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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the status of Bills under preparation in his Department. — Mick Barry. [38331/20]
2. To ask the Taoiseach the status of Bills under preparation in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [38077/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach the status of Bills under preparation in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38633/20]
4. 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]
5. 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]
6. 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]
7. 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]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38621/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination. — Alan Kelly. [36605/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38635/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office. — Alan Kelly. [36606/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality is due to meet next. — Paul Murphy. [36616/20]
13. 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]

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

15. 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]

16. 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]

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

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

19. 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]

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

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department plans to publish a statement of strategy. — Alan Kelly. [38075/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*23. To ask the Taoiseach the volume of alcohol sales in each of the past twelve months in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [39148/20]

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

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide clarification for Christmas tree growers on whether they can proceed with the sale of Christmas trees from various outlets such as DIY stores, supermarkets, farms and garden centres under the current level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [38924/20]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide confirmation of a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38911/20]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or

more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39046/20]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason a business (details supplied) is being denied access to the restart grant plus due to its landlord, South Dublin County Council, maintaining it does not have a lease despite the business paying the council rent for the business premises. — Louise O'Reilly. [39087/20]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will work with large multinational companies in relation to ensuring that in circumstances in which international sales jobs necessitating language skills and an understanding of specific areas, such as areas (details supplied), are created that due consideration will be given to hiring workers from migrant communities before the critical skills occupations list clause 3542 is used to recruit for these jobs from the international labour market. — Louise O'Reilly. [39089/20]

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

*29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will urgently enact the Private Members' motion previously passed in November 2016 regarding the future of the post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [38909/20]

*30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 26 and 27 of 4 November 2020, the financial implications or fines arising from the failure of Ireland to meet the regulation (EU) No. 994/2010 from 1 January 2021 in relation to the security of gas supply which requires member states to comply with the N-1 formula; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [38914/20]

*31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of renewable energy in kWh and the corresponding retail value of this renewable energy that was dispatched down due to constraints and curtailment on the energy network in each of the past four years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38941/20]

*32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a number of pilot programmes in several EU countries that replaced standard streetlights with ones that included an electric vehicle charging point; and if a similar pilot programme could be considered here. — Steven Matthews. [38961/20]

*33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39047/20]

*34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 229 of 10 November 2020, if the national broadband plan will bring high-speed broadband to locations (details supplied) in County Dublin. — Louise O'Reilly. [39086/20]

*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will take urgent steps to enact legislation to reflect the Private Members' Motion passed in November 2016 regarding the future of the post office network to ensure the sustainability of the existing community post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [39092/20]

*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which it is planned in Ireland to meet the target of a society (details supplied) of all European households having access to 100 Mbps connections by 2025 given the fact that the National Broadband Plan is limited in its areas of intervention; the specific interventions that will be made in non-intervention areas; the details of the stakeholders responsible to deliver on the 2025 target; the plan they are working to; the progress being made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39124/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*37. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a driving test. — Marian Harkin. [38897/20]

*38. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to increasing road safety in Kilcully, County Cork through a number of measures including traffic calming, increased lighting and footpath development. — Thomas Gould. [38907/20]

*39. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) has to resit an exam they passed earlier in 2020; the person or body that pays the cost of doing the course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38963/20]

*40. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to encouraging more frequent public transport timetables given the reduction to 25% capacity in order that students and essential workers can complete their journeys without undue delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38974/20]

*41. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39037/20]

*42. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) can be given an earlier date than May 2021 for their driver theory test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39041/20]

*43. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39058/20]

*44. To ask the Minister for Transport the driver theory test centres that are closed for learner drivers to take their tests. — Joan Collins. [39095/20]

*45. To ask the Minister for Transport the driver theory test centres that are open for tests; and the centres that are closed. — Joan Collins. [39096/20]

*46. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address questions in relation to a superannuation scheme of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [39133/20]

*47. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a submission (details supplied) regarding the Irish Aviation Authority pension scheme; and the measures and or degree of intervention in the matter he plans to take. — Catherine Murphy. [39174/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*48. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason private coach operators have been excluded from payment under the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39014/20]

*49. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will include track bookmakers in the Covid restrictions support scheme given many of them own pitches on tracks and these pitches are their workplaces and these workplaces are prevented from operating as a result of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39028/20]

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance if bus and coach services will be included in the Covid restrictions support scheme to keep workers employed and allow their business to resume when it is safe to do so (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [38944/20]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of persons who have been granted exemptions under section 195 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in each of the years 2015 to 2019 inclusive; the estimated total amount of tax revenue foregone by the State in each of those years as a result of these exemptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39001/20]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter regarding borrowing by clubs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39033/20]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39048/20]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some employers are basing the new wage subsidy scheme off workers contracted hours rather than hours worked or 2019 weekly earnings and that this is affecting many workers whose contracts do not reflect their normal working practices. — Louise O'Reilly. [39091/20]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance if the proposed changes to the retail export scheme can be postponed in view of the difficulties caused by the ongoing restrictions to small businesses that avail of the scheme; his views on proposals to reduce the retail export scheme's proposed threshold to €75 as this will do nothing to protect the retail and tourism sectors; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that approximately 50% of all transactions on the scheme are under €75 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [39134/20]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses that have applied for the Covid restrictions support scheme to date by county; the number of applications that have been successful

by county; the value of the financial support per county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39179/20]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance if Ireland has fully and correctly transposed and is enforcing the Insurance Distribution Directive EU 2016/97, particularly Article 17, 1, which obliges member states to ensure that, when carrying out insurance distribution, insurance distributors always act honestly, fairly and professionally in accordance with the best interests of their customers, in view of the Central Bank review of differential pricing in the private care and home insurance markets (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39251/20]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to advance proposals for community banking with particular reference to the role of the post office network in the further development of financial services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39253/20]

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

*59. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures included for the charity sector in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38922/20]

*60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has received the 2019 annual report from the OPW; and if so, when will same be published. — Richard O'Donoghue. [39027/20]

*61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39054/20]

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

*62. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason private coach operators have been excluded from payment under the Covid-19 adaptation fund (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39013/20]

*63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are further grants that can be applied for by a sports club and bar (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [39085/20]

*64. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the Covid-19 supports available to self-catering businesses; and if more supports are planned by her Department. — Louise O'Reilly. [39090/20]

*65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when financial support will issue to qualifying private coach operators under the coach tour operator's continuity scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39010/20]

*66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of vehicles that have qualified for payment under the coach tour operator's continuity scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39011/20]

*67. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of companies that have qualified for payment under the coach tour operator's continuity scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39012/20]

*68. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of her Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39057/20]

*69. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports available for individuals and companies in the live music sector that do not operate from a specific premises but tour, play in venues, hotels, weddings and at festivals all of which have collapsed due to Covid-19 following the recent report of the Arts and Culture Recovery Task Force (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [39080/20]

*70. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason for no indoor classes taking place under level 3 which effectively shuts music, dance schools and speech and drama schools. — Gary Gannon. [39243/20]

*71. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department received a submission from a group (details supplied) of fifteen Irish music schools regarding the Covid-19 guidelines; and if her Department will engage with the group. — Gary Gannon. [39245/20]

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

*72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a company (details supplied) with an annual local authority rates bill in excess of €100,000 can be granted a waiver on fees in view of Covid-19 and Brexit related pressures on the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39036/20]

*73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the planning process which the proposed offshore wind farm at Kish and Bray Banks is going through; if environmentalists were involved in site selection; if an assessment has been carried out regarding the impact of the technology on marine life; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [39088/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the pheasant shooting season will be extended until the end of February 2021 if level 5 restrictions are lifted on 1 December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [38972/20]

*75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason funding for local government within his Department has reduced from €787million in 2020 to €225million in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [39026/20]

*76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39052/20]

*77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the names and biographies of the two recent appointees to the board of the National Oversight and Audit Commission. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39078/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will resist lobbying from clubs (details supplied) to extend the coursing season by two months into March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [39083/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the assertion that it is red tape and restrictions on borrowing capacity which is preventing councils from engaging in more direct building; the typical timelines for design, master planning, cost appraisal, establishment of funding lines, planning approval, tendering and construction on direct build projects; and if his Department has undertaken any evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of these processes compared to best international practice. — Richard Bruton. [39142/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the improvements he has identified in the manner in which the Land Development Agency will operate in order to reduce the time and cost involved in site assembly and acquisition, in design, master planning, cost appraisal, establishment of funding lines, planning approval, tendering and construction; and if he is satisfied that the draft legislation provides the necessary legislative powers to allow this State developer fulfil its game-changing potential identified in the recent NESC report. — Richard Bruton. [39143/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term leases of the 61 part V units in Quarter 1 and 2, 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39221/20]

*82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term leases of the 1326 part V units in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39222/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term leases of the 828 part V units in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39223/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term leases of the 522 part V units in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39224/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term leases of the 40 part V units in 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39225/20]

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

*86. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the commitment in the Programme for Government to hold a referendum on extending the franchise at Presidential elections to Irish citizens living outside the State. — Kieran O'Donnell. [38896/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address a series of matters in relation to the Moldovan Presidential election on 15 November 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [38932/20]

*88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason the processing of foreign births registration is currently suspended; when it is likely that the processing of applications will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38900/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the process to be followed to obtain an Irish passport by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39017/20]

*90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39049/20]

*91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking as a long-time development partner of the regional Government in Tigray, Ethiopia to help broker a ceasefire and to ensure safe passage for humanitarian aid in the face of escalating military conflict and humanitarian disaster. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [39072/20]

*92. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of Ireland as a forthcoming member of the UN Security Council on the current military assault by the Ethiopian Government against the regional state of Tigray and its continuing refusal to negotiate with the Tigray regional Government in the face of mounting loss of life and an escalating humanitarian emergency. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [39073/20]

*93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions Ireland is taking in response to the escalating humanitarian emergency and military conflict in Tigray regional state in Ethiopia. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [39074/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*94. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39044/20]

*95. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied) with regard to the non-application of fixed period promotion provisions to them. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [39181/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*96. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the Retention of Records Bill 2019; her Department's proposals in relation to re-examining the proposed legislation; the way in which this legislation will deal with the case records and testimonies of those who gave statements to both the Ryan Report and the Redress Board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38902/20]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education if the refusal by a school of an application for assistive technology by a student (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Paul McAuliffe. [38940/20]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education the grants and supports available for the installation of electric vehicle charging points in school carparks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [38943/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education the policy in relation to mental health support services in primary education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38991/20]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education the policy in relation to mental health support services in post-primary education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38992/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education the figures in relation to bullying, substance abuse and the scale of mental issues in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38993/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education the figures in relation to bullying, substance abuse and the scale of mental issues in post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38994/20]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education the details of support services available to students, parents and school authorities with regard to mental health challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38995/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether support services available to students, parents and school authorities are adequate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38996/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to improve the support services available to students, parents and school authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38997/20]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education the training and support available to teachers in primary schools in order to deal with the mental health issues of students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38998/20]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education the training and support available to teachers in post-primary schools in order to deal with the mental health issues of students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38999/20]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 514 of 17 November 2020, when the next stage of the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39003/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the residential institutions redress unit; the membership of the unit; the remit of the unit; the details of all reports produced by the unit; the financial resources allocated to the unit for each year since its establishment; her plans to maintain that resource allocation of the unit into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39004/20]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education when the dissolution legislation in respect of Caranua will be published; when the heads of the bill will be published; if the bill will make provision of the safe transfer of the records of Caranua to an appropriate archive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39005/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education if the details will be provided of the urgent issues raised by Caranua with her Department with respect to the wind-down of Caranua as outlined in the August 2020 board meeting minutes of Caranua; the ways in which she plans to take responsibility for those issues; the likely impact of those urgent issues on survivors and on the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39006/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to deal with outstanding cases and any other necessary transitional arrangements at Caranua; if the funds remaining will meet all outstanding open and current applications; if not, the contingency arrangements in place to meet such liabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39007/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); if she has engaged with the company on this matter; and the steps she has taken to protect pregnant school staff. — Róisín Shortall. [39019/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education if the payment for the special transport grant for a person (details supplied) will be released in view of the fact it is overdue. — Paul McAuliffe. [39031/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education if planning permission is required for infrastructure (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [39032/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of her Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39045/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the stage 1/2A application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39115/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding the case of a child (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [39116/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made in regard to the provision of temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) including planning permission, design

and procurement and a timeline for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [39129/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the purchase of a site zoned for educational use for a school (details supplied); and when she expects a final decision to be made. — Jennifer Whitmore. [39130/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to increase the availability of multi or non-denominational school places in an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39145/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by students trying to access multi or non-denominational post-primary schools in circumstances in which these schools give preference to students who attended multi or non-denominational primary schools in their admissions policies; her views on whether this practise amounts to discrimination against children who do not have access to multi or non-denominational primary schools; the steps she is taking to address demand for these schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39146/20]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education if flexibility can be applied to students who are recommended by an educational psychologist to access RACE in the junior certificate exams but are marginally above the cut off point for a spelling, grammar and punctuation waiver; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [39219/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary schools that provide ASD classes for children with special education needs in inner city Dublin. — Gary Gannon. [39241/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department received a correspondence submission from a group (details supplied) of fifteen Irish music schools making a formal submission regarding the Covid-19 guidelines; and if her Department will engage with the group. — Gary Gannon. [39244/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Education if more recent information will be provided regarding the percentage of second level schools that are meeting and not meeting the requirement for six RSE class session per year since 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [39246/20]

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

*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on additional financial supports being made available to senior citizens in relation to heating and telephones to support the increased costs of remaining in their homes for longer periods based on Covid-19 restrictions and advice; if she will take steps to support senior citizens with electricity, gas and telephone allowances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39008/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allow the 14 days quarantining in circumstances in which a person does not receive a jobseeker's payment to be counted as part of the qualifying period in which they are seeking to take up a course such as in the case of a person (details supplied) who is being denied access to the VTOS due to the number of days needed for the qualifying period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38894/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria to qualify for the training support grant; the person or body that makes the decision on who does and does not qualify for the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [38904/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants for the pandemic unemployment payment that did not receive payment in the week beginning 16 November 2020; the reason for this non-payment; if applicants will be assured that this will not happen again; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38947/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants for the pandemic unemployment payment that are due arrears as a result of the heavy workload in her Department; when they can expect to receive these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [38948/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason arrears for a person (details supplied) for the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment are being deferred until January 2021; the reason the payments cannot be issued sooner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38957/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason arrears for a person (details supplied) for the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment are being deferred until January 2021; the reason the payments cannot be issued sooner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38958/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason arrears for a person (details supplied) for the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment are being deferred until January 2021; the reason the payments cannot be issued sooner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38959/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason arrears for a person (details supplied) for the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment are being deferred until January 2021; the reason the payments cannot be issued sooner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [38960/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken to ensure social welfare support and protection for persons experiencing symptoms of long Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38971/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when persons (details supplied) will receive their PPS number. — Sean Sherlock. [38973/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an extension will be granted to person (details supplied) for the submission of documentation relating to a means test for the IQA part of their pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [39039/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of her Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39056/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when all payments previously paid to a person (details supplied) including household benefits and the living alone allowance will be restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39076/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons who remain on illness benefit long term, sometimes up to ten years, are not eligible for the Christmas bonus; if she will examine and consider awarding the Christmas bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39077/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) who is financially independent is currently being paid €5.45 per day in short-time work support while their over-25 years-of-age colleagues with the same employer and with the same reduced hours of employment are currently being paid €40 per day in short-time work support possibly in breach of the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39082/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of vacancies in community employment schemes; her plans to fill these vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39112/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the recent changes in community employment rules (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39113/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39126/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a community employment scheme placement will be continued for a person (details provided) in County Kerry who is providing an essential service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39140/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when PPS numbers will issue to persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [39171/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a PPS number application by a person (details supplied) in Dublin city. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39172/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the employment sourced for JobPath participants with a breakdown of those in which the employment lasted for 13, 26, 39 and 52 weeks, respectively. — Claire Kerrane. [39175/20]

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

*150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date on which each direct provision centre or emergency centre contract expires. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39128/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase the provision of direct provision accommodation in the Dublin 22 area and specifically with respect to an address (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [39144/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter regarding a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38895/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 591 of 22 September 2020, if he will provide detailed responses to questions raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38901/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to address the effects that parental alienation have on the well-being of children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [38903/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason funding was not awarded to establish a family resource centre (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [38921/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the analysis which has been undertaken on the number and location of accessible bathrooms, particularly in public buildings; if there are regions with no accessible toilet facilities; his plans to address this important issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38929/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the means by which the Commission of Investigation is contacting witnesses that gave testimony to the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [38942/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the adoption information and tracing Bill will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38949/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39043/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will work with Tusla to ensure duty social workers are seconded to divisional protective service units as would be best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [39079/20]

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

*161. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for no indoor classes taking place under level 3 which effectively shuts music, dance schools and speech and drama schools. — Gary Gannon. [39242/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any recent assessments have been carried out by his Department to examine the capacity of counselling services offered by third-level institutions in view of ongoing remote learning. — Steven Matthews. [38962/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the policy in relation to mental health support services in relation to third-level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [39000/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39050/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the uptake of the apprenticeship incentivisation scheme; and the breakdown by sector, programme and region. — Michael Creed. [39135/20]

*166. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration has been given to introducing an apprenticeship levy here as is the case in other countries. — Michael Creed. [39136/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the recently announced once-off Covid-19 payment will include students on access or foundation courses such as the Trinity College access programme or the TU Dublin access foundation programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [39240/20]

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

*168. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to introduce legislation in relation to the revenge porn issue. — Cathal Crowe. [38905/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Justice the aftercare supports in place for under 18s who are victims of violent crimes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38912/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Justice the aftercare supports in place for adults who are victims of violent crimes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38913/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda superintendents that have been appointed to the Garda station in Ardee, County Louth over the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [38915/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Justice the dates over the past five years on which there has been no Garda superintendent appointed in the Garda station in Ardee, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [38917/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of men and women who made reports of domestic, sexual and gender based violence by county and year in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38918/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of females who were assessed for domestic sexual and gender-based violence programmes; and the number of females who commenced and completed such programmes in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38919/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of males who were assessed for domestic sexual and gender-based violence programmes; the number of males who commenced and completed such programmes in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38920/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Justice the budgeted cost for small capital works to Garda stations in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [39025/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will bring forward legislation to deal with harassment, harmful communications and related offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [39030/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of her Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39053/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to introduce the Harassment, Harmful Communication and Other Related Offences Bill 2017 or similar legislation to deal with the issue of revenge porn; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39114/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportation orders issued since 1 March 2020 to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39132/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Justice if new legislation will be introduced to deal with digital image-based abuse and sharing of images without consent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39220/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*182. To ask the Minister for Health his priorities relating to disability services for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38930/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the counties needing investment in disability services in tabular form; the way in which the needs are being prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38931/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of total national budgetary spend allocated to mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38975/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which expenditure on mental health compares with UK and EU average spend on mental health for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38988/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a summary of the annual mental health budget in 2020 to date for children up to 18 years of age; the projected outturn for 2020; the actual estimate approved at the start of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38989/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a summary of the annual mental health budget for children in each of the years 2015 to 2019 up to 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38990/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of the drawdown of approved spending to date by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board; the estimated scheduling of outstanding monies within the original approved envelope; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39163/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health if women who are 28 weeks pregnant are at an increased risk of becoming severely ill should they contract Covid-19; the information the HSE has on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38906/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the supports, guidance and information available to patients experiencing long Covid-19 symptoms; his plans to establish a dedicated centre to help those suffering from long Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [38908/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the recognition of the long-term effects of Covid-19; his plans to introduce support for patients affected by the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38926/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services available for under 18s presenting with eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38933/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient services available for under 18s presenting with eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38934/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient services available for adults presenting with eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38935/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient services available for adults presenting with eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38936/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who presented with eating disorders in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; the gender, age profile and county of residence of each in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [38937/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the amount allocated for clinical programmes on eating disorders in 2018, 2019 and 2020; if the funds have been released by the HSE; and the amount spent in the same period in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [38938/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in relation to the HSE recommendation for week 28 plus of pregnancy will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38939/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ask the HSE to issue an instruction to all general practitioners to cease charging the holders of general practitioner cards or medical cards for blood tests and other such diagnostic tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38950/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider offering psychological supports and counselling to women that have had abortions and to doctors and medics who have performed abortions given the findings of a study (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [38952/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ministerial notifications he has received under the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if all ministerial notifications which identify the termination of pregnancy as having taken place under section 11 of the Act had, at the time of receipt by him, been signed off by two medical practitioners. — Peadar Tóibín. [38953/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has been contacted by doctors or medics who have expressed concerns regarding failed, botched or unsuccessful abortions; and if so, if he will detail the nature of that correspondence. — Peadar Tóibín. [38955/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department have been contacted by doctors or medics who have expressed a concern regarding conscientious objection; the details of these concerns; and the quantity of correspondence received on this matter since the rollout of abortion in January 2019. — Peadar Tóibín. [38956/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively who have been approved for home help services but are still on the waiting list; and the number waiting over 6, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [38965/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists employed by the HSE to provide a service to medical card holders and to school children in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively; and the plans of the HSE has to improve dental services in both counties. — Brian Stanley. [38966/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of preschool and school going age children between 4 and 18 year years of age waiting to be seen by a psychologist in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively; the number waiting in excess of 6, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [38967/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively on waiting lists for occupational therapy services; the number waiting in excess of 6, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [38968/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for speech and language therapy in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively; the number waiting in excess of 6, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively in tabular form. — Brian Stanley. [38969/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure long-term care and support for persons experiencing symptoms of long Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38970/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health funding announced in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38976/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of total national health spend allocated to mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38977/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of total national budgetary spend allocated to mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38978/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the expenditure on mental health for children compares with UK and EU average spend on mental health for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38979/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the expenditure on mental health for adults compares with UK and EU average spend on mental health for adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38980/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the annual expenditure on mental health in 2020 to date; the projected outturn for 2020; the actual estimate approved at the start of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38981/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a summary of the annual mental health budget in each of the years 2015 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38982/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a summary of the annual mental health budget in 2020 to date for children up to 18 years of age; the projected outturn for 2020; the actual estimate approved at the start of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38983/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a summary of the annual mental health budget in each of the years 2015 to 2019 for children up to 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38984/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the members of NPHEAT representing the views of the mental health services; the mental health expertise within NPHEAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38985/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been an increase in the request for substance abuse support services since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38986/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health if substance abuse support services have received additional funding since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38987/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to establishing a multi-stakeholder group to examine the efficacy of mandated risk minimisation methods in relation to prescription drugs and in particular sodium valproate as has been called for by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39016/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a document (details supplied); the steps being taken to regularly update guidance on pregnancy and Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39018/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which the HSE Covid-19 guidelines for women who are 28 weeks pregnant are established; if his attention has been drawn to the recommendations of The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, The Royal College of Midwives and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine regarding women who are 28 weeks pregnant or over; if he has raised these matters with the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [39020/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork who has been referred to the orthopaedic public waiting list will secure an appointment. — Sean Sherlock. [39021/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time physiotherapists working in University Hospital Limerick in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; and if the number will be increased in 2021. — Richard O'Donoghue. [39022/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time dental nurses working in CHO3 in 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020, in tabular form; and the number of vacant dental nurse posts currently within CHO3. — Richard O'Donoghue. [39023/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that trials and pilot programmes in a number of countries including the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Netherlands and the United States have shown that lung cancer screening can increase early detection of the disease and thereby improve mortality; and his plans to introduce a lung cancer screening programme given lung cancer remains Ireland's biggest cancer killer. — Kathleen Funchion. [39034/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the findings (details supplied) of a recent Health Research Board report published 12 October 2020; and his plans to introduce stricter regulation on the sale and use of e-cigarettes. — Kathleen Funchion. [39035/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that according to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Royal College of Midwives and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine that women who are 28 weeks pregnant and beyond are at an increased risk of becoming severely ill should they contract Covid-19; his further views on the information in view of the fact that women who cannot social distance when working are being denied health and safety leave by medmark in line with the HSE's advice that states persons face a higher risk only if they are pregnant and have a heart defect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [39038/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the guidance that has been issued on pregnancy and Covid-19; when the advice will be updated in view of the most recent research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39040/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39051/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health the process for a woman to report a medical complication after an at-home abortion; if such reports are recorded by general practitioners, sexual health or family planning clinics; if he will seek such reports and make them available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39059/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) has made an application during the period of 1 January 2019 to date to become a registered provider of termination of pregnancy services; the status of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39060/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health if a service (details supplied) has made an application during the period of 1 January 2019 to date to become a registered provider of termination of pregnancy services; the status of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39061/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure the use of direct foetal analgesia prior to late-term abortions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39062/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 1 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date; the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39063/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 2 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date; the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39064/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 3 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date; the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39065/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 4 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date; the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39066/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 5 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date;

the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39067/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 6 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date; the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39068/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 7 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date; the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39069/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 8 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date; the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39070/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who attended a hospital in CHO 9 for haemorrhaging or complications after an early medical abortion from 1 January 2019 to date; the number admitted and not admitted, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [39071/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health if wedding numbers will be increased to 50 in the event of an easing of restrictions to level 3. — Louise O'Reilly. [39084/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report regarding meetings he or his officials have held with the board or management of a facility (details supplied) to seek to alleviate concerns for a vital community service; and his views on the ongoing funding concerns. — Steven Matthews. [39097/20]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the investigations that have been carried out with regard to outbreaks of Covid-19 in meat processing plants since August 2020; if he will provide all documentation associated with the investigations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39099/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health if options have been explored for the capturing of place of work information from all positive cases of Covid-19 in meat processing plants; if a decision has been made on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39100/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been instances whereby meat processing plants have not alerted public health if they are informed of or suspect cases of Covid-19 among the workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39101/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health if occupational health and translation services have been contracted by all meat processing plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39102/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health the role Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine veterinary officials play in meat processing plants with regard to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39103/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health if updates requested by NOCT from the Netherlands and Germany in relation to its Covid-19 outbreak investigations have been received; if he will provide such updates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39106/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources taken since July 2020 to ensure it is always possible to convene an OCT for each individual outbreak of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39107/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been changes to the composition of OCTs since July 2020 to ensure a broader multi-agency membership; the detail of such changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39108/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unannounced HIQA inspections carried out in meat processing plants since July 2020; the locations and dates of these inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39109/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding industrial action in UHK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [39125/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the PCR testing for Covid-19 runs for between 40 and 45 amplification cycles when the general international consensus is 35; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [39127/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the reason a person (details supplied) was charged by a private ambulance company to take them to hospital; the reason the public ambulance service failed to collect them to attend appointments; if the charge will be paid by the HSE given that the documentation states that the HSE and not the person availed of or booked the ambulance service; and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [39131/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alcohol-related cases including blood alcohol poisoning and liver disease that have presented to hospital in each of the past twelve months in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [39147/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date to provide terminally ill medical cards; the outstanding elements of this process which need to be addressed to bring about the change as committed to in the Programme for Government; the time line for conclusion of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [39149/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the approved level of legal fees contained within the figure of €1.433 billion approved for the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board; the status of the further request by the Board for approval of legal fees estimated for 2020 to 2022 of €15 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39159/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health the current working assumptions of his Department in respect of the estimated completion date and final cost of the National Paediatric Hospital building

project; the role of his Department in respect of cost containment on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39162/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that patients requiring mental health treatment in St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, are being asked to wait outside the hospital with no shelter; if he has engaged with the hospital on this issue; the steps his Department is taking to address this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39176/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health when a project (details supplied) at a health care facility will proceed to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39177/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a cost saving issue (details supplied) implemented by the HSE. — Sean Sherlock. [39178/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria that have to be met for HIQA to become concerned about the welfare of residents in a nursing home; and in cases in which HIQA has concerns, the steps it takes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39247/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health if the late submission of NF01 and NF02 forms to HIQA is a matter that affects registration of a provider; the consequence if a centre does not submit the forms in a timely manner; if registration and re-registration is possible if forms are not submitted in a timely manner; if in April 2020 a nursing home (details supplied) submitted all forms in a timely manner; and if not, the action that was taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39248/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health if a HIQA inspector informed a nursing home (details supplied) on 8 May 2020 that an independent inquiry was not appropriate as it would be inspected as normal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39249/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health his views on recent research (details supplied); if he plans to update guidelines pertaining to health and safety leave for teachers that is occupational health care on this basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39250/20]

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

*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the environmental sampling carried out in meat processing plants in which an outbreak of Covid-19 has occurred since July 2020; the results of such sampling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39104/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the retrospective environmental investigation that has been carried out to further explore the potential underlying reasons for outbreaks of Covid-19 associated with meat processing plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39105/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if fur farming will be ended fully after the culling of minks which has been announced. — Paul Murphy. [38946/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any remaining mink in Ireland will be culled as a safety measure against the spread of Covid-19; if he is introducing measures to keep the associated fur farms closed thereby ending fur farming in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [38964/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views in relation to a food related virtual trade mission to Japan and United Arab Emirates early in 2021. — Richard O'Donoghue. [39024/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which one can apply for live evaluation under the disease eradication schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39029/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of his Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39042/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there are no representatives for an association (details supplied) as part of the newly-established Forestry Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39075/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if owning land ten years in advance of getting a herd number transferred into ones name from one's parents has an impact on eligibility in relation to new entrant status, farm partnerships or eligibility as a new farmer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39098/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the application for PGI status of Irish grass-fed beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39110/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will instruct An Bord Bia to ensure that any PGI status application for beef includes criteria that is applicable on an all-Ireland basis given recent developments with regard to the PGI application for Irish grass-fed beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [39111/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the analysis his Department has carried out into the role of compacted soil under single species grasses in causing flooding in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39180/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department's online system did not recognize that a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry has lands located in a Chough area and should have been entered in as GLAS plus; if this error will be corrected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [39218/20]

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

*284. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expected figure for project pay out by her Department in 2021 based on current commitments in the LEADER programme given that the vote for LEADER for 2021 is €44 million; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [38898/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding she expects to be left for new projects under the new State-led Interim RDP programme in 2021 after the expected pay out for projects and administration in 2021. — Marian Harkin. [38899/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the Covid-19 supports put in place to assist the charity sector since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38923/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department and any commercial or non-commercial State bodies and private entities subsidised by 50% or more of public funding under the aegis of her Department have implemented social clauses in their public procurement contracts in the past three years (details supplied); and if so, the nature of these social clauses. — Mairéad Farrell. [39055/20]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 26 SAMHAIN, 2020
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2020**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to raise the ongoing use of Shannon Airport by the US military with US President-elect Biden, particularly in view of the fact that from January to October 2020, 65,965 US military personnel transited Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38480/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom with regard to the future relationship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [38449/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the actions taken by Hungary and Poland are undermining the effective functioning of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [38445/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will re-examine the proposed legislation to ban the import of goods from illegal settlements in Palestine in view of recent attacks by the Israeli state there on human rights and the ongoing demolition of homes by the Israeli state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [38339/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on Poland and Hungary blocking coronavirus recovery funding due to it being linked to the rule of law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38266/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the draft UN Treaty on Business and Human Rights was discussed at the European Council; and the position he took in relation to same. — Cian O’Callaghan. [36238/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise the matter relating to a person (details supplied) with his EU counterparts at upcoming EU wide meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [38338/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he and his EU and UN colleagues are alert to the situation in Armenia, Azerbaijan in respect of Nagorno-Karabakh and Ethiopia Sudan horn of Africa; the degree to which initiatives have been taken to address the humanitarian issues arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38273/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to enter discussions with the President-elect of the United States of America, Mr. Joe Biden, on the issue of the difficulties facing undocumented Irish persons in the United States and in particular the progression of the E3 Visa Bill through Congress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [38205/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government will use the opportunity of the election of President-elect Joe Biden to make representations to the incoming administration there around the plight of the undocumented Irish emigrants in the United States. — John Brady. [38301/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there has been discussion at the European Council of Foreign Ministers in relation to controlling the multibillion EU arms industry and ensuring that EU manufacturers of armaments are only being used according to EU wide guidelines; the position Ireland adopted in such discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38363/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding Ireland’s plans to ensure an effective land bridge for Irish agriculture in the aftermath of Brexit to the European market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [38192/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the action his Department has taken to build contacts with the incoming Biden administration in the United States of America; if such efforts are being facilitated by the United States Department of State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [38452/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the preparations that have been made ahead of Ireland joining the UN Security Council in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38070/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on reports of mass killings in the Northern Tigray region of Ethiopia; his views on whether this could escalate to a civil war; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [37907/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken to his counterpart in the UK Government in relation to the Dublin and Monaghan Bombings; if he will provide an update on the independent Police Teams analytic report into the Glennane series of cases that was announced by

the PSNI on 30 November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [32085/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on new illegal settlements on the West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38265/20]

18. 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. [38306/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the way in which his Department is engaging with US Government agencies with regard to the undocumented Irish. — Cathal Crowe. [38082/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his discussions with the ambassador of Saudi Arabia on the issue of the treatment and imprisonment of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38336/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the consequences of the conflict in Ethiopia and the region of Tigray in relation to the worsening humanitarian situation in Ethiopia and the region of Tigray and for stability in the Horn of Africa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [37958/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress in having the international community including the EU and the UN recognise Ireland’s sovereignty over Rockall. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38406/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of progress his Department has made towards the release of the women’s human rights defender (details supplied) currently on hunger strike in Saudi Arabia. — John Brady. [38299/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress in relation to suspending Israel from the EUD-Med and EU Neighbourhood Agreements given its continuous flagrant breaches of the human rights of the Palestinian people and specifically its recent settlement programmes on Palestinian land. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [38405/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised concerns internationally regarding the recent expansion of Israeli illegal settlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38198/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress made to date on resolving the issue of undocumented Irish in the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38208/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the fact that some European Union countries are making unsubstantiated claims in relation to the legitimacy of the outcome of the recent presidential election in the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [38460/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to reopen an Irish Embassy in Iran. — John Brady. [38303/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the total financial allocation for the Emigrant Support Programme in 2020; the funding to be allocated for 2021; if this allocation will enable additional programmes to be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38292/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will use Ireland's upcoming membership of the UN Security Council to highlight the increase in recent months in demolitions of Palestinian structures in the West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38479/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the current situation in South Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [38191/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the fact that EU diplomats present were called anti-Semites following the chasing away of the EU's Head of Mission to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Mr. Sven Kuhn Von Burgsdorff, from a Jerusalem neighbourhood Givat Hamatos the day after Israel issued tenders for 1,257 new homes in the area; the action the EU has taken on the matter to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [37959/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when it is expected that the new consulate in Manchester will be in operation; if other consulates in the United Kingdom are being considered; the role and function of the various missions in the UK post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [37960/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he will take to ensure the inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) takes place in view of a debate in the UK Parliament in relation to same. — Patrick Costello. [38307/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he plans to take on foot of the demolition of homes by the Israeli state in view of the recent illegal demolitions that have destroyed homes built by EU and Irish aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38337/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress to date with the Brexit discussions between the EU and Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38364/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the interaction he has had with his European Council colleagues on the EU Budget 2021-2027; and when it will receive consent from the Council. — Neale Richmond. [36657/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the ongoing outstanding requests with the UK Government regarding inquiries into the Dublin and Monaghan Bombings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37693/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if overseas development programmes have been hampered by the Covid-19 virus; and if unspent money can be carried forward. — Richard Bruton. [37952/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to reintroduce legislation similar to that of the Control of Economic Activities (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018. — Thomas Gould. [38242/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the reason for the humanitarian crisis in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [38190/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if progress has been made on establishing an E3 visa agreement between Ireland and the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38209/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the action being taken to ensure that the rule of law mechanism will be effective in the EU Budget discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [38456/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider the possibility of allowing local communities decide the use of a small part of the ODA budget through a democratic consultation process in locations in which a well-structured aid programme is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [37953/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the latest discussions he and his officials have had with his counterparts in Northern Ireland during Covid-19 in relation to the Border and combating the virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37692/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures he is taking to address the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [38454/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on Ireland signing up to the proposed European peace facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [29131/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position towards plans by the Hungarian Government to introduce a series of constitutional amendments which include the outlawing of same-sex marriages. — John Brady. [38300/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he supports the draft UN Treaty on Business and Human Rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38197/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the action of Poland and Hungary in vetoing the Multi Annual Budget and Recovery Programme of the EU; the way in which he sees the requirement for member states to adhere to the common values of the union are to be enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [37954/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current position in regard to the Brexit negotiations with particular reference to the issues of most sensitive importance to this country in terms of readily available unimpeded transport facilities onto European markets; the extent to which any agreement has been reached between the EU and the UK with adequate protection for Irish and European interests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38274/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding proposed immigration reform in the United States with particular reference to the difficulties facing the undocumented Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38291/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to Turkish interference in the affairs of the Island of Cyprus, and the calls by the Turkish President Erdogan for a two-state solution on the island. — John Brady. [38302/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the situation in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [37906/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to ensure adequate inputs from the Houses of the Oireachtas and civil society organisations in Ireland in relation to the proposed EU Strategy for Africa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [37957/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

56. To ask the Minister for Finance if there has been an increase in the purchase of State bonds or savings certificates administered issued by the NTMA or State prize bonds in the past 12 months; if so, the increase and current amounts invested in these bonds and products; and his views on the matter. — Eoghan Murphy. [36722/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Offaly and Laois that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [39197/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reform inheritance tax rules in which a favoured niece or nephew is treated in the same manner as a child in circumstances in which they have no family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38840/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 10 November 2020, if he will reconsider the position on mortgage lenders in relation to customers that are on the employment wage subsidy scheme and that are being denied mortgages even though they are in long-term employment and their jobs are not considered to be in jeopardy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [36678/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his Department’s preparations for Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39213/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering the calls from a group (details supplied) and other arts and cultural bodies for insurance reform; and if he is considering a refund of public and employers’ liability insurance for organisations which now have no insurable events going ahead. — Duncan Smith. [27499/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to assist homebuyers that are being refused drawdown of approved loans due to one or both borrowers being on the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [38632/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the legal issues that have arisen following a court case in respect of primary medical certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [37826/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to incentives to encourage credit unions and post offices to lend to persons whose income has been temporarily affected by

Covid-19 to ensure they are not forced to obtain loans from private moneylenders with extortionate interest rates. — Thomas Gould. [39153/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance when changes to the disabled drivers and passengers scheme will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [39214/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that Ireland's economy remains robust and stable when compared to other economies across Europe, within the Eurozone and without; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39138/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Longford and Westmeath that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [39185/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering a new State-backed investment scheme via a bond, certificate or savings account. — Eoghan Murphy. [36723/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance the innovations he plans for the upcoming statement of strategy of his Department. — Richard Bruton. [36171/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a situation whereby a credit union (details supplied) has removed its death grant and refused to reinstate the grant despite a motion passed at the AGM in 2019. — Thomas Gould. [39152/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax, VAT and excise reliefs and exemptions that currently exist in Irish tax law for armed forces from another state; the estimated cost of these reliefs and exemptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [39217/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of measures being taken to encourage more companies to adopt recommendations made by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [38073/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to implement reforms in view of the increasing cost of car insurance premiums; the latest discussions his Department has had on this issue; the persons or bodies the issue was discussed with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37718/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with chambers of commerce and an organisation (details supplied) regarding personal tax liabilities for employees resident in Ireland but that work in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [36710/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the eligibility criteria for the Covid restrictions support scheme in order that it can be accessed by sole traders and small businesses such as taxi drivers, artists, musicians and live entertainment workers that do not have public facing premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39234/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the decision taken by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to examine the impact of Ireland's international tax policy on the ability of

countries of the Global South to raise revenue and fulfil their human rights obligations; the details on any engagement his Department has had to date in 2020 with the UN Committee in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39158/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Tipperary that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [39204/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to seek state aid approval from the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38841/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will support the Consumer Credit (Amendment) Bill 2018 and its objectives in reducing the usurious rates of interest charged by moneylenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39229/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Kildare that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [39211/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact assessment that has been carried out by his Department into the proposed changes to the retail export scheme minimum purchase threshold, particularly on businesses working in the tourism industry in Ireland; if he will commit to keeping the retail export scheme minimum purchase threshold at €0.01; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39150/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will audit the recipients of the wage subsidy scheme to ensure that it is not being abused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39235/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which economic fundamentals remain positive notwithstanding the ravages of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39137/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the VAT rates for vaccines particularly those administered by injection such as for flu, pneumonia and a possible Covid-19 vaccine which are rated at 21% while all medicines which are administered orally are zero rated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [32809/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being taken by his Department to grow both the financial technology and asset management sectors here in the post-Brexit period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [38074/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Finance his response to a letter written by the Central Bank on 17 November 2020 regarding Thematic Inspections of Compliance by Regulated Financial Service Providers with their Obligations under the Fitness and Probity Regime; when he will publish legislation to implement the senior executive accountability regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39227/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has modelled the economic impacts of pursuing a zero Covid policy compared to the current policy of intermittent lockdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [39168/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he expects to be in a position to incentivise alternatives to fossil fuels in the short and medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38843/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has made representations regarding the proposed changes to the retail export scheme in the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020; if he has liaised with stakeholders on the consequences of the proposed change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [37045/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance if a tax relief or credit could be introduced for low to mid-income families that do not meet the criteria to avail of social housing or HAP to assist with their rental payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [39119/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Kilkenny that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [39209/20]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses nationwide that have applied for funding under the Covid restrictions support scheme; the number that have been successful in their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [39184/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Cork that have qualified for the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [39195/20]

94. To ask the Minister for Finance when the HSE will be in a position to resume issuing primary medical certificates in the context of the disabled drivers tax concession scheme which was halted in 2020 as a result of a Supreme Court ruling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38317/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason he did not push for the extension of loan and mortgage payment breaks of 12 months, as has been done in Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal; and his views on whether this failure will have a damaging effect on SMEs and microbusinesses as they now risk their loans falling into default and their credit rating being impaired. — Louise O'Reilly. [30366/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the impact on businesses by plans in relation to tax back for shoppers from overseas in relation to raising the threshold for qualifying items; if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of already struggling retailers, craft producers and other Irish producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34934/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the Covid restrictions support scheme in view of the number of businesses that are not eligible for the scheme despite being severely impacted by Covid-19 restrictions. — Dara Calleary. [39188/20]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance the likely impact of the move to level 5 restrictions on tax receipts for the rest of 2020. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39186/20]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance the consideration being given to extending the spend and stay scheme given that with level 5 restrictions individuals are not able to avail of this scheme currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [39120/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a proposal to abolish VAT on condoms. — Cathal Crowe. [39121/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to tackle lack of competition in the banking and mortgage markets in views of the Central Bank's retail interest rates for August 2020 that shows a big differential between interest rates here and the average EU interest rates; the contact he has had with a bank (details supplied) regarding its continued involvement in the banking market here; and the way in which the State can leverage its shareholding in the banking sector here to maximise competition. — Michael Creed. [30692/20]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the operation of the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39190/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to expand the Start-Up Relief for Entrepreneurs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [30100/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the impact on Irish tourism and the retail sector of the proposed changes in the retail export scheme in the Brexit Omnibus Bill. — Seán Canney. [38204/20]

105. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Carlow that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [39201/20]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is reviewing any of the Covid-19 support schemes under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [39193/20]

107. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether, in respect of a film production company in receipt of section 481 tax relief to claim in the Labour Court or WRC that it is not the employer of the film crew working on a film production funded by section 481 relief represents a breach of the declaration that company is required to sign in order to access the relief and that any company doing this should have the relief withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39233/20]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider legislation to strengthen the Consumer Protection Code; his views on the lack of enforcement action taken by the Central Bank for breaches of the code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39230/20]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will act to ensure that the Revenue Commissioners' has the powers necessary to fully investigate potential cases of bogus self-employment. — Paul Murphy. [39169/20]

110. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Limerick that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [39207/20]

111. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to implement the recommendations made in the report by the working group on reducing the cost of motor insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39117/20]

112. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional resources being allocated to the Revenue Commissioners following the Brexit checklist sent to approximately 225,000 businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30601/20]

113. To ask the Minister for Finance if all individual taxpayers will be able to make manual submissions to the Revenue Commissioners of their tax returns rather than online at least until universal high-speed broadband is available throughout Ireland under the national broadband plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38362/20]

114. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has asked the motor insurance industry to provide refunds to learner drivers that typically pay very high premiums until they receive their licences but that have been unable to take the tests due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Martin Browne. [36600/20]

115. To ask the Minister for Finance when the issue with regard to disabled drivers and passengers obtaining a primary medical certificate will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33171/20]

116. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some motor insurance companies are only providing a Covid-19 rebate to their customers upon renewal of policy; his views on whether this is unfair on customers who may wish to change their provider rather than to renew their cover with their existing provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39157/20]

117. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that domestic employers that 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 as had employers not availed of the temporary wage subsidy scheme employees would have applied for the pandemic unemployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [38835/20]

118. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Mayo and Roscommon that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [39189/20]

119. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made to date with the roll out of the CRSS; the number of applications received to date for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34992/20]

120. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will convey again to a bank (details supplied) the need to retain its business network which is important for many rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39167/20]

121. To ask the Minister for Finance his Department's current projection of the extent to which the economy will contract in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [39187/20]

122. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he will take to ensure that banking fees for cashless transactions from the start of the Covid-19 pandemic to date will be refunded in circumstances in which customers were unaware of the fees being levied and were using cashless to reduce the

risk of spread during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [36679/20]

123. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the uptake of the employer wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38071/20]

124. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the exclusion of travel agents from the CRSS scheme under level 3 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [37043/20]

125. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Covid restrictions support scheme will be expanded to include businesses such as travel agents which have seen significant reductions in turnover as a result of Covid-19 but which are currently only eligible for the Covid restrictions support scheme while under level 4 and 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [39151/20]

126. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether additional fees being imposed on current account holders of a bank (details supplied) from 28 November 2020 are justified in view of recent reports from market analysts that suggest that the organisation has more than enough capital to cushion the Covid-19 crisis; his views on whether these new charges are regressive and will particularly effect lower income customers given that they remove the existing option of fee-free banking for those customers who keep at least €2,500 in their current account; if he plans to discuss this with the organisation and seek an indefinite suspension of these fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39156/20]

127. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is anything cited in the relationship framework agreement between the Minister and a bank (details supplied) that prohibits or in any way prevents him from meeting with the bank to discuss and negotiate on a change to that agreement; if he plans to do so given the unprecedented context of Covid-19 and the difficulties for personal and business customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39155/20]

128. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider regularising the temporary relief granted by the Revenue Commissioners to cross-Border workers in response to the Covid-19 pandemic with respect to section 825A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; if he will consider further tax measures to facilitate cross-Border workers in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [39228/20]

129. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review the stay and spend scheme in view of the current level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [39192/20]

130. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to reduce mortgage interest rates; his views on whether interest rates being charged here are reasonable compared to the rest of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39118/20]

131. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Sligo and Leitrim that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [39199/20]

132. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the implementation of the recommendations made in the report by the working group on reducing the cost of motor insurance; the number of outstanding recommendations yet to be implemented; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38316/20]

133. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 267 Of 11 November 2020, the basis of the claim that the framework cannot be changed by him unilaterally given the documents cited as the legal basis for the relationship framework (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [39154/20]

134. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons currently availing of the disabled drivers and passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [39194/20]

135. To ask the Minister for Finance the outcome of his discussions with a bank (details supplied) in relation to the need to retain a bank, its network of branches and the protection of employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [39166/20]

136. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason he has excluded sole traders and small businesses like taxi drivers, artists, musicians and live entertainment workers that do not have public facing premises from accessing the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39231/20]

137. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the engagement he made at a European Council level in the approval of Directive 2019/2235; if he opposed the reliefs for NATO and EU CSDP troops based outside their home state contained in that Directive; if he sought a derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [39216/20]

138. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps his Department and the Revenue Commissioners have taken to support businesses through Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38072/20]

139. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions being taken to ensure that film production companies in receipt of section 481 tax relief are complying with the declaration on quality employment and training they are required to sign in order to access the relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [39232/20]

140. To ask the Minister for Finance if State-owned banks are investing in or lending to companies directly involved in fossil fuel extraction; if so, the extent of such commercial activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38842/20]

141. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in County Clare that have qualified for support under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [39202/20]

142. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress being made in ensuring that persons can once again access a primary medical certificate to access the disabled drivers and passengers scheme; when the amendment is likely to be passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [37717/20]

143. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in Dublin that have qualified for the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [39191/20]

144. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to refresh the roadmap for tax policy in relation to the taxation of companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [36170/20]