38361/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the rebate received to date by Cork County Council; and the actions he has taken to provide assurance to local authorities in 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [38281/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide additional supports to allow persons living with a disability to remain in their own homes. — Michael Moynihan. [38283/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to extend the commercial rates waiver into the first quarter of 2021. — Denise Mitchell. [38477/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be supported to engage your officials and the HSE to carry out of a historic landscape assessment and a conservation plan on the Brú Chaoimh in Cork Street. — Joan Collins. [38270/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will be extending the ban on evictions at the end of the current level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38323/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the findings of the review of co-living; and if these findings point to the need to end the practice of same. — Francis Noel Duffy. [38264/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of capital investment in social housing in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [38290/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be made available to provide sewage mains in unsewered villages in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [36518/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to put measures in place to support the refurbishment of vacant property in towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38203/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the implications for vacant housing stock of the increased limits to be applied under the repair and leasing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [38287/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce a social housing passport to allow households move from one local authority list to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38482/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on clustered development within rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [38297/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the current review of allocation schemes will take into account the requirement under law to promote Irish as the community language in Gaeltacht areas. — Pa Daly. [38298/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a plan of public, cost rental and affordable housing will be implemented on the Oscar Traynor site and the timeframe for the implementation of same. — Joan Collins. [38269/20]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options under consideration for affordable housing for middle income families that cannot secure sufficient mortgages to buy their own home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38325/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to publish the report prepared by his Department in relation to the tenant purchase (incremental) scheme 2016; if, in view of the delay in reforming the scheme, he will consider announcing changes to the scheme as a stand-alone measure rather than as part of a bundle of other reforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38360/20]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has had any engagement with local authorities regarding the safe practice of Christmas markets in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38067/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the income eligibility limits for social housing. — Denise Mitchell. [38476/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to roll out cost-rental housing projects in various regions of the country. — Brian Stanley. [38268/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposed process for the development of the former Meath hospital site by the LDA; the potential proposal or scheme his Department have been informed of either written or verbal for this site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [38473/20]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the establishment numbers for the retained fire service; and the number of existing number across all fire authorities in the State. — John Brady. [38395/20]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which local authorities in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath will be supported financially going forward to carry out their respective works plans in 2021 in view of the loss of income from the commercial rates waiver for businesses in order to survive during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37719/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Dublin City Council will bring forward a revised private, social and affordable housing scheme in respect of a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [38069/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the terms of reference for his Departmental review on shared/co-living established following his appointment; the membership of the Committee; the number of meetings that have taken place; the persons and organisations that were consulted during the course of the review; his views on the interim recommendations in the report as reported in a newspaper (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [38469/20]

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the analysis his Department has carried out into the effectiveness of the strategic housing development process in the provision of social and affordable housing; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the strategic housing development process would result in the proliferation of student beds and co-living rather than housing that meets local need; if not, the reason therefor; if so, the reason the policy was progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38366/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to a special allocation of funding to Clare County Council to compensate for the shortfall given the further projected shortfall in commercial rates for Clare County Council from Moneypoint power station in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [38475/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the fact that mandatory high-density housing requirements in rural towns are acting as a disincentive for the provision of housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [38188/20]

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will bring forward proposals to back the building of public houses on public lands and examine the supports necessary for local authorities to do so in the view of the recent vote by Dublin City Council on the Oscar Traynor site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38324/20]

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to publish the Electoral Reform Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [38285/20]

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a system of quotas or statutory imposed ratios in the provision of housing for persons with disabilities; the average length of time persons with disabilities are spending on housing waiting lists compared to persons on housing waiting lists who do not have disabilities. — Peadar Tóibín. [38202/20]

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when construction will commence on the glass bottle site, Ringsend, Dublin 4 in order to provide much needed social and affordable housing. — Jim O'Callaghan. [38288/20]

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will improve income eligibility limits for social housing for areas such as Cavan and Monaghan where the existing limits are very low at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38280/20]

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to further develop the buy and renew scheme to facilitate the delivery of housing stock. — James Lawless. [38286/20]

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the rebate received to date by Cork County Council; and the actions he has taken to provide assurance to local authorities in 2021. — Michael Moynihan. [38284/20]

112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the arrangements which have and are being made to ensure that priority access to legal drafters is assigned to the marine planning legislation without which the development of offshore renewable energy will be held back; and if he will outline a timed roadmap for its presentation for consideration by the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Richard Bruton. [37955/20]

113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the urban regeneration and development fund support for Tralee, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38397/20]

114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding will be made available to local authorities for compulsory purchase of derelict sites to utilise these to bolster social housing stock. — Thomas Gould. [37908/20]

115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position in relation to financially supporting local authorities due to the deficits in their budgets caused by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38398/20]

116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the septic tank grant guidelines which are implemented by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37236/20]

117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure that no services suffer as a result of the loss of revenue being experienced by local authorities in the course of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Martin Browne. [38278/20]

118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expenditure of his Department and An Bord Pleanála in each year since January 2017 in respect of all legal services provided in appeal and judicial review applications instituted against his Department and or An Bord Pleanála by case in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [38470/20]

119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to hold a referendum on the right to water and public ownership of the water infrastructure. — Paul Murphy. [31331/20]

120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding for the port access northern cross route will be released under the next tranche of LIHAF funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [38271/20]

121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Strategic Housing Development Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38068/20]

122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the directly elected Mayor of Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [38468/20]

123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on Tipperary County Council evicting three persons from a property due to the fact that they are over the threshold (details supplied); his further views on the way in which they will be put on the housing list as a result and will claim the HAP payment until they are rehoused; his views that this course of action

is going to cost Tipperary County Council more in the long run; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [38277/20]

124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the ongoing review of income eligibility for social housing supports in each local authority area will be complete; when the details of same will be made available to the local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38322/20]

125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given in 2021 to providing Clare County Council with additional funding in view of the projected shortfall in commercial rates income as a result of the ongoing revaluation of Moneypoint power station and following on from the positive decision to give a special allocation of €2.5 million in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [38474/20]

126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 55 of 6 October 2020, the status of the work of the Galway social housing taskforce; if he has received the further report from the chair of the taskforce; the number of times the taskforce has met to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38365/20]

127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has raised concerns with Irish Water on the issue of connection fees for water and sewage for residential new builds and the taking in charge of developer built wastewater infrastructure in newly built estates. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38312/20]

128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is progressing a remediation scheme for defective blocks, pyrite. — Cathal Crowe. [38081/20]

129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for a national affordable housing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38481/20]

130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the tenant purchase scheme. — Matt Carthy. [38404/20]

131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the implementation of the report of the Expert Group and Traveller Accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38308/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*132. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the inaugural meeting of the Future of Media Commission. — Mick Barry. [38332/20]

*133. To ask the Taoiseach the number of new and of imported electric cars, plug in hybrids and recharging hybrids during the year to date; and the percentage of total new and total imported cars, respectively. — Richard Bruton. [37750/20]

*134. To ask the Taoiseach the projects in counties Cavan and Monaghan which have been announced as part of the Shared Island Fund to date. — Niamh Smyth. [37551/20]

*135. To ask the Taoiseach the third-party contracts entered into by agencies under the remit of his Department for the operation of community and voluntary organisations; the number of staff employed by the third party; and the cost of the contract in 2019 and 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [37570/20]

*136. To ask the Taoiseach the number of public engagements that have been held to date under the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [37760/20]

*137. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has engaged with political parties in Northern Ireland in relation to the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [37761/20]

*138. To ask the Taoiseach the staffing breakdown for the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [37762/20]

*139. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has engaged with the Northern Ireland Executive in relation to the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [37763/20]

*140. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has engaged with the Prime Minister of the UK in relation to the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [37764/20]

*141. To ask the Taoiseach the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date . — Carol Nolan. [37806/20]

*142. To ask the Taoiseach the details on all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date. — Carol Nolan. [37903/20]

*143. To ask the Taoiseach the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37911/20]

*144. To ask the Taoiseach the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; and the cost of all to date. — John McGuinness. [38049/20]

*145. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 148 of 17 November 2020, the nine names proposed by his predecessor to attend the event in the White House in 2019. — Alan Kelly. [38541/20]

*146. To ask the Taoiseach further to his statement to RTÉ on 13 November 2020, the date on which he was informed as Taoiseach by the Minister for Justice or the Tánaiste that a person (details supplied) would be appointed to the Supreme Court; and the means by which he was informed. — Alan Kelly. [38761/20]

*147. To ask the Taoiseach the date on which a person or persons in his Department or any of his advisers were made aware of the applications from any judges for the position vacated in the Supreme Court by a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38762/20]

*148. To ask the Taoiseach when his Department was made aware of the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board decision to recommend a person (details supplied) for appointment to the position vacated in the Supreme Court by a person. — Alan Kelly. [38763/20]

*149. To ask the Taoiseach the date prior to 15 July 2020 on which his Department was notified by the Minister for Justice of her request to put the appointment of a new Supreme Court judge on the Cabinet agenda. — Alan Kelly. [38764/20]

*150. To ask the Taoiseach the date on which he discussed with the Tánaiste that there were other judges who applied for the position vacated in the Supreme Court by a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38765/20]

*151. To ask the Taoiseach if he informed other Ministers prior to 15 July 2020 of the intention of Government to appoint a person (details supplied) as a Supreme Court Judge. — Alan Kelly. [38766/20]

*152. To ask the Taoiseach the date his Department received the Cabinet memorandum regarding the proposed appointment of a person (details supplied) to the Supreme Court. — Alan Kelly. [38767/20]

*153. To ask the Taoiseach the role of the recently appointed statisticians to his Department working on Covid-19 data; and the raw data that is being used. — Denis Naughten. [38792/20]

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

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of Ireland's support for the Mercosur deal; and the detail of the recent developments in this regard. — Patricia Ryan. [37785/20]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the SBCI Covid-19 working capital loan scheme; the total number of applications; the number of successful applications and the value of same; the number of unsuccessful applications and the value of same; the number of ineligible applications; and the breakdown of same by county and lending institution in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [38770/20]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will meet worker representatives of a company (details supplied) to discuss ways of bringing their dispute to a successful conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37780/20]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37795/20]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-

legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37892/20]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37912/20]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if clarity will be provided in relation to his comments in Dáil Eireann on 9 November 2020 (details supplied) in relation to businesses which are not eligible for supports under the Covid restriction support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [37949/20]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the publication of a report commissioned on the economic and sustainability impact assessment for Ireland of the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [37965/20]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38038/20]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the responsibility the Company Registrations Office has to ensure the information it receives from a company is correct; and the responsibility it has when it is brought to its attention that the address given as the principal registered office does not exist. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38253/20]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if supports will be made available for landlords who have premises rented to businesses that are now closed due to Covid-19 restrictions and are no longer receiving rents from tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [38254/20]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the assistance which he can provide to a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [38431/20]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to streamlining the statutory audit process for community co-ops and social enterprises when they draw funds from State bodies in view of the fact the current process is burdensome and costly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [38506/20]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 175 of 29 September 2020, if all matters have now been resolved in respect of employment permits for the person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38601/20]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of all staff employed by or seconded to the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement including their grade and or rank; the details in respect of their position and role

including the time duration that they have been seconded to the ODCE; and if options exist for seconded staff to extend their time with the ODCE. — Catherine Murphy. [38623/20]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacancies that exist in staffing at the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement; the length of time the vacancies have existed for; and the time frame for filling the positions. — Catherine Murphy. [38624/20]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of resources that the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement has in the context of funding, office space, capacity to work from home, vehicles, IT hardware and software; and the details of requests made by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement for additional allocation of resources and staff in respect of 2020 and 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [38625/20]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of gardaí and Revenue Commissioners' officers currently working in the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement by grade and rank. — Catherine Murphy. [38626/20]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of data access requests the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement has made to telecom companies and social media companies here in the past three years to date in 2020 under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought. — Catherine Murphy. [38852/20]

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

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to reduce carbon emissions to help management companies of apartment complexes install electric charge points in underground car parks for residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38094/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a meeting will be arranged with his Department and council officials (details supplied) to discuss the North South Interconnector project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38232/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress his Department has made on addressing the actions relevant to his areas of responsibility outlined in the Private Members' motion of 16 November 2016 on the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38527/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress his Department has made on addressing the actions relevant to his areas of responsibility outlined in the Private Members' motion of 16 November 2016 on the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38529/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will enact the Private Members' Motion previously passed in 16 November 2016 regarding the future of the post office network as a matter of urgency to ensure the sustainability of the existing community post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38729/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to put in place a five year plan for the post office network to ensure its sustainability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38824/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [37765/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37796/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the midlands regional transition team application to the Secretariat Technical Assistance for Regions in Transition on 20 September 2019 requesting technical assistance to develop a holistic plan for just transition in the midland region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37884/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37893/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37913/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications if correspondence from a group (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38021/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38039/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the next call for applications will be open for the climate action fund as part of the National Oil Reserves Agency (Amendment) and Provision of Central Treasury Services Act 2020; if it will be open to projects based on nature-based solutions that enhance biodiversity; the application process; the persons or bodies that can apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [38113/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether it is possible to power the national energy grid from entirely renewable energy sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [38133/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has calculated the additional energy requirement and additional electricity requirement on the national grid if the

targets for electric vehicles are met; the way in which he plans to meet that additional requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [38134/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has discussed the long delays in the processing of application forms under the SEAI better energy warmer homes scheme with the SEAI and the effect this is having on vulnerable persons; the reason the SEAI gave for these delays despite the strong emphasis on home energy efficiency upgrades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38154/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the plans that exist to support LNG import terminals in the State; the Departmental policy towards fracking and LNG terminals more generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [38161/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to replace the Strategy to Combat Energy Poverty in Ireland 2016-2019 with a new strategy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38226/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications the most recent estimated cost for undergrounding the North-South Interconnector; the year in which the cost was estimated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38234/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which the North-South Interconnector will be constructed if Eirgrid or the construction contractors ESB do not have permission from land owners to access private land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38235/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the discussions he has had with his counterpart in Northern Ireland, Minister Nichola Mallon on the North-South Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38236/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which he has calculated the percentage of homes and businesses in each town and village throughout County Mayo that currently have access to high-speed fibre broadband in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38493/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress his Department has made on addressing the actions relevant to his areas of responsibility outlined in the Private Members' motion of 16 November 2016 on the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38526/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the planned phases of development for the connection of the 22,000 premises included in the intervention area of County Clare of the national broadband plan by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [38590/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications with the EPA for end-of-waste status for recovered waste materials; the number received in each calendar year; the number of applications processed in each calendar year; the number of staff and grades working full-time on these applications; the average processing time for

a standard application and for a priority application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38618/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the delay in the provision of the warmer home grants due to increased demand; his views on whether this increased demand is due to a change in criteria; if he will allocate funding to meet the additional demand; if he will review the case of a person (details supplied) and expedite same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38639/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will enact the Private Members' motion previously passed in 16 November 2016 regarding the future of the post office network as a matter of urgency to ensure the sustainability of the existing community post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38678/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if fibre broadband will be provided at a property (details supplied) given that their neighbours have received the service. — Robert Troy. [38812/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to implement a sustainability plan for the Post Office Network with particular reference to the provision of new products, additional Government services for the network and capital investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38823/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he plans to take including a Government public service obligation subvention to ensure the survival of the Post Office Network for the medium term future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38830/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement he has had with the ESB with regard to its plans to demolish Lanesboro and Shannonbridge power stations; the total value of electricity customers contributions through levies and charges towards the capital cost of each facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38858/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the projects in County Meath considered for inclusion in the recent allocation of €63.5 million for greenways; the reasons these projects were not successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37999/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if an extension will be granted for the works programme funding allocation to local authorities (details supplied) due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38132/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if correspondence (details supplied) will be reviewed; if his attention has been drawn to losses of vital funding to local authorities; his plans to review the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38344/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if local authorities have protocols in place for dealing with oil spills; if so, the local authorities concerned; and his plans to bring forward a harmonised

and agreed response from his Department in relation to the way in which local authorities manage oil spills. — Denise Mitchell. [38518/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the night-time low level flight on 3 November 2020 which left the East Midlands Airport, Derby, England at 11.02pm and spent more than four hours flying back and forth across County Westmeath and neighbouring counties before returning to UK airspace and landing at Nottingham Airport at 5.45am; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [38551/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being put in place to deal with the backlog of driver theory test and driver tests as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [37757/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied with the conditions imposed on Irish citizens who previously held full Irish driver licences seeking to renew their licence on their return to Ireland; his views on whether it is acceptable to require such returning nationals with a clean licence record to undergo six essential driver training sessions and pay a variety of other fees in order to prove driving competence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [37767/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person changing from a UK to an Irish driver licence has the option to maintain their place of birth as Ireland despite being born in Northern Ireland given the fact they are an Irish citizen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [37768/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next TII funding will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37774/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the DAA to implement a fairer approach to arrears due from staff relating to the wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37788/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37808/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if taxi regulations stating all taxis must be less than nine years old on their licence renewal date will be increased by one year. — Robert Troy. [37812/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are failings or problems within a company (details supplied) or the Coastguard that are contained in the report into the investigation of Rescue 116 that should be made known and publicly addressed in advance of a new search and rescue contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [37829/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if there has been a change of policy in recent times that has led to the NDLS recording the place of birth of an Irish citizen as Northern Ireland rather than Ireland when they apply for a driver licence renewal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [37841/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide copies of all correspondence from the Road Safety Authority (details supplied) in relation to a matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37864/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver tests that have been carried out at each driver test centre per day since 1 March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37865/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver testers employed by the State as of 16 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37866/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for driver tests here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37867/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that have dates for driver tests as of 16 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37868/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37878/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37905/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37914/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason changes have been made to procedures associated with the Athy distributor road project which has resulted in the invitation to tender document being referred to his Department with no clear timelines in place to proceed to the next stage of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [37967/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of assaults and incidences of verbal abuse directed at Irish Rail, Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus workers since the beginning of the public health restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [37971/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [37976/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport the terms of reference of the current review of the proposed Navan rail line; the threshold for approval and the variables and calculations used to decide this; the extent to which benefits to the environment and the well-being of citizens will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38001/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of funding from his Department to port companies and local authorities in respect of ports they manage in each of the years 2016 to 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38009/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of protocols or instructions issued by the NTA to ensure there is adequate ventilation on Dublin Bus, DART, Intercity and LUAS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38010/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will write to the NTA suggesting it investigates the feasibility of upgrading Dublin Bus shelters with sedum-covered roofs to capture particulates, store rainwater and promote urban biodiversity given the climate and biodiversity crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38011/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications for greenway projects submitted for County Donegal in the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [38033/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the active travel schools initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [38018/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38051/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 144 of 12 November 2020, the rationale for the requirement to have a Public Services Card to access the NDLS online system; the legislative and or statutory provision on which the requirement is based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38103/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport if persons here with a UK driver licence that was issued in exchange for a Zimbabwean licence will be able to exchange their current driver license for an Irish driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38104/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the driving theory test backlog will be managed with reference to the experience of a person (details supplied) in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38129/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the cancelation of theory tests as part of the level 5 restrictions; and his plans to process the backlog as swiftly as possible once level 5 restrictions are lifted. — Martin Browne. [38169/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allow taxi drivers who have little or no work as a result of the Covid-19 crisis to suspend their licences or to obtain a rebate for the unused period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38249/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) has not been facilitated with a 12 month NCT certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38252/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the status and details of the proposed study to be taken on by his Department with a view to connecting Shannon Airport to the rail network via a spur to Sixmilebridge, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [38385/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding in place for the south Kerry greenway; if a commitment will be made to funding it fully; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [38428/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Athy southern distributor road; if all the funding and approvals are in place; when construction will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38440/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve the standard of urban and rural cycle lanes for active travel in County Mayo; the criteria he defines as urban and rural; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38490/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers on each LocalLink route in County Mayo in each week for the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38491/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and Transport Infrastructure Ireland will provide an update on a speed limit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38492/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for UK driver licence holders to be able to maintain their insurance eligibility post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [38510/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if it will be ensured Dublin Bus has enough capacity to ensure that children can get to and from school during level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [38557/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport her views on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38638/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport when Ministerial approval to allow the appointment of a contractor for works on the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Road, County Limerick; when he expects the approval to be granted and the road completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38652/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reopen the train station at Dunleer, County Louth; his views on such propositions from a policy perspective; if his Department plans to engage with the NTA and Irish Rail on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38771/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure persons seeking to complete their driver theory test are not disadvantaged for an extended period due to the level 5 restrictions as in the case of a person (details supplied); if he will make arrangements for additional resources to be supplied to the RSA to clear the backlog once driver theory testing resumes to ensure applicants can receive a timely booking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [38781/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has approved the extension of the ten year rule for the age of vehicle for taxis for another year due to Covid-19; if so, when the extension will be in

place; when the NTA is changing its rules, regulations to reflect this extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38803/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses funded through public funds since 1 January 2020 that are zero emissions; the number that are exclusively diesel; the number that are diesel hybrid; the number utilising other fossil fuels; the number using other fossil fuel hybrids; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38828/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene in the ongoing superannuation dispute in the Irish Aviation Authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38829/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a case (details supplied) regarding the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [38241/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the resumption of assessments for primary medical certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [38407/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to allow a company (details supplied) to raise EIIS funding towards its equity requirements for a solar farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [38540/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the stamp duty payable on the sale of a family farm after a death; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37758/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37797/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the operation of the Covid-19 restriction support scheme; when payments will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [37817/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a review was carried out in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [37843/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to ensure that consumers have access to reduced car insurance premiums; the consultations he has had with representatives of the car insurance sector on this matter from 1 January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37883/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37894/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37915/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance if issues with the primary medical certification service will be resolved in view of the large backlog of persons waiting and urgently in need of certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [37937/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to expanding the Covid restrictions support scheme to businesses that do not currently meet the qualifying criteria (details supplied) but can demonstrate a significant reduction in income as a direct result of the pandemic. — Steven Matthews. [37951/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the consideration and engagement he has had to extend and continue the retail export scheme given that this is a vital lifeline to many small, independent craft businesses across the country including the Lee Valley, County Cork and particularly those businesses that rely heavily on the tourist market from outside of the EU and that avail of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [37338/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a problem being faced by education and training board part-time tutors seeking to access the temporary wage subsidy scheme (details supplied); his views on whether the current situation is unfair on part-time employees of ETBs; his plans to address the inequality in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [37972/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the thresholds for the bike to work scheme from January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38003/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance if clarification will be provided in relation to a series of matters (details supplied) regarding the temporary wage subsidy scheme statistics published by the Revenue Commissioners specifically in relation to table 9 regarding the scheme and top ups by employers. — Bríd Smith. [38015/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38040/20]

*275. 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. [38052/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of enforcement actions that have been taken by the Central Bank as a result of breaches in the Code of Conduct of Mortgage Arrears in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38053/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance if the current 30% threshold criteria of July to December for accessing the employment wage support scheme support needs will be reviewed and amended (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [38125/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance if approval will be given in respect of a matter in the case of a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [38128/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance if a donation by a trust (details supplied) to a club for the completion of an all-weather pitch is not liable for taxation. — Pat Buckley. [38231/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if the four-year rule for claiming tax credits has been revised in view of the fact that many business persons face large fines and penalties from the Revenue Commissioners relating to multiple years and there is a large discrepancy between the Revenue Commissioners willingness to provide repayments limited only to four years while seeking to recoup taxes, interest and penalties from taxpayers going back for much longer periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38359/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the case of a person (details supplied) regarding the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38498/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress his Department has made on implementing a new community banking service operated by An Post to be made available in all post offices throughout the country as stated in the Private Members' motion of 16 November 2016 on the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38528/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to financial institutions refusing to provide business bank accounts not including credit facilities to persons previously adjudicated bankrupt and whom have since been discharged from bankruptcy; his views on the practice; the options in relation to financial services available to such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38760/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance the conditions by which a person can draw down a portion of their AVCs early; the taxation consequences that apply; and if he plans to make changes in this area. — Dara Calleary. [38769/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that domestic employers who availed of the temporary wage subsidy scheme for domestic employees such as childminders are being asked to pay the full amount given to them as part of the scheme back to the Revenue Commissioners; if a reimbursement scheme can be set up to cover this loss in view of the fact had employers not availed of the scheme employees would have applied for the pandemic unemployment payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [38798/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Finance if a policy change will be considered to the help to buy scheme whereby if a couple is purchasing a home in which one of the couple is a first time buyer that some relief would be given to assist them to purchase a home. — Sean Sherlock. [38848/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of data access requests the Revenue Commissioners have made to telecom companies and social media companies here in the past three years to date in 2020 under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought. — Catherine Murphy. [38849/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a situation in which a bank (details supplied) are refusing mortgage approval due to the Covid-19 pandemic despite no loss in income by application. — Thomas Gould. [38892/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Finance the statutory timeframe to provide written refusal and reason for refusal to mortgage applicants. — Thomas Gould. [38893/20]

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

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to put in place the Programme for Government commitments to regional development (details supplied); the way in which he plans to address regional inequality; if a commitment will be given to a policy of positive discrimination in the upcoming review of the National Development Plan 2018-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38753/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of scaffolding that has been positioned around the dome of the Four Courts for the past number of years. — Peadar Tóibín. [37773/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37803/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a flood relief plan for Letterkenny, County Donegal will be published. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [37842/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37900/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37916/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38046/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a bridge (details supplied) falls under the care of the Office of Public Works; if the Office of Public Works is aware of the deteriorating condition of the bridge; if so, if the OPW plans to carry out remedial and restorative works on the bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38346/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the full list of public procurement contracts will be provided in relation to capital works that have exceeded €10 million, disaggregated by number of tender bids, value of each bid, name of each bidder, name of successful contract winner and final cost of the project, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [38566/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 88 of 17 November 2020, the steps that will be taken to recoup the rent overpayment of €10

million for Miesian Plaza; and the steps that have been taken to ensure that a similar error does not occur in the future. — Róisín Shortall. [38774/20]

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

*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a list of museums will be provided; the amount of State funding they receive in Dublin and nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [38617/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a financial support package for a facility (details supplied) will be prioritised in recognition of the significant contribution that it makes to the entire tourism offering of the southern region. — Brendan Griffin. [38791/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37807/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will reopen the Fáilte Ireland adaption grant until the end of 2020 to facilitate applications that missed the closing date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [37816/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the breakdown of funding provided through the sports club resilience fund; and the amount of funding that went unallocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [37881/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of all applications made by her Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by her Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37904/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the grade at which the chief data protection officer in her Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37917/20]

*307. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén amlíne atá leagtha amach le go mbunófar an coiste comhairleach ar thoghcháin Údarás na Gaeltachta agus cén amlíne a bheidh ag an gcoiste sin lena chuid oibre a dhéanamh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [37973/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by her Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38050/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will address the points made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38085/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38086/20]

*311. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil athbheithniú á dhéanamh ar cheanneagraíochtaí Fhoras na Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38187/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if swimming lessons will be allowed to continue in level 3 if comprehensive protective measures are in place (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [38227/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [38246/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the recent grants to support cultural activities during Covid-19 have catered to the needs of the events sector that does not own premises; and if she has had discussions with the sector regarding its plight. — Richard Bruton. [38342/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the continuation of dance lessons including Irish dancing lessons within levels 2, 3 and 4 of Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19; her engagements with representative organisations to date with regard to the continuation of such lessons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38441/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Covid-19 adaptation grant application process can be amended to allow retail outlets that do not have a wine licence to apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [38464/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the need to protect local newspapers and print media in view of the fall in advertising revenue associated with Covid-19. — Alan Dillon. [38499/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to support local radio stations in 2021 following her meeting with a representative body (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38500/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if extra resources will be provided to Fáilte Ireland to enable it to more quickly process restart grant plus applications (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [38504/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of funding to be made available to sporting and community organisations to support their continued

overheads throughout the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [38607/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next call for applications for the sports capital grant is expected to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38645/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding available to local soccer clubs that do not have and have never had gate receipts but that have been restricted in their fundraising efforts due to Covid-19 and find themselves excluded from some schemes of an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38646/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures she has taken to encourage female participation in sport, especially at youth level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38683/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration has been given to a dedicated sporting grant for female clubs or to encourage female participation in sports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38684/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures she plans to put in place to enable the tourism and hospitality sector to reopen; and if she plans to allow persons to travel outside their county when moving out of level 5 restrictions. — Alan Dillon. [38319/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to support female participation in sport, both amateur and professional; the supports in place to provide greater coverage in the media for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38777/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if supports will be made available such as an adaption of the live events fund of €50 million to event management companies that due to the nature of their business and not having a physical premises have been unable to avail of the Covid restrictions support scheme and the industry is at serious issue of collapse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [38797/20]

*328. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil iarratas faighte ó eagraíocht sonraí (tugtha) ar chúnaimh le na costais atá orthu de bharr Covid 19 a ghlanadh; an bhfuil i gceist aige breathnú go báúil ar seo de bharr méid na hinfeistíochta atá déanta ag a Roinn san eagraíocht seo i bhfoirm deontais; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38857/20]

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

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he has taken and will take to address the findings of the Court of Justice of the European Union against Ireland regarding a windfarm (details supplied) in County Galway; the costs to the taxpayer in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37819/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a recent peat slippage near a windfarm (details supplied) in County Donegal; the way in which this will be investigated and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37840/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to expanding the commercial rates waiver to cover the first quarter of 2021 (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [38126/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to rough shooting. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38512/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the Supreme Court ruling in *An Taisce v An Bord Pleanála* on 1 July 2020 which found substitute consent to be inconsistent with the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive; if the ruling affects the way in which his Department plans to proceed with respect to resolution of the 2008 Court of Justice of the European Union ruling in a case (details supplied) requiring an environmental impact assessment be carried out at a windfarm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [37769/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the affordable housing plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37776/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37801/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if further consideration will be given to a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [37853/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37898/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37918/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities can prohibit tenants from entering into the tenant purchase scheme for properties of certain residence sizes for example, two, four and five bed and adapted houses with the purpose of maintaining stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [37947/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the issues raised regarding the relationship

between the RTB and sheltered housing providers generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [37963/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the strategic housing developments approved by An Bord Pleanála as of 31 October 2020 including details of the local authority, the number of units per development and the status of each development in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38004/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown in the first half of 2020 of Part V units acquired or leased by local authority area by the number of units that were leased and the number that were purchased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38019/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38044/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a copy of the Ministerial guidelines issued in 2005 regarding one-off rural housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [38090/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views in relation to a request by an organisation (details supplied) for an extension to the pheasant shooting season into February 2021 due to the current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38091/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a list of the 35 individual projects that have been allocated serviced site funding to date of €127 million will be provided; the amount allocated to each project; the total project cost; the local authority responsible and the location of the project; and the total number of affordable units to be delivered on each site. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38163/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the long-term impact charge of €30 per square metre that Transport Infrastructure Ireland has introduced for each square metre of road carriageway opened; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this cost does not qualify for grant assistance from his Department; if his attention has been further drawn to the huge financial burden that this is placing on group water schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38240/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of inspections of homeless services that have been completed under the National Quality Standards Framework by local authority area; if the inspections included private operators of emergency accommodation; the outcomes of the inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38372/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are funds available for the upkeep of protected structures on the grounds of schools or other institutions that do not have own resources for such work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [38381/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grounds upon which he ordered the release of hares, which had been legally caught under the 2020-2021 hare netting licence as granted under the Wildlife Act 1976, when there is no precedent for the limit of time in which a hare can be held under said licence as long as it is within the period of validity of the licence. — Mattie McGrath. [38383/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action it is proposed to take in relation to infill carried out at a location (details supplied) without a foreshore licence in view of the fact the matter is going on for a long time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38414/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenant purchase scheme applications received by Mayo County Council since the launch of the new scheme in January 2016; the number disallowed due to the fact they could not meet the income threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38489/20]

*353. 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 Mayo in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38502/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Mayo County Council general housing acquisition programme for 2020 including land, housing, turkey properties and Part V acquisitions in addition to the social housing public private partnership program; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38503/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of contracts for new hostel accommodation for persons who become homeless from 1 January 2019 to date that have been awarded to private providers; the number awarded to not-for-profit NGO providers; the criteria used for selecting operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38514/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of inspections that have been carried out to ensure compliance with the National Quality Standards Framework in emergency accommodation in 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of full-time staff dedicated to inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38515/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Quality Standards Framework will be implemented in private hostels that have been contracted to provide accommodation for persons who have become homeless; the way in which this will be implemented given the absence of professional support workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38516/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for replacing the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011-2016 which was extended as part of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness which is due to end in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38534/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability Implementation Monitoring Group has not furnished a progress report since December 2018; the further length of time before the next progress report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38535/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason 71% of the approved strategic housing development planning permissions have not been activated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38553/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the winding up of the strategic housing development process as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38554/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the analysis his Department has carried out into the effects of the strategic housing development process to date, given that when it was introduced the number of approved planning permissions already significantly outweighed the number of housing commencements; the actions he is taking to address ongoing delays in the activation of strategic housing development approved permissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38555/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the detail of the strategy for housing for persons with disabilities. — Peadar Tóibín. [38560/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average waiting time nationally for a person with a disability to be allocated social housing. — Peadar Tóibín. [38561/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the ratio of housing for persons with disabilities by which local authorities have to build or procure housing for persons with disabilities. — Peadar Tóibín. [38562/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated to each local authority and to approved housing bodies to construct social housing for persons with disabilities; and the amount provided to each local authority between 2010 and 2015 and between 2016 and 2020, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [38563/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the Departmental working group being set up to investigate the possible amendments to building regulations to require changing places (details supplied) in suitable public buildings. — Steven Matthews. [38641/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he has taken to date to implement a town centres first strategy that was committed to in the Programme for Government. — Steven Matthews. [38642/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the way in which local authorities are implementing the rollout of electric vehicle charging stations. — Steven Matthews. [38643/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the rollout of a nationwide e-planning system. — Steven Matthews. [38649/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to launch a public awareness campaign regarding the monuments and archaeological heritage Bill to outline the merits of the Bill and its importance. — Steven Matthews. [38650/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the commitment in the Programme for Government to introduce a social housing passport that would allow households move from one local authority list to another local authority list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [38651/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in the construction of social housing at Clonmacken, County Limerick (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38659/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in the construction of housing at Cosgrave Park, Moyross, Limerick city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38660/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the lack of construction of housing in Ballygrennan Close, Moyross, Limerick city; when he anticipates construction commencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38661/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the Property Registration Authority. — Sean Sherlock. [38668/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of heritage projects currently in hand or listed for attention in terms of projection and restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38685/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which buildings, monuments or sites at risk have been drawn to his attention; if restoration or conservation is in hand or proposed in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38686/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which his Department has engaged with stakeholders on environmental issues; and the progress to date in this regard. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38687/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of heritage issues that have come to his attention as requiring an urgent response; if he will prioritise such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38688/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of families that have in the year to date applied for local authority or similar housing, affordable housing and or special needs housing by county with a view to responding at the earliest possible date to this need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38689/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a house now deemed to be in the affordable category; the number built, acquired or under construction at present throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38690/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he has studied a possible private subsidised sites scheme for potential allocation to suitably qualified

applicants on means and income grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38691/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new houses provided by the local authorities by county for prospective tenants in 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38692/20]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new houses provided by the approved housing bodies by county for prospective tenants in 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38693/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning permissions or alternative authority granted through local authorities for local authority housing in each of the past three years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38694/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing loans offered to date under the Rebuilding Ireland scheme; the number of such loans drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38695/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans currently on hand and awaiting approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38696/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding awarded under the LIHAF scheme to each local authority nationwide; the progress to date in respect of the spending of such funds by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38697/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expenditure to date of the funding awarded to Kildare County Council under LIHAF; the extent to which all the funding has been spent or are in hand thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38698/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of existing local authority houses that have been refurbished or upgraded in each of the past three years to date by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38699/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which funding made available to each local authority in respect of Traveller accommodation over the past five years has been spent to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38700/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the remainder of the €900 million grant for rates waivers promised to assist local authorities with any shortfall in budgets in 2020 can be used to meet additional expenditure that will be occurred in 2021 such as increased pension contributions and increased costs due to public service pay agreements. — Thomas Gould. [38724/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sum to be given to Cork City Council for the rates waiver; and the additional sum to be granted to the local authority to assist in meeting its budget deficit. — Thomas Gould. [38725/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the total number of employees in the Property Registration Authority is in the region of 550 employees; the precise number employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [38734/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if approximately 230 employees are currently remote working enabled and who are therefore working from home; the precise number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [38735/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the remainder of staff at the Property Registration Authority numbering approximately 320 employees are split into two teams, namely team A and team B; if these teams work part-time across the six locations operated by the PRA, with team A and B working a two-day week and three-day week alternating from team to team and week to week; if the employees while working a short week continue to be paid their full salaries based on a full working week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [38736/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the attention of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform has been drawn to and has approved a situation in which employees are working a two to three-day week in certain instances but yet being remunerated for a full working week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [38737/20]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review will be published for the 2016 tenant (incremental) purchase scheme. — Mairéad Farrell. [38748/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the review of the Meath County Development is being conducted to a large degree online due to Covid-19 restrictions; if he is satisfied that this is a legitimate and appropriate approach, particularly as it relates to the casting of votes by elected members; if he has received or issued advice in relation to the matter; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38752/20]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the provision of a fire station (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [38775/20]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No.17 of 22 July 2020 and his commitment on the day, if he will furnish guidance to homeowners for the cutting of trees and hedges in the NBP intervention area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38786/20]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the challenges faced by the many persons who are over the income thresholds for social housing but do not earn enough secure a mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [38821/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure student renters have additional rights including the establishment of a legal definition of

rental deposits, limiting rental deposits to the value of one month's rent and implement a deposit protection scheme which would see deposits lodged with an independent third party such as the Residential Tenancies Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38885/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on providing additional investment in the Residential Tenancy Board in order that it can proactively investigate cases and to ensure properties are registered with the board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38886/20]

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

*406. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Ministers that participated in Armistice and Remembrance Sunday services in an official capacity in 2020. — Neale Richmond. [37759/20]

*407. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will condemn the reported threats from a person (details supplied) in Belgium to influence and subvert their trial on terrorism charges. — Joe O'Brien. [37772/20]

*408. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he will take in view of the destruction of the Palestinian village of Khirbet Humsa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37784/20]

*409. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37798/20]

*410. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the recommendations of the Oireachtas Select Committee on Public Accounts in 2018 that the five year duration of the election observation roster should be reviewed as to whether it is excessive; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that EU countries refresh their election observation rosters every two or three years; the plans he has to replace the current roster; if officials in the audit unit examined the roster; if he will detail their findings and recommendations; the date on which it was decided to suspend the contribution by Ireland to international election observation missions of the OSCE; the basis upon which that decision was made; if other Departments were consulted in advance of the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [37818/20]

*411. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37895/20]

*412. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37919/20]

*413. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38041/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of an Iranian diplomat charged in Belgium with planning to bomb an Iranian opposition rally in France; if the matter has been discussed at European Council level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [38063/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the war that has been ongoing in Tigray, Ethiopia since early November 2020; the actions he has taken to assist the populace of Ethiopia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38443/20]

*416. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of Brexit negotiations regarding the protection of Irish fisheries and their fishing rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [38463/20]

*417. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with his counterparts on the General Affairs Council regarding Brexit being a factor in funds allocated under the Covid-19 recovery fund. — Neale Richmond. [33505/20]

*418. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of trade negotiations between the European Union and United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [34982/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the 2018 survey of the way in which other countries operated their election observation programmes; the objectives of this survey; the countries that returned surveys; the findings relating to politicians on the rosters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38578/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress his Department has made towards the release of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [38584/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on and response to the current state of the crisis in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [38585/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on and response to the deteriorating situation in the Western Saharan region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [38586/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on and the actions that he would be willing to take to assist in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [38587/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on and the response to the ongoing vandalism by Israeli forces and settlers against Palestinian-owned olive groves during the olive harvest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [38588/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on and response to the deteriorating situation in Ethiopia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [38589/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the checks that will apply to trucks transiting the UK post 1 January 2021; if France is availing of flexibilities in the regulations for the

movement of products of animal origin; if all French ports will be designated BCPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [38619/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which all options have been catered for in respect of the aftermath of Brexit with particular reference to access to foreign markets for Irish products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38701/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which specific Irish produce might be impeded en route to foreign destinations in the context of the post-Brexit situation; if specific guarantees have been given in respect of any or all such access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38702/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he and his Department have engaged with bodies other than his Department with a view to providing travel for the Christmas period while keeping in mind best practice in terms of social distancing, sanitising, rapid-testing and mask wearing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38703/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the total amount of overseas development aid offered to various bodies globally in each of the past five years to date; the extent to which such funds reach their desired destination; if there were any exceptions to such rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38704/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and his Department have monitored countries in Europe or otherwise currently offering aid for trade to African countries or other economically challenged locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38705/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Irish aid is being distributed annually under the multilateral aid programme and separately under bilateral aid agreements; the degree to which continued support is offered to achieve value for money for such donations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38706/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and his EU colleagues continue to monitor worldwide locations of concern in which war, starvation, ethnic cleansing, genocide and human rights abuse against men, women and children are obvious; if specific action is ongoing to address these issues; the success of the international efforts to date in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38707/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he and his Department and the international community continue to monitor the activities of the Al Shabaab and Boko Haram or other similar organisations engaged in various nefarious activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38708/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and his EU and UN colleagues continue to monitor event sin the horn of Africa with a view to intervening to challenge abuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38709/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the international community continues to encourage a peace process in the Arab-Israeli disputed territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38710/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which international efforts are being made to protect women and children in the various worldwide warzones at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38711/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Irish aid is directed towards providing irrigation or water systems for deserving communities globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38712/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he continues to support calls for the deployment of UN peacekeepers to various trouble spots globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38713/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which child soldiers are being used in various conflicts worldwide at present; the efforts the international community continue to take to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38714/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he continues to encourage colleagues at EU and UN level to address the issue of the ever increasing number of refugees who are forced to risk their lives while attempting improve their quality of life and economic well-being; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38715/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the situation in the western Balkans remains stable and prepares for EU membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38716/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which it is accepted that the rule of law should prevail across all EU and non-EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38717/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the international community continues to assist countries with economic and or political difficulties in Latin America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38718/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to improve the situation for the undocumented Irish in the USA; his views on whether the recent Presidential election result is a new opportunity to make progress on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38790/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of data access requests the Passport Office has made to telecom companies and social media companies here in the past three years to date in 2020 under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought. — Catherine Murphy. [38853/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*447. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will make enquiries regarding B Company 35th Battalion in Elizabethville in the Congo in 1961 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [38654/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Defence the action he will take to assist the overholding residents of a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37786/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37793/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of times an aircraft (details supplied) landed at Baldonnel between 1 January 2000 and 1 August 2008; the dates and times of same; the dates the aircraft stayed overnight at Baldonnel; and the reason for the visits. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [37859/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37890/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Defence the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37920/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38036/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of army barracks in Ireland; and the staffing levels and capacity of each in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38170/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of naval bases in Ireland; and the staffing levels and capacity of each in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38171/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of army barracks that provide living quarters. — Sorca Clarke. [38172/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Defence the occupancy of the army barracks that provide living quarters. — Sorca Clarke. [38173/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Defence the last time a vacancy in the living quarters provided by the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [38174/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of medical discharges by rank and by discipline in the Defence Forces in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38547/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Defence the median age of those discharged from the Defence Forces on medical grounds in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020. — Sorca Clarke. [38548/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members of the Naval Service who have spent between zero to 60, 61 and 75, 76 and 81 and more than 82 days at sea in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38549/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of qualified or specialised members of the Defence Forces who have left the service in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and the specialised area of each. — Sorca Clarke. [38550/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Defence the value of equipment purchased and procured for the Defence Forces for each of the past five years by country of origin of goods and services and their value in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [38574/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to carry out a full health audit of serving members of the Air Corps. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38582/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Defence the average number of hours worked by members of the Defence Forces by rank and barracks in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38614/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Defence the documented overtime worked by members of the Defence Forces by rank and barracks in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38615/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Defence if members of the Permanent Defence Forces including the Army Ranger Wing are still deployed in Mali; if so, the nature of their mission; and if there is a timeline for their withdrawal. — Paul Murphy. [38726/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Defence if the disparity in remuneration packages between currently serving Defence Forces school of music officers and their newly inducted counterparts will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38806/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of issues with the campaign on rejoining of the Defence Forces (details supplied). — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38807/20]

*470. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of data access requests the Defence Forces and the Directorate of Military Intelligence have made to telecom companies and social media companies here in the past three years to date in 2020 under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought. — Catherine Murphy. [38851/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*471. To ask the Minister for Education if it will be ensured that the agency filled caretaker role at Limerick College of Further Education will be made a permanent role on LCETB payroll. — Cathal Crowe. [38225/20]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the promised redevelopment of a primary school (details supplied) in County Kildare; the investment committed for same to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37779/20]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department that were found to

be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37794/20]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units in operation in primary and secondary schools in County Tipperary; the details of same; and the primary and secondary schools in the county in which plans are underway to develop ASD units. — Mattie McGrath. [37810/20]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the completion of the permanent building for a school (details supplied) in view of the fact the temporary accommodation is not a substitute for a permanent school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [37821/20]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education when an application to the Teaching Council for a teacher number by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [37851/20]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the increased demand for secondary school places at a school (details supplied) as the school is at capacity and requires additional space in order to accommodate would-be 2021 first year students from the catchment area; the date on which funding will be allocated to allow school officials proceed with the erection of two temporary portacabins prior to the commencement on works on a permanent building in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37877/20]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education the details of all applications made by her Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by her Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37891/20]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education the grade at which the chief data protection officer in her Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37921/20]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied) regarding school transport. — Marian Harkin. [37939/20]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will open. — Sean Sherlock. [37941/20]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which there is spare capacity for enrolments in secondary schools in a catchment area (details supplied); the extent to which there is a pattern flow of pupils within the catchment area leaving for secondary school and of those from outside entering; and her plans to assess the need for more places based on the lack of available capacity. — Richard Bruton. [37946/20]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education the projected timeline for the issuing of the tender and appointment of a contractor for the development of schools (details supplied); the anticipated timeline for the construction of the schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [37950/20]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts made by her Department between 2015 and 2017 to construct a special school in the east Cork area; the reason this proposal was not developed further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [37962/20]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assist in the provision of an additional special needs assistant for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37964/20]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education the number of current permanent EAL posts in primary schools nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [37969/20]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education the number of current permanent EAL posts in primary schools in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [37970/20]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) whose educational needs are not being met in a mainstream educational setting; and the steps she is taking to ensure the person receives the necessary placement and supports to obtain their education. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38020/20]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education the number of tribunals, inquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by her Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38037/20]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education the reason tuition was provided on a household basis rather than an individual basis under the summer provisions when there were two or more eligible children in the same family; the reason the appeals mechanism was removed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38108/20]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made in respect of an appeal lodged by a school (details supplied) in County Galway against a decision to refuse sanction for an extension; the reason for the delay in making a decision on the appeal; if her attention has been drawn to the urgent need for an extension to the school in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38124/20]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students in primary school mainstream classes in County Louth that have ASD and associated needs in which there is no ASD special class provision in their school. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38144/20]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students in primary school mainstream classes in County Louth who have ASD and associated needs in which there is no ASD special class provision in their school and would require access to ASD special class in post primary school. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38145/20]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education when the next instalment of the PPE and cleaning grant will issue; if this is the second instalment of two or the second instalment of three; and the amount this instalment of the grant entails. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38153/20]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that can be taken to ensure a secondary school placement in September 2021 for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38214/20]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans to provide an extension to a school (details supplied); the estimated timeline for completion; the student capacity of the school at present; and the capacity when the extension is completed. — John Brady. [38215/20]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education the sanctions in place for schools that fail to honour the legal requirement to include in their admission policies detailed arrangements for those not attending religious instruction; the compliance rates nationwide by year and county in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [38221/20]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education the supports in place for private bus operators who are providing school transport now that the 50% capacity rules are in place; and her plans to ensure that the additional cost for doubling the fleet is not borne on the operators themselves and then passed onto parents. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [38247/20]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to liaise with patrons in the east County Cork area to ensure that there is a sufficient supply of places for students in 2021 in second level. — Sean Sherlock. [38250/20]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) in Dublin 9 is designated as a feeder school for any secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38255/20]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education if the permanent site allocated for a school (details supplied) will be fully available to the school by September 2022; the time frame for the school temporarily using this site to be given its own permanent location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38371/20]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 413 of 22 September 2020, if the grant for the assistive technology required by a student (details supplied) has been paid to the school. — John McGuinness. [38386/20]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education when approval will be given to a school for a new build replacement building (details supplied) in view of the fact that the school is in substandard accommodation and has temporary accommodation available to it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38412/20]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to granting DEIS status to a school (details supplied) that is serving a very disadvantaged area of Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38413/20]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider closing schools for the Christmas period on 18 December 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [38427/20]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the ongoing delay in payments of the special transport grant; when outstanding payments for the July provision and outstanding payments for term 1 2020-2021 are expected to be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [38461/20]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to review the admissions policies for secondary level education to ensure that each student can gain access to a school in their catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38543/20]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education if it will be ensured that a protected structure in the possession of her Department (details supplied) is not allowed to deteriorate any further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [38552/20]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education the options available to the parents of a child (details supplied) for the child to be able to attend school. — Mark Ward. [38567/20]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38600/20]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 504 of 10 November 2020, the plans in place to mitigate the impact that Covid-19 will have on dealing with capacity adaptation actions for dealing with pressure points in relation to second level school places for September 2021 in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [38605/20]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education when parents who are affected by capacity issues in County Wexford will be informed of potential second level school places for September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [38606/20]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 464 of 17 November 2020, if she will address the further information provided (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [38647/20]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make enquiries in relation to the lack of school places in schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38655/20]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a school transport refund for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38656/20]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding a school (details supplied) that has been informed it will be losing a teacher which will then lead to class sizes being increased, which will not be possible given social distancing measures required. — Niamh Smyth. [38657/20]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38666/20]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposed development of a new post-primary school campus in Prosperous, County Kildare; and the timeline from design to completion dates. — Catherine Murphy. [38739/20]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will go to tender for works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38749/20]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education the reason estimated marks given by schools to students in respect of the leaving certificate 2020 were upgraded in some cases and downgraded in other cases following the standardisation process; the way in which this standardisation process was applied and operated in practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [38779/20]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education the method used by her Department in determining appeals submitted by students in respect of calculated grades awarded to them in the leaving certificate 2020; if the reasons for not upholding appeals can be given to the affected students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [38780/20]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of days lost by secondary and primary school teachers due to illness since schools reopened in September 2020, by week; and the comparative figures for September, October and November 2019. — Bríd Smith. [38787/20]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of days lost by primary and secondary schools teachers as a result of isolating as a result of close contact with a positive Covid-19 case for the weeks since schools reopened in September 2020. — Bríd Smith. [38788/20]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of days lost due to illness by pupils in secondary and primary schools since reopening and the comparative figures for the months of September, October and November 2019. — Bríd Smith. [38789/20]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education if concessions are being considered for the leaving certificate class of 2021; if there will be allowances for the loss of teaching hours in 2020 which affected student class time; if there will be allowances made for students many of whom are self-isolating on multiple occasions and missing class time as Covid-19 cases are detected in their schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38793/20]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an ASD unit for a school (details supplied). — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38804/20]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision will issue in relation to an application for a SNA by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [38808/20]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [38809/20]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education the latest demographic information used including figures of projection population growth of secondary-level school age children to analyse the projected need for future second-levels schools in Enniscorthy, County Wexford and particularly pertaining to a school (details supplied). — Johnny Mythen. [38810/20]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the possible expansion of a school (details supplied). — Johnny Mythen. [38811/20]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education when the last review of demographic information including projected growth was carried out in Wexford town particularly relating to the female gender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [38815/20]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education if the NCCA primary and post-primary development groups for relationship and sexuality education have begun meeting; and the number of meetings that have taken place to date. — Gary Gannon. [38862/20]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the maternity arrangements for teachers and school staff that are 28 or more weeks pregnant taking into account the joint occupational health advice (details supplied) for employers from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Royal College of Midwives and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine which highlights women that are 28 weeks pregnant and beyond as at increased risk of becoming seriously ill if they contract Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38887/20]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the medmark process for teachers and school staff that are 28 or more weeks pregnant given that this cohort is considered by organisations (details supplied) to be at increased risk of becoming seriously ill if they contract Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38888/20]

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

*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which she plans to address the youth unemployment crisis and specifically for the Mayo and Galway and Roscommon region. — Alan Dillon. [38098/20]

*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider amending the current means tested disability allowance regime to allow persons with a disability to access payments in their own right (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38345/20]

*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available for children diagnosed as gifted; and if she will consider adding gifted children to the diagnosis that enable carers and parents to apply for the domiciliary care allowance (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [38373/20]

*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37805/20]

*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if representatives of organisations which represent and advocate on behalf of women and older persons will be included on in the newly established Pensions Commission. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37822/20]

*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the anomaly will be corrected by which a 0.5 full-time equivalent teacher is currently categorised as working 11 hours a week based on a full-time teacher working 22 hours a week and on that basis is not eligible for the carer's benefit as they do not meet the criteria of working 16 hours per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [37825/20]

*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if Covid-19 illness payments affect entitlements to full sick leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [37856/20]

*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of all applications made by her Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary

and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by her Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37902/20]

*543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the grade at which the chief data protection officer in her Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37922/20]

*544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application by a solicitor (details supplied) for clearance to take out probate and pay out the beneficiaries of a will, will be provided; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [37943/20]

*545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have been referred to JobPath each year since it was established; the number referred for a second, third, fourth, fifth and if more than five times in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [37987/20]

*546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid to the JobPath providers since it was established; and the amount of referral and sustainment fees. — Claire Kerrane. [37988/20]

*547. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who have had employment sourced for them through JobPath; the number whose employment was sustained for 13, 26, 39 and 52 weeks, respectively. — Claire Kerrane. [37989/20]

*548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is engagement with JobPath providers on the number of persons who source employment but do not sustain it beyond 13 or 26 weeks. — Claire Kerrane. [37991/20]

*549. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of times JobPath providers have reported jobseekers to her Department for non-engagement with the scheme since the scheme was established. — Claire Kerrane. [37992/20]

*550. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of penalties that have been applied to jobseekers' rates for non-engagement with JobPath since it as established. — Claire Kerrane. [37993/20]

*551. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the oversight her Department has had on JobPath providers; and the number of notified and unannounced inspections that have been carried out. — Claire Kerrane. [37994/20]

*552. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to ensure that the Pension Commission includes representation of those who would be most affected by an increase in State pension age by including representation from organisations (details supplied) in the membership of the Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [37998/20]

*553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for issuing persons in receipt of a qualified adult payment to their old age pension a means test letter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38005/20]

*554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application by a person (details supplied) for PPS numbers will be processed; the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38016/20]

*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by her Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38048/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the outstanding amount in arrears of the pandemic unemployment payment will issue to recipients of the payment; the number of persons that are waiting on arrears of the payment; the reason for the outstanding arrears; and the steps she is taking to have the payments made in a timely manner. — Catherine Murphy. [38058/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by workers of a company (details supplied) for casual docket jobseeker's while they were in receipt of temporary wage subsidy scheme support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38064/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will issue in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38096/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is an accepted practice for social welfare inspectors to carry out unannounced visits to the homes of persons receiving social welfare payments; if so, the guidelines and protocols the inspectors operate under; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38111/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38120/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a six weeks death related payment following the death of their spouse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38123/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the increases in jobseeker's allowance, jobseeker's benefit and supplementary allowance in each of the past ten years; and the percentage increase or decrease in each of the years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38152/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the current implementation of the saver clause in community employment schemes which states that participants who commenced on community prior to 3 July 2017 will be entitled to remain under their existing community employment eligibility rules in which this is to their advantage; if it is more advantageous to the person the current criteria can be applied; if this saver clause is being applied across the country uniformly especially in relation to persons aged 55 years and over; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38210/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal will be accepted in the case of a person (details supplied); if an oral hearing will be facilitated at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38216/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if support will be given to a community centre (details supplied) and other similar projects to form a company with the intention of sponsorship

with the aim of continuing their participation in the community employment scheme. — Thomas Gould. [38220/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork will be allocated a personal public service number in order to enable them to take up employment. — Sean Sherlock. [38223/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the gross and net costs of not increasing the pension age to 67 years of age quantifying each of the various factors; the reason for each factor; the estimated savings on working age payments that would otherwise be enabled if the pension age were to be increased; and if the estimated net cost includes public sector pensions in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [38375/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated projected pension expenditure based on demographic cost estimates in each of the years 2020 to 2030, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38376/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated number of 66 year olds who would be projected to have an entitlement to the State pension in each of the years 2020 to 2030 if the pension age remains at 66 years of age; and the estimated average payment. — Claire Kerrane. [38377/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated number of 67 year olds projected to have an entitlement to the State pension in each of the years 2020 to 2030; and the estimated average payment. — Claire Kerrane. [38378/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the further medical evidence submitted by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if their invalidity pension will be granted; and if not, if an oral hearing will be granted to see at first hand the person's incapacity and to hear their case. — John McGuinness. [38384/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the maximum duration a person can retain entitlement under jobseeker's benefit if they enter that benefit having already been on the pandemic unemployment payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38387/20]

*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the date beyond 31 December 2020 before which applications can be made for the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38388/20]

*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position in relation to eligibility for the pandemic unemployment payment for persons who receive notice of termination of employment in 2020 and that notice period extends into 2021, that is, they are informed they are being made redundant in 2020 and given notice but that redundancy only takes effect in 2021; if in these circumstances a person may qualify for the pandemic unemployment payment assuming all other relevant criteria are met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38389/20]

*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which redundancy payments affect the means test for disability allowance; if there are allowances that can be applied to the means test

in respect of statutory or non-statutory redundancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38390/20]

*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for a domiciliary care allowance in the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved as soon as possible given the circumstances of the case. — John McGuinness. [38408/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the carer's allowance and benefit requirements to allow persons to be working, self-employed or on a training or education course outside the home for 30 hours a week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38525/20]

*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a PPSN application by a person (details supplied) who is relocating to Ireland from the UK to set up a business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38536/20]

*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be kept open to new applicants beyond the end of 2020 to ensure certainty for workers if restrictions are reintroduced in January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38542/20]

*580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the payment of arrears to persons who are or were in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Paul McAuliffe. [38559/20]

*581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will make changes to the qualifying periods for back to education courses such as back to education allowance and VTOS to encourage and support persons affected by Covid-19 or returning from abroad to return to education giving them a greater chance at finding employment; if consideration will be given to counting the two weeks of quarantine in cases in which a person does not receive a jobseeker's payment but that the two weeks be counted towards the qualifying period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38573/20]

*582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for jobseeker's allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38575/20]

*583. 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. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38640/20]

*584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38663/20]

*585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38664/20]

*586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38665/20]

*587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38667/20]

*588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding an application for a PPS number for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38773/20]

*589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to cut off new applicants for the pandemic unemployment payment from 1 January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38802/20]

*590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost in 2021 if the telephone support allowance was increased to €4 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [38827/20]

*591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of data access requests her Department has made to telecom companies and social media companies here in the past three years to date in 2020 under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought. — Catherine Murphy. [38854/20]

*592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will expedite arrears payments for pandemic unemployment payment recipients which is currently planned for the end of the year to early-mid December to help alleviate some of the stress and burden of the cost of Christmas. — Gary Gannon. [38871/20]

*593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an oral hearing can be held in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38872/20]

*594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps a person (details supplied) is required to take to compel a family member living in the USA to provide personal information deemed relevant to their case by her Department but that would impact the family member's own family and breach data protection rules; if her Department has the power to disregard data protection legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38873/20]

*595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of cases of one parent family payment refused in each social welfare region throughout the country in each of the past five years to date; the degree to which data protection rules were disregarded when compiling information that would ultimately result in the decision to refuse each case; the number of such cases refused or granted, respectively on appeal by region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38874/20]

*596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare inspectors currently employed in each social welfare region throughout the country; the extent to which these numbers

have fluctuated over the past ten years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38875/20]

*597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if due process and fair procedures can be considered to have been followed as part of an application and appeals process in which the factual information provided by a social welfare inspector, later found to be incorrect, is relied upon to make the decision in respect of an appeal; the steps taken by her Department to ensure due process is followed in such circumstances to ensure fairness, impartiality and transparency in the decision-making process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38891/20]

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

*598. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [37755/20]

*599. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of requests for domestic refuge that went unmet in 2020 due to the fact that refuges were full; the locations these requests went unmet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [37846/20]

*600. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of domestic violence refuges available for victims of domestic violence by county; the capacity per refuge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [37847/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons in direct provision centres in counties Cavan and Monaghan and north County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38155/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of direct provision centres and premises in counties Cavan and Monaghan and north County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38156/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if correspondence from a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if his attention has been drawn to the introduction of such facility in the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38160/20]

*604. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the protocols, procedures and application process involved in the provision of a centre (details supplied); the process involved for landlords wishing to rent property for same; the protocols they are subjected to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38162/20]

*605. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all management and staff within direct provision centres require Garda vetting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38411/20]

*606. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to direct provision centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38444/20]

*607. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 10 September 2020, the details of the way in which he reacted effectively to issues as they arose in relation to services being provided across the justice sector in relation to issues raised under a hashtag (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38521/20]

*608. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the extension to maternity leave is not being introduced until April 2021 as opposed to January 2021. — Robert Troy. [38565/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the options available to a family (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38681/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37792/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the provisions in place to allow a person (details supplied) to attend school in order that they can become fully integrated in the community while awaiting to be assigned a PPSN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [37811/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the adoption, information and tracing Bill will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37832/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the redress scheme for the survivors of mother and baby homes will be put in place. — Eoin Ó Broin. [37834/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of requests for domestic refuge in Tusla-funded services that went unmet in 2019 and to date in 2020, due to the fact that refuges were full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [37848/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37889/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37924/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if he will intervene to prevent the child and their family from being moved during the middle of a school term from a school in which they have established networks and support to the other side of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38013/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38035/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports available for parents to pay childcare fees during a period of self-isolation (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [38122/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childminder learner fund grants awarded to childminders; the number of applications his Department has received; and the breakdown of the funding provided for 2018, 2019 and 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [38127/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline in the aftermath of the mother and baby homes legislation the information that will be handed to Tusla; the information that will be kept by his Department; the records that will be sealed for 30 years; the personal information that will be available to persons who were in mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38168/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action he is taking to prevent parental alienation in order to protect children from the coercion and psychological damage involved and to raise awareness of the problem and potential mental health impacts of parental alienation; the further steps he will take to provide support to children and families affected by the impacts of parental alienation (details supplied); and if he has spoken or plans to speak with the Minister for Health to discuss the way in which to minimise the impact of parental alienation on the health of children. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38211/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further Parliamentary Question No. 556 of 10 November 2020, if it is being suggested that his Department has no responsibility or interest with regard to tackling or protecting children from parental alienation and that he has no views on the issue. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38212/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to use a building (details supplied) as a direct provision centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38262/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38519/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to put in place a support service for male victims of domestic abuse in the greater Dublin area in which 1.5 million persons reside but which has no service. — Peadar Tóibín. [38537/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to remedy the disparity in funding for services for male victims which amounted to less than 2% of total funding in 2017 though males comprise at least one third of all victims; and if an organisation (details supplied) will be designated the national support service. — Peadar Tóibín. [38538/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of home school applications received annually in each of the years 2015 to 2019, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38813/20]

*629. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of home school applications received in each month from January to October 2020, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38814/20]

*630. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of data access requests his Department has made to telecom companies and social media companies here in the past three years to date in 2020 under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought. — Catherine Murphy. [38855/20]

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

*631. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a SUSI grant application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37770/20]

*632. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the outcome of the efforts by his Department to roll out a range of bespoke and sectoral targeted courses from Athlone Institute of Technology, the Regional Skills Forum and ETBs for those accepting voluntary redundancy as part of the midlands just transition process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37885/20]

*633. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the outcomes of on-site skills audits in Blackwater and Mount Dillon bogs which were conducted to assist his Department in informing the development of bespoke training courses for destination employment sectors in the midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37886/20]

*634. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the courses available for adult literacy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [38121/20]

*635. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether an overreliance on the private market for student accommodation has contributed to the issues students and their families are facing regarding getting refunds on accommodation costs and deposits. — Holly Cairns. [38884/20]

*636. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [37771/20]

*637. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37799/20]

*638. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the additional financial supports that are available to first and second year trade apprentices in view of the fact that wages at this stage of their education are very low. — Catherine Murphy. [37814/20]

*639. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science 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 he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [37815/20]

*640. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he has taken following allegations of sexual harassment in UCD; the further actions he plans to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [37860/20]

*641. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to improve access to education for persons with disabilities and members of the Travelling community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [37861/20]

*642. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons in direct provision that have availed of the support scheme since changes were made in each year and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [37862/20]

*643. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37876/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of businesses that have availed of customs training ahead of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [37879/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students from Northern Ireland will be in a position to avail of the Erasmus programme post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [37880/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37896/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37925/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration is being given to offer a partial fees refund to third-level students at postgraduate level in view of the move to online learning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [37944/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to reskill and retrain workers in the area of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [37968/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if SUSI, when calculating the period of time in which an applicant's parents must have been on jobseeker's benefit, has a threshold that states this period must be over 391 days but that when calculating this period only allot six days a week and that therefore the period must be a total of 65 calendar weeks; if so, if this method is unique to SUSI when calculating applicants' eligibility criteria; if it is the practice of SUSI to cut off the payments of a student's grant in 2020 if it discovers an error or possible error in the way in which it calculated the income of the parents in 2018 given that the year applicable is supposed to be the preceding year and cutting off students income can have huge and detrimental effects on students concerned; if SUSI communicates with students in a situation in which it has decided to stop the payment of a student grant for any reason; and if such communication allows for an appeal of that decision prior to the cessation of the grant payments. — Bríd Smith. [37978/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the role of his Department relative to the oversight of the HEA and the institutes of technology; if he has a specific role to ensure that good governance is maintained in the sector to the highest standard and that public funds are safeguarded and dispensed prudently in the interest of achieving value for money for the State; if each of the newly-established technological universities will be responsible for the unresolved issues of each of the institutes in their respective makeups such as protected disclosures and legal issues and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38032/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of tribunals, inquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38042/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the third level CPD accredited courses available in counties Mayo, Galway and Roscommon; and the number in areas such as biomedical, electrical engineering, software and digital skills. — Alan Dillon. [38100/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of TU designation applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [38101/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has discussed the interim list of eligible providers with the Minister for Justice; and his views on the way in which the list relates to further and higher education. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38118/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who have availed of SUSI grants in 2020; the percentage this is in relation to the student population at large; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [38130/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to reform the SUSI support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [38131/20]

*658. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons by gender and Department on contracts of indefinite duration at NUIG in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38135/20]

*659. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons by gender and Department on contracts of indefinite duration which includes payments for related academic duties at NUIG in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38136/20]

*660. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons by gender and Department on contracts of indefinite duration which do not include payments for related academic duties at NUIG in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38137/20]

*661. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the use of contracts of indefinite duration at third level institutions and the use of such contracts with unpaid related academic duties; his views on this practice; the analysis, if any, undertaken by his Department in relation to the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38138/20]

*662. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will extend the €250 rebate to third-level postgraduate students that have had their education moved online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [38139/20]

*663. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 177 of 11 November 2020, if he and or the HEA have had communication from the governing body of the University of Limerick in relation to the report and the issues arising therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38141/20]

*664. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships that have been furloughed; the number that have been made redundant as a result of Covid-19; if the introduction of an incentivisation scheme has been considered to encourage firms to take apprentices back on that have been laid-off or furloughed in the form of a return and retain scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [38166/20]

*665. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the uptake of additional further and higher education and training places funded in the July stimulus package by programme and region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38243/20]

*666. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which he plans to improve all island research and education; the meetings he has had with his counterpart in Northern Ireland in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38244/20]

*667. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person (details supplied) is entitled to the SUSI special grant rate as they have been previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38340/20]

*668. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a problem that has arisen for veterinary students studying in Poland trying to access SUSI grants for the final one and a half years of their degree course; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the five and a half year course is a degree programme comprised of 330 ECTS and is being treated as if it was an integrated masters course by SUSI; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact is that the current interpretation by SUSI, which deems the first four years of the course as undergraduate and the final one and a half years as masters is placing Irish students studying in Poland at a disadvantage compared to those studying for a veterinary degree in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38348/20]

*669. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the transfer of responsibility for the National Training Fund to his Department has been completed; when he plans to publish the expenditure report in this regard for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [38357/20]

*670. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for the delays many persons are experiencing between apprentice phases resulting in four year apprenticeships taking in excess of five years to complete in many instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [38439/20]

*671. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of businesses in counties Mayo, Roscommon and Galway that have availed of the apprenticeship incentivisation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38496/20]

*672. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the third level CPD accredited courses available in counties Mayo, Galway and Roscommon; the number in areas such as biomedical and electrical engineering, software and digital skills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38497/20]

*673. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a series (details supplied) on the working conditions in the higher level education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38530/20]

*674. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the 440 academic staff in universities and institutes of technology that were in continuous employment in excess of two years but not on a contract of indefinite duration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38531/20]

*675. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the 11,200 lecturers working on a temporary or casual basis in recent years across universities and institutes of technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38532/20]

*676. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students that applied for a SUSI grant in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date

in 2020; the number of students that were granted and refused a grant in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [38742/20]

*677. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of letters and emails received regarding students that had issues with their SUSI grant applications in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [38743/20]

*678. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that courses announced (details supplied) under the July stimulus package have not been offered at a reduced rate to students newly enrolled on the course in September 2020. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [38746/20]

*679. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional third-level course places will be made available to the leaving certificate class of 2021 as was afforded the leaving certificate class of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38794/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a change in circumstances has not been taken into consideration for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [38847/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the scale of the review of SUSI scheduled to take place; the key areas of reform; the timeline of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38869/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if recipients of the SUSI grant as well as those that were deemed illegible for the grant will be engaged in the SUSI review; if so, the extent to their involvement in the review; and the method under which this engagement will take place. — Gary Gannon. [38870/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to address workers' rights for postgraduate researchers in universities and ITs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38876/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the NPHET advice on restrictions for third level institutions will be regularly shared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38877/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will work with the Minister for Health to ensure all student nurses and midwives are paid for the work they do in hospitals as part of mandatory placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38878/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether an overreliance on the private market for student accommodation has contributed to the issues students and their families are facing regarding getting refunds on accommodation costs and deposits. — Holly Cairns. [38879/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to ensure that student perspectives and experiences will feature in the full-scale review of SUSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38880/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the full-scale review of SUSI will include engagement with the Department of Social Protection to review the back to education allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38881/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to postgraduate students being required to engage in unpaid teaching in some HEIs; and the steps he is taking to address this practice. — Holly Cairns. [38882/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to continuing staffing gender gaps in third level education institutions including that in 2019 more women work in part-time temporary academic jobs with the gap increasing in recent years to 71% in universities and 63%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38883/20]

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

*691. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the international foundation year and pre-masters programmes submitted by a college (details supplied) have been refused listing on the interim list of eligible providers despite having received and presented conditional offers from fifteen Irish higher education providers and awarding bodies for its foundation programmes. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38115/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Justice the criteria used and the process followed in deciding the relative strengths and suitability of all candidates in respect of the appointment of judges; if, through the JAAB, expressions of interest by serving judges or other judges who are qualified; if there is a marking scheme or other matrix for this process; the way in which this process is followed in order to ensure fair consideration for all applicants and potential applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39164/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay in filling the vacancy on the Supreme Court following the retirement of a judge (details supplied) in June 2019; the reason steps were not taken to address this matter at an earlier date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39165/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37802/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Justice if the provision for a new Garda station for Castletroy, Annacotty, Limerick city will be considered (details supplied); her views on whether such a station is needed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [37809/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the report on her Department’s review of the legislation on hate speech; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37839/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have received specialist human trafficking training in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [37844/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have completed specialist human trafficking training by district; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [37845/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will progress the Firearms and Offensive Weapons (Amendment) Bill 2019 in view of the significant rise in the number of young men carrying knives. — Jim O'Callaghan. [37858/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of all applications made by her Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by her Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37899/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Justice the grade at which the chief data protection officer in her Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37926/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed at Pearse Street Garda station in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [37929/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí stationed at Pearse Street station in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [37930/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed at Kevin Street Garda station in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [37931/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí stationed at Kevin Street Garda station in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [37932/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed at Irishtown Garda station in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [37933/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community Gardaí stationed at Irishtown Garda station in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [37934/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the O'Malley report into the reform of sexual assault judicial processes; her plans regarding this report which was received by her in August 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [37966/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress of work between the Central Statistics Office and her Department to ensure the accuracy of crime data from the PULSE system that is due to be completed by the end of 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38008/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Justice the average waiting time for applications to be considered for permission to enter and reside for a member of a family of a qualified person under section 56 of

the International Protection Act 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38017/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Justice if deportation orders have been served on healthcare workers during the Covid-19 pandemic; if so, if her Department will review these orders given the current healthcare staff shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38022/20]

*712. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38025/20]

*713. To ask the Minister for Justice when visas will issue in the case of persons (details supplied); if the applications will be concluded in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38029/20]

*714. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of rape cases commenced and concluded in each of the years 2017 to 2019 which resulted in convictions. — Paul Murphy. [38030/20]

*715. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by her Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38045/20]

*716. To ask the Minister for Justice if the firearm licence of a person is automatically revoked by the courts when a protection, safety or barring order is granted against them. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38056/20]

*717. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38057/20]

*718. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will detail her policy on the possible deportation of applicants during the current Covid-19 crisis in relation to a number of asylum seekers applications; if she will consider a halt to all deportation orders during this period in view of the health risks involved; if she will clarify in relation to persons (details supplied) revoking the orders already made in recognition of their contribution to health care and the wider arts community during this crisis. — Bríd Smith. [38089/20]

*719. To ask the Minister for Justice the policies and training Tusla or other State agencies have in identifying, intervention and supporting children who are being coercively controlled and unjustly alienated from another parent and their extended families; his views on whether this is physiological and manipulation abuse of a child; his views on whether urgent updated domestic abuse laws are required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38093/20]

*720. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 10 September 2020, the number of officials engaged in social media listening as part of their communications duties; the grade of each; the way in which she has reacted effectively to issues as they arose in relation to services being provided across the justice sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38112/20]

*721. To ask the Minister for Justice the role of the interim list of eligible providers; the reason this list is prepared and published by her Department rather than the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science; and if there is communication between her Department and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when preparing the list. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38114/20]

*722. To ask the Minister for Justice the eligibility requirements for the interim list of eligible providers; and the reason a college (details supplied) did not meet these requirements. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38116/20]

*723. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to ensure a college (details supplied) is not disadvantaged in its efforts to obtain listing on the interim list of eligible providers due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38117/20]

*724. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases within the courts in which an order under section 60 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 was issued to date in 2020; her views on the application of this provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [38140/20]

*725. To ask the Minister for Justice the planned timeline for delivering the ability to apply for driver licences and bank accounts for persons resident in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38410/20]

*726. To ask the Minister for Justice the dates her Department received expressions of interest from judges for the position vacated in the Supreme Court by a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38417/20]

*727. To ask the Minister for Justice when she was presented by her Department officials with the names of other judges that applied for the position vacated in the Supreme Court by a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38418/20]

*728. To ask the Minister for Justice the date she was presented by her Department officials with the decision of the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board regarding the position vacated in the Supreme Court by a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38419/20]

*729. To ask the Minister for Justice the date prior to 15 July 2020 her Department notified the Department of the Taoiseach of her request to put the appointment of a new Supreme Court judge on the Cabinet agenda (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38420/20]

*730. To ask the Minister for Justice the date she notified Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications of her intention to appoint a person (details supplied) to the Supreme Court. — Alan Kelly. [38421/20]

*731. To ask the Minister for Justice the date she notified the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment that there were other judges who applied for the position vacated in the Supreme Court by a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38422/20]

*732. To ask the Minister for Justice the date she notified the Taoiseach of her intention to appoint a person (details supplied) to the Supreme Court. — Alan Kelly. [38423/20]

*733. To ask the Minister for Justice if she informed any other Minister prior to 15 July 2020 of her intention to appoint a person (details supplied) as a Supreme Court Judge. — Alan Kelly. [38424/20]

*734. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason it took her Department so long to make a recommendation to Cabinet regarding filling the position vacated in the Supreme Court by a person (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38425/20]

*735. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will request the Irish National Immigration Service to respond to this Deputy in relation to various correspondence sent it regarding the case of persons (details supplied) in relation to the return of their documents. — Louise O'Reilly. [38442/20]

*736. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is possible for a residence permit to be issued in the case of a long term de facto partner; if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [38462/20]

*737. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for family reunification for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38507/20]

*738. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to persons being updated on their application for a stamp 4 by a post-it affixed to their passport; if this is standard practice; the action being taken as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38522/20]

*739. To ask the Minister for Justice the rationale for the practice of international protection seekers denied leave to remain being summoned monthly to the INIS or GNIB at Burgh Quay, Dublin 2 during level 5 restrictions to report for possible deportation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38523/20]

*740. To ask the Minister for Justice the nationality of those refused permission to remain in 2020, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [38568/20]

*741. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to banning the use of the so called mosquito alarms which emit high pitched sounds to discourage persons gathering in a vicinity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38581/20]

*742. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is possible for the processing of a passport with a stamp 1 of a person (details supplied) to be prioritised by the INIS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [38653/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a taxi driver licence application by a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [38658/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will engage with the Irish Prison Service in respect of a person (details supplied) who has been assigned to other important duties in order to secure a working from home arrangement without prejudice in view of the fact that they have a diagnosed and well-documented underlying health condition. — Catherine Murphy. [38675/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Justice the date she circulated the Cabinet memo to her Cabinet colleagues regarding the proposed appointment of a person (detailed supplied) to the Supreme Court. — Alan Kelly. [38719/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Justice if a list of all judicial appointments made in 2020 will be provided in chronological order by the date appointed by Government, the name of the judge; and the court to which they were appointed. — Alan Kelly. [38720/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Justice further to her statement to the Oireachtas Committee on Justice on 17 November 2020, the date or dates on which she spoke to the Taoiseach, Tánaiste and the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport regarding the appointment of a person (details supplied) to the Supreme Court. — Alan Kelly. [38740/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Justice the staffing levels in Ballymun Garda station in each of the years 2006 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38747/20]

*749. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will introduce legislation to criminalise cat calling which involves a loud whistle or comment of a sexual nature made by a person or group of persons to a passing person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [38772/20]

*750. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a scheme to regularise undocumented persons living and working in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [38778/20]

*751. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the communications (retention of data) Bill. — Catherine Murphy. [38800/20]

*752. To ask the Minister for Justice if a full assessment has been carried out on the refurbishment costs for Sligo Garda station, including costs such as those incurred for deep retrofitting and procurement of space when refurbishment is ongoing; the details of same; if it is still the case that the refurbishment works are to be finished in December 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [38844/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Justice if a comparative assessment has been done on the cost of a full refurbishment of Sligo Garda station; the cost of a new build on the site already purchased for this purpose; the details of same as promised in June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [38845/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of data access requests An Garda Síochána has made to telecom companies and social media companies here in the past three years to date in 2020 under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; and the reason the data was sought. — Catherine Murphy. [38850/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of learner drivers detected driving while unaccompanied under the Clancy Amendment law since 22 December 2018; the number of learner drivers that had their vehicle seized under the Clancy Amendment for driving unaccompanied by a qualified driver; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [38859/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportations per month that have taken place in Ireland since the outbreak of Covid-19 in March 2020, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [38863/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Justice the countries that deportees from Ireland were sent to per month since the outbreak of Covid-19 in March 2020, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [38864/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the recent distribution of thousands of non-consensual images; and if she will expedite legislation to tackle this issue in view of same. — Gary Gannon. [38865/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will make available specific supports for persons and families affected by the distribution of non-consensual images given the extreme effects this can have on mental health and wellbeing. — Gary Gannon. [38866/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will establish a support line for persons and families affected by the distribution of non-consensual images given the effects this can have on wellbeing and mindful of the lesser social supports available under level 5 restrictions. — Gary Gannon. [38867/20]

*761. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí attached to Coolock, Raheny and Howth Garda stations, respectively. — Denise Mitchell. [38890/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*762. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [37854/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment criteria for respite for school aged children with ASD; the funding allocated for this respite in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38494/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a recent study (details supplied) in which a series of interviews with doctors carrying out abortions in Ireland reveals that babies born alive after failed abortions have been left to die; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [38951/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health when he proposes to set a date for the mandatory three year review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018. — Peadar Tóibín. [38954/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health if the protocols for transferring patients from acute beds to nursing homes have been revised since March 2020; if all patients are Covid-19 tested before being transferred to a nursing home; the number of such tests that have been performed; and if single room accommodation is provided for all such patients for at least 14 days after transfer. — Seán Crowe. [37766/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for the pain management clinic at Tallaght University Hospital for over one, two, three, four and five years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37775/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide for a less onerous system to allow doctors to claim payment for administering the flu vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37777/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the lack of flu vaccines available to doctors and pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37778/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health when the report of the clinical advisory group on medical card eligibility will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37782/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health the average response time of ambulances in County Kildare; the number of ambulances ordinarily based at each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [37783/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health the names of the manufacturing companies in China from which the Government and or the HSE has purchased Covid-19 related PPE products such as face masks; the amount paid to each company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37789/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has conducted any investigations to ensure that the purchase of PPE equipment or material from China is not being produced by any Chinese company that uses state-imposed Uyghur Muslim labour in its factories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37790/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37800/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health if a mental health day hospital will be included in the new primary care unit (details supplied) in County Meath; if so, if it will be an admissions unit; and when the proposed new primary care centre in Navan will be built. — Peadar Tóibín. [37820/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health if persons who are moving house or are in the process of finding and or viewing new accommodation are permitted to travel beyond the 5km under current level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37823/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements being considered for religious services in places of worship when level 5 is lifted; if he will reconsider Covid-19 restrictions on allowing physical attendance at any type of religious services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [37833/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health the scientific data underpinning the restrictions on and closure of a sector (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [37835/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the incidences of Covid-19 caused by the operation of a sector (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [37836/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health if there are bespoke plans for a sector (details supplied) when Ireland egresses from the level 5 public health restrictions. — Louise O'Reilly. [37837/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health the number of closed beds in the public health system by hospital and by categories of infection prevention and control, refurbishment, staffing shortages and other on 1 September, 1 October and 1 November 2020, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37838/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the amount spent by the HSE on public relations companies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37849/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the apparent cancellation of the school vaccine HPV programme in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [37855/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health if the next of kin of residents in nursing homes can be allowed to visit on compassionate grounds if the resident has special needs and the lack of visits is affecting them mentally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [37857/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health the number of computers in the HSE that still use an operating system (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37869/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the upgrade of NIMIS radiology information system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37870/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE hired consultants to advise it on IT security and cyberattacks; if so, the cost associated with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37871/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE has allocated and the amount it will spend on premium payments to a company (details supplied) in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37872/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment campaign for a of head of information security, strategy and implementation within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [37873/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to the establishment of a human milk bank here similar to a bank (details supplied) in County Fermanagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [37875/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health if a vaccination for a person (details supplied) will be provided free of charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37882/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37897/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37927/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug kaftrio has been rolled out for cystic fibrosis patients in Ireland; and if not, the reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [37935/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health his views on an issue raised in correspondence (details supplied); and the steps he will take to retain service levels. — Sean Sherlock. [37936/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health when the current qualifying period of a discretionary end-of-life medical card to terminally ill patients will be extended (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [37942/20]

*797. 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. [37945/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 773 of 10 November 2020, his plans to replace the residential facility service at the Keltoi facility while it is used for the Covid-19 response and other services not referenced in the response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37974/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health when the next mid-term review of the National Cancer Strategy will be conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [37975/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health his views on making the drug dupilumab available for persons living with severe atopic eczema; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the drug has been available in Northern Ireland and throughout Europe for over two years but is not yet available to the 150 to 200 persons that suffer with this type of eczema in Ireland; when a decision will be made on availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [37977/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in Dublin 11 will receive an appointment for the early intervention team; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [37980/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is considering steps to improve the uptake of vitamin D among the population in particular for older and more vulnerable persons (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to a scheme to distribute vitamin D to those most at risk of disease in Scotland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [37981/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health the status of negotiations of the new public health consultant contract; the timeline for the introduction of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [37982/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the new hires in public health promised in Budget 2021 by position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [37983/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to further queries from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [38000/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of each nursing home that applied for and received the temporary assistance payment scheme. — Bríd Smith. [38002/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health when appointments will be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38024/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health when a tendering process was last carried out for the provision of prefilled packs that are provided to pharmacies for distribution to drug users as part of needle exchange programme; when the contract for the provision of the said goods expired; when the next tendering process will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38027/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a hospital unit (details supplied); his plans for the development of the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [38028/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); if the matter will be expedited in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [37306/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tribunals, inquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38043/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health the specific areas or regions of the State in respect of which Ireland will provide data to the European Centre for Disease Control to give effect to the recommendation on a coordinated approach to the restriction of free movement in response to the Covid-19 pandemic arising from the European Council meeting of 13 October 2020 that Member States apply those restrictions to persons coming from specific areas or regions of the State particularly affected rather than to the entire territory of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38055/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health his view on the concerns of a person (details supplied) relating to the classification of yoga under the Plan for Living with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38065/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will be facilitated with emergency surgery (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38095/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the visiting restrictions in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38105/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the implementation of the immediate priority to ensure that short-term additional supports are available for persons who are making the transition from CAMHS to GAMHS at 18 years of age given the issues and vulnerabilities that can prevail as outlined in Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38107/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to replacing county boundaries with radius calculation when considering public health Covid-19 guidelines applicable to sports

clubs with particular reference to guidelines applicable to level 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38142/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will get an urgent transfer to the dean clinic at St Patrick's University Hospital Dublin in view that there is a bed available for this person at present who is transferring from Limerick University Hospital and that it be noted that this person is Covid-19 free and the protocol provincial team are happy and willing to facilitate this transfer immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38143/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which outstanding matters remain to be resolved in the context of negotiations with general practitioners such as the award of consultancy status, the filling of vacant posts, the number yet to be filled and timescale for such, the position in regard to Government only contracts, the availability of training positions and any further issues still outstanding or arising from FEMPI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38146/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in the recognition of public health general practitioners as consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38147/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health when a commencement order will be signed facilitating the operation of the Health (General Practitioner Service and Alteration of Criteria for Eligibility) Act 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38148/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for and details of the scheduled review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 as required under the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38149/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Ministerial medical cannabis licences that have been issued; the number of licence holders currently being reimbursed under the licencing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [38150/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the time frame for the commencement of the medical cannabis access programme; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [38151/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a proposal agreed or being examined to move outpatient services from the Regional Hospital, Mullingar to a private hospital in Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [38178/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff redeployed from the Phoenix Centre in County Longford to other duties due to Covid-19. — Sorca Clarke. [38179/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapy hours not provided to date in 2020 due to Covid-19 redeployment of staff in relation to the Phoenix Centre in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [38180/20]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the additional staff and resources that will be provided to the Phoenix Centre in County Longford to address the backlog of missed therapy sessions due to staff redeployment. — Sorca Clarke. [38157/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have their assessment of needs carried out. — Sorca Clarke. [38158/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have access to in person speech and language therapy and occupational therapy in view of the level of additional needs they have. — Sorca Clarke. [38159/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health if a copy of the letter sent to a person (details supplied) which is referenced in a newspaper article will be provided. — Róisín Shortall. [38165/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to provide support to children and families affected by the impacts of parental alienation (details supplied); the further steps he is taking to raise awareness of the problem and potential mental health impacts of parental alienation; and if he has spoken or plans to speak with the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to discuss the way in which to minimise the impact of parental alienation on the health of children. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38213/20]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the reason general practitioner practices in County Kerry are still waiting for the HSE to replenish flu vaccine stocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38219/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health if children under 12 years of age are entitled to an eye examination and voucher to cover the cost of glasses; and if so, how often. — Emer Higgins. [38224/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the €10 million announced for the drugs strategy that will go to drug and alcohol task forces for local projects; and if the amount is ringfenced. — Joan Collins. [38233/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all general practitioner practices in the east County Meath area; the number of general practitioners in each practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [38245/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health if blood tests are covered under the medical card scheme (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [38256/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the design team tasked with plans for a matter (details supplied); if the existing prefabs will be replaced with a permanent structure for a new waiting area; if there is a time frame for the delivery of the second resuscitation area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38259/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to enhance services at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38260/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in relation to family visits to care homes over the Christmas period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38261/20]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for a facility at a hospital (details supplied); if his Department has received the said proposal; the status plans to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38294/20]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a lead-in time of seven days' notice of any new restrictions at the start of December 2020 to allow for proper planning and increased employment levels arranged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38295/20]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 5 December 2019, if a copy of the 2015 HSE report into the orthodontic service will be provided; if he will report on the outcome of the meeting of the Serious Incident Management Team referenced in a letter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38335/20]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health the reason audiology services for children with special needs (details supplied) have been relocated; when the decision to transfer the services was made; his plans to reinstate the services in its original location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38341/20]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the longest time that a child has been waiting for a MRI scan in UHG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38343/20]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be scheduled for a speech therapy appointment in view of the fact they have been on the waiting list for a year. — Robert Troy. [38347/20]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health if an issue (details supplied) in regard to Covid-19 guidelines will be clarified. — Marian Harkin. [38350/20]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists which have withdrawn from the dental treatment services scheme in 2020; the number in the scheme at 1 January 2020; the number in the scheme at 1 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38351/20]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for dental and orthodontic services disaggregated by children and adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38352/20]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card holders who received appointments through the dental treatment services scheme in 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38353/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been a reduction in dental services to under 16s as a result of the withdrawal of dentists from relevant schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38354/20]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health if the allowance made in April 2020 for patients with a medical cannabis licence to have medical cannabis delivered into Ireland rather than self-imported will be extended beyond the emergency time frame of Covid-19 given the positive effect the allowance has had on these patients' quality of life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38355/20]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health when a psychology assessment will take place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38356/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health if at least seven days' notice of the type of restrictions that may come into effect as Ireland emerges from level 5 at the start of December 2020 will be considered. — Kathleen Funchion. [38358/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health if an issue raised in the minutes of meeting (details supplied) will receive a response in which it is stated that there was an issue nationwide in some facilities not letting ambulance service to complete swabs. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38370/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for visitation in nursing homes and other residential settings; and if consideration has been given to procedures such as testing and PPE provision for nominated family members to be allowed to visit residents who are not Covid-19 positive in settings in which visits are currently banned. — Paul McAuliffe. [38374/20]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health the number of feticide procedures performed after 21 weeks and six days of gestation in tertiary referral centres from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38379/20]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns raised (details supplied) which suggests that unborn children who underwent late term abortions in Irish hospitals survived the procedure resulting in conflict between foetal medical specialists and neonatologists with respect to the provision of palliative care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38367/20]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the number of fetuses and or unborn children who have been known to survive attempted foeticide or late term abortion in Irish hospitals from 1 January 2019 to date (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38368/20]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths that occurred as a result of Covid-19 for September and October 2020, by county in nursing homes, direct provision and meat factories in tabular form; if he will provide additional information such as age groups and nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [38382/20]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the issue of parental alienation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38393/20]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a policy in place for girls and boys to access the HPV vaccine through the HSE if they declined the opportunity to take it up in school due to the prevalence of inaccurate information regarding the safety of such inoculations but have reconsidered their decision and now wish to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [38409/20]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health the quantity of ultra-freezers owned by the HSE and his Department; his plans to purchase further ultra-freezers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38415/20]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recent Covid-19 vaccine announcements by companies (details supplied); his plans to purchase these vaccines when available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38416/20]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health when a terminal Illness card for persons with less than two years to live will be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [38426/20]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health the regulations in place to govern hospitals with regard to visitation for end-of-life patients or similar during the Covid-19 restrictions. — Cathal Crowe. [38432/20]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the concern in Border counties that there is no coordinated cross-Border approach to tackling Covid-19; and the action he is taking to ensure a common approach to tackling the threat to human health on the island. — Niamh Smyth. [38433/20]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contact tracers recruited since the start of level 5 restrictions in October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [38434/20]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contact tracers presently operating within the Covid-19 test and trace system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [38435/20]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional intensive care beds secured since the start of level 5 restrictions in October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [38436/20]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health the number of autism spectrum disorder assessment appointments which have been carried out since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [38437/20]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on the autism disorder assessment waiting list in County Wexford; the average length of time for a patient to wait for an assessment appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [38438/20]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the paediatric diabetes nurse in Tullamore and Mullingar hospitals; and when this service will resume in either hospital (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [38465/20]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health when an operation will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38466/20]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health if restrictions in relation to nursing homes can be eased in the run up to Christmas provided strict hygiene and social distancing guidelines are adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [38467/20]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health the status of proposed primary care centres in towns (details supplied); the stage of the process they are in; and if there is funding allocated. — Alan Dillon. [38486/20]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the feasibility study on Mayo University Hospital; the details of same; when it will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38487/20]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to establish a renal dialysis unit in one of the current healthcare facilities in Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38488/20]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of PPE which has been supplied to each CHO area to each nursing homes for each quarter to date since the commencement of the Covid-19 pandemic in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38505/20]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health if the cost to the State has been recouped for the supply of PPE to nursing homes particularly since the commencement of the temporary assistance payment scheme of €72.5 million to support nursing homes since the commencement of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38508/20]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health the concerns which were expressed regarding IPC in private nursing homes in CHO8 in June 2020 (details supplied); the subsequent action taken as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38509/20]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to rough shooting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38513/20]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health if IVF is available through the public hospital system for a medical card patient. — Kathleen Funchion. [38517/20]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 214 of 17 September 2020, the number of officials engaged in actively listening to public views and concerns from the outset of the Covid-19 pandemic collating commentary on social and traditional media; the grade of each official; the way in which decision making in his Department has been impacted by this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38524/20]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the dental services currently available to medical card holders. — Sorca Clarke. [38544/20]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38545/20]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that offer services to medical card holders by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38546/20]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to suspend the routine reviews of medical card eligibility during level 5 restrictions given difficulties medical card holders have in assembling the necessary documentation during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [38556/20]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns regarding the failure to employ a specialist diabetic nurse for Mullingar Regional Hospital will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38558/20]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to requesting the retail and public transport sectors to allow specific shopping and travelling times for the older and vulnerable

members of society when the current level of restrictions are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [38564/20]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health his views on general practitioners charging medical card holders for blood tests. — Pa Daly. [38569/20]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an orthodontic appointment at St. Camillus Hospital, Limerick following a referral on 9 October 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38571/20]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the requisite qualifications for the role of medical officers hired for the purpose of reviewing an emergency medical card application, with additional information for medical officers reviewing oncology applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [38572/20]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the treatment options available for lymphoedema patients at Letterkenny University Hospital; his plans to ensure patients attending Letterkenny University Hospital can access necessary and appropriate treatment for lymphoedema; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38576/20]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the model of care report on lymphoedema and lipoedema treatment in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38577/20]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health the number and list of treatments being assessed by HSE drugs group at its next meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38580/20]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to carry out a full health audit of former members of all branches of the Defence Forces with a view to extending a full medical card to all retired Defence Forces members. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38583/20]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person can expect an appointment with the audiology department at the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Barry Cowen. [38591/20]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement there has been and the number of producers with which there has been engagement on procuring rapid antigen tests for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38592/20]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for procuring rapid antigen tests for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38593/20]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health if a workforce for deploying rapid antigen tests for Covid-19 has been trained; if so, when the training commenced; the number of persons that have been trained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38594/20]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health when rapid Covid-19 antigen tests will be deployed as part of the public testing system now that the European Commission has recommended their use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38595/20]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he, his Department or the HSE have had with the developer of an application (details supplied); if there are plans to endorse same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38596/20]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health when rapid antigen tests for Covid-19 will be deployed in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38597/20]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health if rapid antigen tests for Covid-19 will be made available on a widespread basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38598/20]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health if rapid antigen tests for Covid-19 will be made available in local community testing facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [38599/20]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health if a request by a group (details supplied) that a disused building be released to the community development company for lease or option to purchase will be given consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38602/20]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns in relation to the medical care of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38603/20]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); the length of time the person has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38608/20]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be accommodated on the recommended diabetes pump in view of the fact they have been informed they meet the criteria. — Sorca Clarke. [38609/20]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health when the diabetes nurse in the Regional Hospital Mullingar, who left the position in September 2019 will be replaced. — Sorca Clarke. [38610/20]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health the number of diabetes nurses by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38611/20]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health the number of diabetes nurses who have left their position in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, who have yet to be replaced. — Sorca Clarke. [38612/20]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health the diabetes services for younger persons available by county. — Sorca Clarke. [38613/20]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a service (details supplied) which opened in 2020; the status of the building; if staff have been recruited; if so, the number; the amount spent on the building before it was reopened earlier in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38628/20]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish a report (details supplied). — Róisín Shortall. [38669/20]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an application under the optical benefit refund scheme by a person (details supplied) in Dublin 12; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38670/20]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in Dublin 12 will be seen by a public ophthalmologist; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38671/20]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for the public ophthalmologist in Dublin 12; the reason for the long waiting list; the steps he is taking to address the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38672/20]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in Dublin 12 will be seen by the school age team; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38673/20]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health the policy position on the optical benefit refund scheme; the reason the policy was amended given the hardship the change has created for families; and if he will consider reversing the policy. — Róisín Shortall. [38674/20]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health the length of the backlog in processing pensions in each regional Health Service Executive for retired HSE employees; the actions he is taking to speed up the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [38676/20]

*923. 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. [38677/20]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the banning of water births by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38730/20]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health the effect the two metre social distancing requirement will have on the availability of acute hospital beds by acute hospital; the expected knock on effect this will have on service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38731/20]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the percentage DNAs who do not attend following appointments at testing centres for Covid-19 by testing centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38732/20]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding mandatory Covid-19 tests for new staff for all units serving elderly and vulnerable adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38733/20]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the current provision of mental health services in County Louth; the way in which services have been affected by Covid-19; the impact this has had in relation to provision of services in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38738/20]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been notified by the HSE of any incidences of misdiagnosis involving pre-natal screening and diagnostic tests for foetal abnormalities prior to a

termination of pregnancy being administered during the period of 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38741/20]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card application by a person (details supplied) is not being processed in view of the fact that the applicant has provided all of the information that can be provided in their particular circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [38744/20]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health if a series of matters raised by persons (details supplied) in Ballinacarriga, County Cork in relation to a swab centre will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [38745/20]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the deaths by suicide in 2020, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38754/20]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health the average rate of suicide per 100,000 population by county of residence of the deceased in 2020. — Mark Ward. [38755/20]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons under 18 years of age who have presented with eating disorders by age and gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38756/20]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health the public treatment services available to persons under 18 years of age presenting with an eating disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38757/20]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults who have presented with eating disorders by age and gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38758/20]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the public treatment services available to adults presenting with an eating disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38759/20]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists that have been reassigned to the Covid-19 testing and tracing response by CHO in tabular form; the impact this has had in respect of waiting lists; the timeline his Department is working towards to return all redeployed HSE staff to their original posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38776/20]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to resourcing of and responses to treatment for long Covid-19 or patients suffering from significant sequelae subsequent to an initial recovery from Covid-19 in other jurisdictions; his plans in relation to the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [38782/20]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign (details supplied) which seeks to highlight ongoing structural delays in the delivery of assessments for occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and other supports for children with additional needs; his plans to reduce waiting times in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [38783/20]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the locations in which WiFi is available across acute hospital settings in tabular form (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [38784/20]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department acknowledges that there is a significant cohort who have not recovered following Covid-19 infection and who are experiencing long Covid; if multidisciplinary post-Covid-19 countrywide clinics will be established which will include occupational therapists, physiotherapists, nutritionists and counsellors; if it will be ensured that best practice, guidelines, guidance and training are provided to general practitioners and consultants in relation to long Covid ensuring consistency and compassionate treatment of patients with the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [38795/20]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that information, guidance and guidelines will be made available to employers in relation to the management of workers with long Covid; if clarity will be provided with regard to the medical and financial entitlements of those with long Covid; if accurate and up-to-date information will be provided on the HSE website in relation to Covid-19 contraction and recovery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [38796/20]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the call by an association (details supplied) to be included in the modifications to restrictions to allow it to commence their activities in a controlled safe manner for the wellbeing of all participants. — Seán Canney. [38801/20]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card needed for palliative care for a person (details supplied). — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38805/20]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in putting up the minutes of meetings on the gov.ie website; the reason why previous minutes were removed from the webpage in relation to the National Public Health Emergency Team; when the minutes of all NPHEET meetings that took place will be available on the website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [38816/20]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he is refusing to engage with an association (details supplied) on the issue of the pay claim which it has submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [38817/20]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the testing and tracing system is being jeopardised by refusing to engage with an association (details supplied) on the issue of the pay claim which it has submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [38818/20]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health the contingency plans in place for the test and trace system here in the event that there is a withdrawal of labour by an association (details supplied) due to its outstanding pay claim and his refusal to engage on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [38819/20]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health the capital works carried out at Limerick Maternity Hospital in 2019 and to date in 2020; the duration of such works; the estimated costs of such projects; the capital works that are scheduled to commence in Limerick Maternity Hospital in 2021; the estimated cost of each project; when each project will commence; the duration of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [38820/20]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health the new number of new development posts within mental health that were approved in 2018 and 2019 that have yet to be filled; the time frame for those posts to be filled on a permanent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [38826/20]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health the care plan and funding for a person (details supplied); if intellectual disability services are involved; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38831/20]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health if health and safety leave will be granted to teachers 28 weeks pregnant and more given that research has found those at this stage of pregnancies are at an increased risk of becoming severely ill should they contract Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [38832/20]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health the research the HSE has conducted for women who are 28 weeks pregnant who work in close contact professions in which social distancing is not possible and health and safety leave is advised at 28 weeks of pregnancy by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Royal College of Midwives and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [38856/20]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons by month who have used the Keltoi facility to isolate since it was repurposed in March 2020, in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [38861/20]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health if teachers, SNAs and school staff will be prioritised for the Covid-19 vaccination in the eventuality that a vaccine becomes available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38868/20]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health if he will update the HSEs advice on Covid-19 and pregnancy to take into account the joint occupational health advice (details supplied) for employers from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Royal College of Midwives and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine which highlights women that are 28 weeks pregnant and beyond as at increased risk of becoming seriously ill if they contract Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38889/20]

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

*958. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if individual farmers will receive an explanation as to the reason certain parcels were not reclassified following ANC appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [37756/20]

*959. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37791/20]

*960. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the recent closure of a market (details supplied); if he has engaged with the licensing body on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [37863/20]

*961. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of submissions made to the consultation on the review of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Sea-fisheries) Regulations 2013, SI No. 290 of 2013; the outcome of the consultation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37887/20]

*962. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of all applications made by his Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by his Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37888/20]

*963. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grade at which the chief data protection officer in his Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37928/20]

*964. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if new entrants will be accepted to the national organic farming scheme; the position regarding grants for social farming; the position regarding grants for agri-forestry schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [37940/20]

*965. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the ban on hare coursing until at least the end of March 2020, in a context in which any extension of the current coursing season into March 2020 would be to allow hare coursing during the height of the breeding season and potentially disrupt the reproduction of the Irish hare population. — Paul Murphy. [37984/20]

*966. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the business and economic case for providing the greyhound industry €96 million in 2021; the employment levels in the sector; the projected returns to the Exchequer from income tax, USC, VAT and the betting tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38012/20]

*967. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tribunals, enquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by his Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38034/20]

*968. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 817 of 10 November 2020, the specific educational qualifications or otherwise sought when filling the role of head of environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38059/20]

*969. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 817 of 10 November 2020, the differences between the head of ecology and the head of environment; which of these roles has the final say when it comes to environmental issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38060/20]

*970. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 817 of 10 November 2020, the person that is the current Chief Forestry Inspector; when the person was appointed; if the role of Chief Forestry Inspector is currently vacant, when will it be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38061/20]

*971. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 817 of 10 November 2020, if software (details supplied) is available to the public to use; if

members of the public can obtain new software; if so, the location and the way in which software can be obtained; the cost of same; the amount it cost his Department to change to the new software; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38062/20]

*972. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to an incident of inappropriate snaring of animals (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38109/20]

*973. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the guidelines under which Department employees or those working on behalf of his Department set snares or other traps for badgers will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38110/20]

*974. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the provisions that have been put in place to facilitate the smooth movement of livestock across the Border in view of a no-deal Brexit which will mean lower tariffs on live trade compared to beef exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38228/20]

*975. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the provisions put in place to facilitate the live export of cattle and sheep in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38229/20]

*976. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage breakdown of the level of antibiotic usage on farms via compound feed compared to the physical administration of the antibiotic by a farmer or vet in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 by sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38230/20]

*977. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38238/20]

*978. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons employed in the greyhound industry as funded by RCÉ for the period of 2010-2020, by year, county and full and part-time status in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [38248/20]

*979. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the sheep welfare scheme reference year for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry who has increased their flock of sheep and reduced their cattle stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38296/20]

*980. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to impose Environmental Protection Agency licensing on dairy, livestock and tillage farmers in view of recent comments and reports in the media by his officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [38349/20]

*981. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers excluded from the BEAM scheme due to the fact they are not signed up to the Bord Bia quality assurance scheme; the value of payments withheld as a result; the corresponding figures for the Covid beef scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38380/20]

*982. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consumer protections in place in regard to the purchase of a pet online if the advertisement is not in compliance with the regulations introduced on 1 February 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [38539/20]

*983. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the situation with pair trawlers in Kenmare Bay, County Kerry. — James Lawless. [38616/20]

*984. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention or that of his predecessor and officials has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); the steps he is taking to remedy the issue; and if he has considered making an interim payment of salary to the person while issues are resolved. — Catherine Murphy. [38637/20]

*985. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the restrictions (details supplied) on local boats fishing off the south-west coast will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38680/20]

*986. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has a legal obligation to give data on the value of a single farm payment to a farmer from whose land those single farm payments were taken by a person leasing the land at the termination of the lease in view of the fact it is their personal data. — Mattie McGrath. [38727/20]

*987. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the removal of single farm payment entitlements from 150,000 hectares was illegal according to the European Court of Auditors Report 2006. — Mattie McGrath. [38728/20]

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

*988. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress that has been made in implementing the Strategy-Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities of her Department; when the voluntary and community sector will see the measures promised to implement a multi-annual funding approach including a full cost recovery model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [38679/20]

*989. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of contracts of €25,000 or more than have been awarded by her Department or bodies under the aegis of her Department that were found to be non-compliant with procurement guidelines from 1 January 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37804/20]

*990. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of all applications made by her Department to the Oireachtas Business Committee to waive pre-legislative scrutiny of primary and secondary legislation sponsored or initiated by her Department from 1 January 2017 to date; the outcomes of such applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [37901/20]

*991. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grade at which the chief data protection officer in her Department is employed. — Patrick Costello. [37923/20]

*992. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to introduce a scheme of supports to incentivise young persons to purchase vacant properties in towns and villages as their first homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [37979/20]

*993. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of tribunals, inquiries or investigations being undertaken currently by her Department; the number that are in the process of being set up; the number in which the terms of reference are not complete or not agreed; the cost of all to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38047/20]

*994. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date she plans to announce the successful projects to be funded under the standard measure of the town and village renewal scheme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38054/20]

*995. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the additional funding that will be provided for the LEADER project in 2021 in view of the €44 million announced in Budget 2021 which applies to payment on allocations until the end of December 2020. — Sorca Clarke. [38175/20]

*996. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the additional funding that will be provided for the delivery and administration of the LEADER programme for 2021 in order to provide clear provision for the programme providers and staff engaged in delivery. — Sorca Clarke. [38176/20]

*997. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of the interim development plan for 2021–2023 as committed to in the Programme for Government in view that Budget 2021 provides for the delivery of schemes under CAP by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. — Sorca Clarke. [38177/20]

*998. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the plans she has for future rounds of Covid-19 stability funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38258/20]

*999. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when funding will be provided once again to Leader programmes across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [38429/20]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of a CLÁR application by an organisation (details supplied); when a decision is likely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38570/20]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when and the way in which community groups can apply for funding under the outdoor recreation scheme; if they can do so in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38785/20]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department plans to publish a statement of strategy. — Alan Kelly. [38075/20]