



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. 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]
2. To ask the Taoiseach the status of plans to reopen society and the economy when level 5 Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40168/20]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [38076/20]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with foreign affairs will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38620/20]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [40064/20]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for travel abroad in 2021. — Alan Kelly. [40162/20]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40169/20]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department plans to publish a statement of strategy. — Alan Kelly. [38075/20]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department plans to publish a statement of strategy. — Paul Murphy. [40065/20]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department plans to publish a statement of strategy. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40486/20]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [39896/20]
12. To ask the Taoiseach the engagements he has had with the First and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland in relation to lifting Covid-19 restrictions. — Neale Richmond. [39968/20]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he plans to publish a review of the progress made in implementing the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [40066/20]

14. To ask the Taoiseach the number of advisers appointed in his Department including press advisers; and the annual cost. — Alan Kelly. [40161/20]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that deals with the economy last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40487/20]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*16. To ask the Taoiseach the breakdown of the allocations for the €500 million of capital investment under the shared island fund up to 2025; the proportion of capital spending available in each specific year; the Departments to which that funding is allocated. — Ged Nash. [40586/20]

\*17. To ask the Taoiseach the breakdown of the allocations for the €500 million of capital investment under the shared island fund up to 2025, by year and Department; the proportion of capital spending available in each specific year; the Departments to which that funding is allocated; the identified projects to date; and the available amount of unallocated funding. — Ged Nash. [40583/20]

\*18. To ask the Taoiseach the projects that he expects to fund under the shared island fund in 2021; the value of each investment; and the new allocation of funding. — Ged Nash. [40584/20]

\*19. To ask the Taoiseach the accounting officer for spending committed to under the shared island fund. — Ged Nash. [40585/20]

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

\*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of cases the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement has investigated since the Office was established under the Company Law Enforcement Act 2001; the number of cases it has closed without prosecution; the number of cases closed with a successful prosecution; and the number of cases that remain active and open, by year in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [40524/20]

\*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications to date under the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme by month; the number of successful applications to date; the reason for applications not being successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40573/20]

\*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the value of successful applications under the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme by month; the average loan value; the largest size of loans; if a list of successful applicants will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40574/20]

\*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications to date under the Brexit loan scheme by month; the number of successful applications to date; the reason for applications not being successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40575/20]

\*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the value of successful applications under the Brexit loan scheme by month; the average loan value; the largest size of loans; if a list of successful applicants will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40576/20]

\*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the projected number of applicants for the MFI Brexit business loan; the value of loans expected to be issued by the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40577/20]

\*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the face-to-face employment support services available to the Roma community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [40581/20]

\*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the direct business financial aid available to companies involved directly and indirectly in tourism transport and whose businesses are closed due to international flight travel restrictions introduced to fight Covid-19. — Catherine Murphy. [40587/20]

\*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses that have had their restart grants plus recalled following the report from the Restart Grant Working Group (details supplied); the number of grants called by local authority; and the total value of the grants recalled by local authority. — Louise O'Reilly. [40593/20]

\*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will respond to an organisation (details supplied) that have contacted his office regarding the recalling of the restart grants plus for its members; and his views on whether the recalling of the of this grant aid was unfair and if it constitutes a breach of rights based on legitimate expectation. — Louise O'Reilly. [40594/20]

\*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the types of businesses that have been categorised as non-rateable due to their being located in shared spaces which are themselves subject to rates; and the total value of grants to be refunded due to this distinction. — Pa Daly. [40606/20]

\*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details on the take up of the restart grant and restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [40663/20]

\*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of outstanding applications that remain for the now closed restart grant plus scheme; the way in which his Department will address these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [40664/20]

\*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of the take-up of the credit guarantee scheme; his Department's plans for this scheme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [40665/20]

\*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he plans to sign the Employment Regulation Order for the contract cleaning sector that is due to come into effect on 1 December 2020. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40710/20]

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

\*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan in Cobh, County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [40549/20]

\*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to establish a scheme to compensate micro-generators of electricity that provide electricity to the national grid; his views on the need to prioritise this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40592/20]

\*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if it will be ensured that section 39 companies that provide housing to vulnerable persons and are funded under the Health Acts can access the national retrofitting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [40605/20]

\*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when access to high-speed broadband will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40624/20]

\*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 1153 of 24 November 2020, if he will provide a detailed timetable of when each multiple of the 22,592 individual premises identified in the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan in County Clare will have completed each of the four stages of the plan; the townlands included in each of those multiples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [40660/20]

\*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person (details supplied) in County Clare will be facilitated with a broadband connection given that the infrastructure is in place and all that is required is a card or switch to be activated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [40713/20]

\*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if it is legal to sell coal without the EPA badge on the bag; the person or body responsible for monitoring coal sellers to ensure they are compliant with legislation and taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [40749/20]

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

\*42. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 290 of 3 November 2020, the reason the Air Corps were not awarded the SAR service contract (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [40521/20]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify the requirement for bus operators to have an establishment and adequate parking spaces for their vehicles as set out in the Guide to Passenger Transport Operator Licencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [40572/20]

\*44. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed resurrection of the Metro South project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [40668/20]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there is no rail representative on the board of the National Transport Authority; if he will consider rectifying this lack of representation given that the development of a more sustainable form of public transport must be a priority for Government; that some regional lines across the country do not receive the level of attention they should and that this key sector of our public transport system cannot be properly promoted at decision making and financial spending level without a place on this board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [40707/20]

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

\*46. To ask the Minister for Finance if the recent restart, restart plus and restart top-up grants will be liable for tax in future returns made to the Revenue Commissioners by businesses. — Joe Flaherty. [40568/20]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Finance if funding not drawn down or allocated from the stay and spend scheme could be ringfenced for the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [40642/20]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Finance if the tax year income from the pandemic unemployment payment paid since March 2020 to 31 December 2020 will be assessed for income tax purposes for persons who make self-employed tax returns based on an accounting year from 1 April to 31 March each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40704/20]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Finance if tax losses made in the tax year 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic will be able to be offset against profits for the tax year 2020 for persons whose tax returns are based on an accounting year from 1 April to 31 March each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40705/20]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Finance if qualifying goods as referred to in section 64 of the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2020 includes all purchases for export being made by a qualified person while on vacation in the State or the purchases in one premises or shop for the purposes of the €75 minimum expenditure provided for in the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40708/20]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be generated by setting a minimum withholding tax of each of 15% and 25% on all royalty payments leaving the State for a non-EU country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [40711/20]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be generated by setting a minimum withholding tax of 15% and 25% on all dividend payments leaving the State for a non-EU country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [40712/20]

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

\*53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of work undertaken by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly in view of the European Commission official downgrade of the Northern and Western region from a More Developed Region to a Transition Region post-2020; and the way in which he is planning to administer the estimated €1 billion in European Structural Funds apportioned for the period 2021 to 2027. — Alan Dillon. [40539/20]

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

\*54. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the public health guidelines under which she could allow the resumption of pod swimming classes. — Sean Sherlock. [40547/20]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the direct business financial aid available to companies and their owners that have no fixed office and or premises that are closed due to Covid-19 restrictions and the lack of international and domestic tourists. — Catherine Murphy. [40588/20]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an exception could be made to the numbers allowed into stadia for GAA matches for the remainder of the season to allow full panels into the stadium for a match (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [40607/20]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will liaise with Fáilte Ireland for the purposes of re-opening the Covid-19 adaptation fund; if she will support changes to the eligibility criteria of the scheme to allow for restaurants and cafes without a wine licence to apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [40526/20]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding theatres in the Plan for Living with Covid-19; when she expects theatres to be reopened; the analysis her Department has carried out or commissioned into the risk of contracting Covid-19 in theatres given the unique characteristics of theatres as controlled environments in which audience members all face the same direction and which easily facilitate contact tracing and staggered entry and exit times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40558/20]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the decision making bodies responsible for the allocation of the funds from the music industry stimulus package; the decision-making methodology used in deciding upon the successful applicants; the amounts awarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40629/20]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the process through which a company (details supplied) was selected to be the public relations company assigned to work with successful applicants of the music industry stimulus package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40630/20]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to run a further fund similar in scope to the music industry stimulus package from the €50 million fund for the non-funded live entertainment sector arising from Budget 2021; if she will use the same bodies involved in awarding monies of the stimulus package; if she will alter the manner in which applications are deemed successful and the parameters used to assess who can apply and the amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40631/20]

\*62. *Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil deontais ar fáil chun obair athchóirithe a dhéanamh ar theach stairiúil (sonraí iniata); agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [40765/20]*



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

\*63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce limits on grazing platform stocking rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40698/20]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if advice has been given by his Department to the Housing Agency or local authorities regarding establishing whether successful applicants for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme are being required to provide proof that they are not in receipt of the employment wage subsidy scheme before being able to draw down their mortgages. — Eoin Ó Broin. [40551/20]

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

\*65. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding indoor physical education classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40742/20]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for a tender to be published (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [40517/20]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide funding for replacement dispensing units to schools impacted by the recall of a sanitiser (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40536/20]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's strategy to ensuring there are enough secondary school places in the rapidly expanding town of Trim, County Meath; the plans in place to extend existing secondary schools and to build new schools in the town; the time frame for proposed plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [40546/20]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Education if, before taking up a teaching position in Ireland having qualified in another country, it is a requirement to have completed the NQT year in the country of qualification. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [40553/20]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to revisit the absence of oral Irish in the 2020 leaving certificate given some students who are competent at oral Irish are being disadvantaged.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [40569/20]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 232 of 9 April 2019, the progress on the regularisation of terms and conditions of adult education tutors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40578/20]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Education the status of works needed for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40591/20]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there is a reduction in SNA activity in a school; and if she will examine matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [40600/20]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the agreement with a union (details supplied) to put school secretaries under public service terms and conditions as they apply to school secretaries employed by her Education by February 2021. — Brendan Griffin. [40602/20]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Education if additional hours of home tuition will be granted in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40659/20]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students who sat or were assessed for the agricultural science leaving certificate exam for each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40686/20]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a Teaching Council number for a teacher (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40730/20]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 508 of 17 November 2020, if she has discretion to intervene in a manner such that no student would be put at a disadvantage given that the school year has started and that there is precedent in cases in which a school bus service was provided by a private provider in the north Cork area due to exceptional circumstances. — Sean Sherlock. [40740/20]

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

\*79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 428 of 20 October 2020, if the Christmas bonus will be paid to those on jobseeker's benefit. — Joan Collins. [40520/20]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the stage of drafting of the proposed legislation giving effect to the commitments outlined in the Programme for Government in relation to gender recognition for children aged 16 to 17 years of age; the expected timeline for referral to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands for pre-legislative scrutiny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [40555/20]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); if the pension abatement rule for public sector pensions applies to employment with section 38 and 39 organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [40556/20]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the correct level of supplementary welfare payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40563/20]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment towards payment of a bill for a funeral can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40564/20]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can qualify for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40565/20]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the face-to-face social services available to the Roma community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [40579/20]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered making the pandemic unemployment payment a qualifying payment for the fuel allowance or allowing time spent on it to be counted towards the 15-month requirement for jobseeker's to qualify; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [40595/20]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive payment for farm assist after being allowed their appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [40635/20]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the advice she can provide on a matter (details supplied) regarding concurrent pensions. — Brendan Griffin. [40673/20]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to ensure that all those in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment who are due arrears receive the arrears before Christmas 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40747/20]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to amend the process by which joint savings are assessed as part of the means assessment for dependent adults of recipients of the State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40762/20]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason there are different rules pertaining to the assessment of a spouse's means from employment and from an occupational pension for a claimant for jobseeker's benefit; her plans to review same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40763/20]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that some employees of a company (details supplied) are still awaiting arrears to be paid for social welfare payments that they were prevented from accessing earlier in the year while on the temporary wage subsidy scheme; when these arrears will be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40764/20]

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

\*93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to enable those who have signed a grandfathering declaration to continue as childcare workers beyond September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40535/20]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the face-to-face services available to the Roma community during Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [40580/20]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform will make the necessary funding available for the implementation of the Workplace Relations Commission's agreement of August 2019 between a union (details supplied) and city and county childcare committees. — Emer Higgins. [40590/20]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has bought or leased housing in an area (details supplied) for direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40625/20]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare providers operating under the ECCE scheme from 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [40667/20]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he will take to address the extremely low levels of awareness of the NCS and after school programmes by Tulsa social workers; the training that has been provided for Tusla social care workers on the NCS programme; and the guidance given to social workers in order that they can quickly and efficiently refer a child to an after school service. — Kathleen Funchion. [40716/20]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the funding model for the AIM programme is tailored to the educational qualification levels of staff rather than the needs of the child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [40717/20]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a chair will be appointed to the collaborative forum. — Kathleen Funchion. [40719/20]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the NCS is extremely complicated and creates a large amount of paperwork for providers in ascertaining the amount parents have to pay and the levels of subsidy they will receive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [40720/20]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider increasing the NCS hourly rate of €3.75, despite this being at the higher end given the fact that many providers are struggling to provide their services at this level and are extremely worried about their long-term viability. — Kathleen Funchion. [40721/20]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider introducing a subsidy to cover transport costs which was provided for childcare services to collect children as per the previous schemes. — Kathleen Funchion. [40722/20]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to reconvene the collaborative forum to discuss a pathway forward immediately after the publication of the report; if so if the discussion will include stakeholders who currently do not sit on the forum membership; and if he will consider the inclusion of other groups. — Kathleen Funchion. [40723/20]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports in place to support migrants and those whose first language is not English at risk of domestic violence. — Kathleen Funchion. [40725/20]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the list of recommendations he received from the Clann Project, dated 23 November 2020; his further views in particular on the recommendation that Government seeks independent advice from experts working in the area of international data protection law to guarantee that Ireland implements GDPR in relation to institutional, adoption and care-related records and their suggestions on

access to records legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [40726/20]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he is taking to address the shortage of foster carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [40727/20]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will assist a former resident (details supplied) of St. Patrick's Mother and Baby Home in getting a file; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40731/20]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to open additional direct provision centres here; and if so, the details of the geographical location of such centres. — Peadar Tóibín. [40737/20]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has engaged with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with a view to making the necessary funding available for the implementation of the Workplace Relations Commission agreement of August 2019 between a union (details supplied) and city and county childcare committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40738/20]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Mother and Baby Commission report will be published; the records that will be accessible; the records that will be sealed; the length of time they will be sealed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40748/20]

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

\*112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the means testing criteria of the SUSI grant for third level education can be amended in order that in situations in which one parent is on a disability payment such as an invalidity pension the student is not losing out due to overall household income. — Cathal Crowe. [40617/20]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if income from the pandemic unemployment payment is assessable for the purposes of means assessment for SUSI grants in 2020 in which a student seeks a review of their application based on change of circumstances; if the student grant scheme regulations provides for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40706/20]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the re-establishment of painting apprenticeships in Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [40741/20]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average cost of part-time courses in public third-level institutions; the average cost per institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [40554/20]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if third-level institutions will provide rent refunds to students in on-campus accommodation whose courses are now being delivered online for the 2020-2021 academic year; if he has had discussions

with the third-level institutions on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [40570/20]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason Solas has increased the price of the safe pass system that is required by all building workers; if he or his Department were informed by Solas that the fee for this pass would be increased by between 100% and 200%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [40571/20]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his policy in relation to two-tier pay among university teaching assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40634/20]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider allowing students of Teagasc agricultural colleges to access student supports such as the student hardship fund and the once-off Covid-19 payment scheme. — Matt Carthy. [40702/20]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an application for support by a student (details supplied) to complete a course will be reviewed; the reason the full-time course is not recognised for support under the student grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40744/20]

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

\*121. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 180 of 25 November 2020, the number of deportation orders issued by month from 1 March to date in 2020 including the list of countries they refer to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40518/20]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportation orders issued by month in 2019 including the countries they refer to; the number of deportation orders issued in January and February 2020 respectively including the countries they refer to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40519/20]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has legislative plans to remove the Edward's principle which allows a party causing a nuisance to refuse compensation to the suffering part due to the land outside their railings, trestles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40545/20]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 180 of 25 November 2020, the number of the 469 deportation orders issued by the immigration service of her Department since the outbreak of Covid-19 in March 2020 that were revoked pursuant to section 3(11) of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended); the number of deportation orders amended pursuant to section 3(11) of the Immigration Act 1999; the details of amendments made; the monthly breakdown of the number of deportation orders amended or revoked pursuant to section 3(11) of the Immigration Act 1999 during this period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40550/20]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 180 of 25 November 2020, of the 469 deportation orders issued since the outbreak of Covid-19 in March 2020, the number effected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40561/20]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress in the determination of an application for leave to remain in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40620/20]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for leave to remain in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40626/20]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of the join family visa applications in the case of a person (details supplied); when the applications will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40632/20]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of judicial vacancies at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [40666/20]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to the building of a new Garda station in Ongar, Dublin 15 given the increased population in the area. — Paul Donnelly. [40735/20]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Justice the statistics relating to crime in the Ongar local electoral area which is serviced by the K district Garda station. — Paul Donnelly. [40736/20]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) can expect to have their documentation returned from the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service. — Louise O'Reilly. [40743/20]

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

\*133. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to restore pay to outstanding section 39 organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40601/20]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding and resources that have been allocated to HSE counselling services to deal with the inevitable rise in numbers of those who will access counselling services upon the publication of the report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and other related matters. — Kathleen Funchion. [40718/20]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an online video conference consultation is not permitted during Covid-19 for a cross-Border directive application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [40522/20]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of paediatric rheumatology services in Ireland; when a third paediatric rheumatologist will commence their position; and the steps he is taking to lessen the significant waiting list which is currently three years long. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [40527/20]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Health when the outcome of the meeting held in December 2019 between rheumatology specialists and an organisation (details supplied) will be relayed to parents of children with arthritis; and when the information leaflets on the incidence of arthritis in children with Down syndrome will be supplied to general practitioners and other health professionals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [40528/20]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to alleviate the waiting list of 4 to 8 months for urgent paediatric scans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40531/20]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will update Covid-19 advice for pregnant women to include the findings of The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and 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 upon contraction of the virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40532/20]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated for respite services for children with special needs in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40534/20]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for a decision on the approval of duodopa by the HSE; if any of the €50 million allocation for the approval of new medicines is being used for this consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40540/20]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the funding allocated to early intervention and school age disability services in County Mayo in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40541/20]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Health the occupational therapy and speech therapy staff resources allocated to disability services in County Mayo in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40542/20]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fully reinstate the provision of early intervention and school age disability services. — Alan Dillon. [40543/20]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase staffing resources to disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40544/20]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure when the Covid-19 vaccine becomes available and is being distributed that the hierarchy of priority groups should include at least one nominated visitor or family member to nursing home residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [40552/20]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2018-2019 gambling prevalence survey will be published. — Thomas Gould. [40560/20]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Health if it can be arranged for a public health nurse to call to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40566/20]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the recruitment of an orthodontic consultant to fill the position which has been vacant for some time; and his views on whether this position



must be filled as a matter of urgency in order to deal with extensive waiting times. — Robert Troy. [40582/20]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Health if there is guidelines or regulations governing the charging of patients by general practitioners to email prescriptions to pharmacists using the national electronic prescriptions transfer system including repeat prescriptions before and during Covid-19 restrictions; and if so, the amount agreed as appropriate to charge a patient for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40589/20]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Health the overall delay on all interventions for children under the age of 18 years. — Sean Sherlock. [40599/20]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Health the housing adaptation grants available to a person (details supplied) who has suffered life changing injuries following an accident aside from the Louth County Council housing adaptation grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [40603/20]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Health if home help hours will be increased in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40604/20]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of beds in St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Stranorlar, County Donegal; the total number of beds both occupied and unoccupied for the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [40612/20]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nursing staff employed at St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Stranorlar, County Donegal in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [40613/20]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nursing staff in St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Stranorlar, County Donegal re-deployed in 2020; the number that have resumed their positions of those re-deployed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [40614/20]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of non-nursing staff employed at St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [40615/20]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Health when respite services can be expected to resume in St. Joseph's Hospital, Stranorlar, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [40616/20]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40618/20]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40619/20]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Health if late applications will be allowed for staff nurse national rolling campaigns which ended on 9 September 2020 due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40621/20]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Health the date that the next campaign will open for staff nurse national rolling campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40622/20]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Health the estimate cost to the State to pay student nurses for all mandatory on-the-job training they undertake as part of their studies if the wage scale was set at the same level as the apprenticeship training allowance based on the gross wage norms for the sector. — Alan Kelly. [40623/20]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Health the reason melatonin was previously available to a person (details supplied) and now appears to be no longer available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40628/20]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health the reason home help assistance has been withdrawn from a person (details supplied); if the home help assistance can be reinstated as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40633/20]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the new ward in St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Stranorlar, County Donegal is not open; when it will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [40637/20]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the unacceptable waiting time of 82 weeks for an audiology appointment from the date of referral in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [40658/20]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health the accountability in place for nursing homes relating to the allocation of public monies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [40669/20]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which businesses are informed what they can expect and what they can plan for at each Covid-19 level; the amount of advance warning they can expect to receive for changes to the Covid-19 level; the plans in place to work with businesses on health measures that affect their operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [40670/20]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the availability to patients with PKU in Dublin and throughout Ireland of the HSE-approved medicine kuvan; the reason kuvan it is not being made available to children with PKU at Temple Street Hospital or adults with PKU at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; the reason the care pathway stipulates that patients must be admitted for 48 hours to have blood spot tolerance tests done since these are the same tests that patients do on a weekly basis at home leaving some with no option but to travel to another country to have the testing done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [40672/20]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for patients in County Kerry referred for hip surgery under the treatment purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40685/20]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health if patients travelling to Northern Ireland to avail of treatment under the EU Cross-Border Health Directive will continue to receive reimbursements for procedures conducted after 31 December 2020. — Matt Carthy. [40703/20]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements being made to ensure Irish citizens will still be able to get reimbursed for qualifying medical treatment provided to them in Northern Ireland, after Brexit, given that the cross-Border EU directive will not apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40709/20]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 316 of 5 November 2020, the outcome of the meeting of the rare diseases technology review committee in the week commencing 5 November 2020; the status of the assessment of the medicines referred to the committee, specifically a medicine (details supplied); and the specific dates which he expects the committee to meet in 2020 and 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [40714/20]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that will be provided to increase capacity in overnight respite care for children with disabilities in the Donegal region; his plans for meeting the needs of the service users and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [40729/20]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths by suicide to date in 2020; the number in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [40733/20]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been an increase in the number of emergency or crisis presentations for mental health services to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [40734/20]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Health if the FreeStyle Libre will be available to all type 1 diabetes patients through the HSE in the near future (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [40745/20]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child with Down syndrome (details supplied) was refused optical benefit. — Joan Collins. [40746/20]

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

\*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body who designed and sanctioned the wording of the level 5 restrictions to include the measure that marts must operate online only; and if this can be amended for any future level 5 lockdown. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40562/20]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to reopen the early farm retirement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [40523/20]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason animals slaughtered in slaughter houses in Northern Ireland are not considered eligible for payment under the beef finishers payment scheme; if they will be made eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40525/20]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) in County Kerry did not receive payment under the beef finisher payment scheme for animals that were slaughtered in the European Union; if these animals will be made eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40529/20]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which an auctioneer can get on the panel of independent valuers that carry out live valuations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [40557/20]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will contact a person (details supplied) in County Kerry whose herd has been restricted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40559/20]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tonnes of barley, oats, wheat, soya beans and maize imported in each of the past five years; the origin of the imports by country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40608/20]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the length of the approval process for PGI applications to the Europe Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40609/20]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average processing time for a joint jurisdiction PGI application to be approved by the Europe Union; the number of joint jurisdiction PGI applications rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40610/20]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tonnes of antibiotics added to rations in each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 from records kept by compound feeders; the sectors those rations were designated for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [40611/20]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of livestock movements, that is, sales of cattle and sheep, between buyer and seller from farm to farm including marts for 2019; and the number to date in 2020. — Martin Browne. [40638/20]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the term mart as defined in the Animal Health and Welfare (Livestock Marts) Regulations 2018 could also apply to an online market place; the requirements that such a venture would have to comply with in an effort to be able to operate as such; and his views on the matter. — Martin Browne. [40639/20]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the procedure for dealing with animals that have been removed from a farmer due to welfare concerns following their removal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [40640/20]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an appeal will be examined favourably in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40662/20]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he and his Department officials became aware that 4,600 forestry licence applications are backlogged in the Forestry Service; the specific dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [40675/20]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department concluded that there were circa 2,000 forestry licence applications backlogged in the Forestry Service; the developments that led to the determination that the correct number of backlogged licence applications is 4,600; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [40676/20]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether it is appropriate that An Taisce is appealing applications for forestry licences in view of the ongoing crisis in the forestry and timber sector rather than consulting directly with his Department and in view of the fact that An Taisce receives significant public funding. — John Paul Phelan. [40679/20]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of days each of the four divisions of the Forestry Appeals Committee is sitting; the number of hearings each division has heard since it has operated in four divisions since 9 November 2020; the number of hearings each division will hold between now and the end of 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [40674/20]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consideration that has been given to altering existing or introducing new supports with regard to ash dieback including broadening the base of eligible applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40687/20]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the monitoring his Department carries out with regard to the prevalence and effects of ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40688/20]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of his Departments attempts to ensure that the ash species is maintained and restored as a result of the effects of ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40689/20]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a programme in place to protect and restore the elm species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40690/20]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the application for a grass fed PGI status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40691/20]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Bord Bia will be instructed to work with the Departments of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Environment, Climate and Communications and Rural and Community Development in the north and other stakeholders such as farming organisations to assist them with implementing a grass fed standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40692/20]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that have been taken to address greyhound culling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40693/20]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reduce the level of antibiotic use in animals; his further plans to address anti-microbial resistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40694/20]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the role his Department will play in the cull of minks on mink farms; the expected time frame for the cull to be completed; the mitigation and support measures to be provided to the farms concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40695/20]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which physical attendance will be facilitated for buyers at marts upon the end of the current level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40696/20]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has assessed the potential impacts that the European Commission's 2030 Climate Target Plan will have on Irish agriculture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40697/20]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if applicants in respect of forestry licences who submit a natura impact statement can expect a speedier determination as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40699/20]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce mandatory time frames in respect of the process and determination of forestry licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40700/20]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made to ensure equal access to financial support for students of agricultural colleges such as the student hardship fund and once-off Covid-19 payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [40701/20]

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

\*212. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to address the imbalance in ferry subsidies on islands (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [40533/20]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has had regard to contracts of employment within the sectors under her remit; and if she is in receipt of correspondence on concerns raised by those sectors. — Sean Sherlock. [40548/20]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an organisation (details supplied) could receive funding under the Community Services Programme Support Fund for the costs of relocating gardens and the fitting of a new Irish Water connection at the new allotments given that the organisation is a community-based organisation that provides local social and environmental services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [40739/20]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 3 NOLLAIG, 2020  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,  
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 2020**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the examinations being undertaken in relation to the instances of Covid-19 compared to the Pobal areas of deprivation around the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39849/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider a review of the JobPath programme; and her views on whether it has provided value for money for the State. — Brian Stanley. [30677/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the number of places on community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [39720/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to long delays for persons applying for PPS numbers; the number of applications pending a decision; if additional resources have been put in place to assist with the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39997/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person will be allowed to apply for carer's benefit based on the PRSI contributions of their spouse in which the applicant is either self-employed or does not have qualifying contributions in their own right. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [30679/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the waiting lists for PPS numbers; if her attention has been drawn to the negative impact this has had on workers and businesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [40008/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to combat youth unemployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [39723/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider to community employment scheme participants nationwide that have missed out on four to five months on the scheme due to the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [40170/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if dependents of pandemic unemployment payment applicants can be added to their claim. — Sean Sherlock. [39988/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made in providing community employment supervisors access to pensions in line with the 2008 Labour Court recommendation to provide access to an occupational pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39903/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider requests to include representatives from organisations (details supplied) on the Pensions Commission. — James O'Connor. [40144/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider provision for payment of the pandemic unemployment payment to high-risk childcare workers who have been advised to remain home from work. — Thomas Gould. [39727/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [39722/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the means testing arrangements for the State pension qualified adult payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [40086/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding pension entitlements for community employment scheme supervisors; if further discussions have taken place with unions on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [39865/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement she has had with the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to progress the legislation for parental leave; the progress being made to have a form of application available to persons looking to apply for these additional three weeks benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [40058/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the guidelines that Intreo offices have been issued in relation to the sanitisation of electronic signing equipment used by the public; and the number of persons currently required to sign on for any social protection service or payment. — Seán Crowe. [39924/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of self-employed persons who have benefitted from the enterprise support grant to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39719/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of legislation to stop the increase in the pension age. — Sean Sherlock. [39992/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of payments issued under the pandemic unemployment payment to date; the value of these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [39979/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which it is envisaged the poverty targets in the social inclusion roadmap will be achieved. — Patrick Costello. [39664/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she will take to ensure that persons that have worked all their lives and that are required by their employer to retire at 65 years of age do not have to sign on before reaching pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [29607/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has met with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science on the status of Covid-19 payments and the way in which they will impact SUSI applicants. — Sean Sherlock. [39990/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the future of the JobPath programme. — Brian Stanley. [30676/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the number of places on community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [40148/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on child poverty measures in Budget 2021 to increase social welfare payments by €2 per child under 12 and €5 per child over 12. — Gary Gannon. [31364/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Peadar Tóibín. [40081/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of inspections carried out by inspectors by county since the start of public health restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [39989/20]



29. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps her Department is taking to combat youth unemployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [39964/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce paid leave from employment for those experiencing domestic violence. — Paul Murphy. [40023/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider including the PCP in the WSS scheme administered by her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40142/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications that have been received for the new €1,000 enterprise support grant for the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [29608/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of self-employed persons that have benefitted from the enterprise support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [39965/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of pandemic unemployment payment recipients who are due arrears; and the date when payment on these arrears can be expected. — Gary Gannon. [40158/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the increase to the living alone allowance as announced in budget 2021 will take effect; the number of persons in County Wexford who will benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [40002/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if approval will be given to extend the duration of the community employment scheme without requiring additional qualifying criteria such as major awards or requalifying criteria until the end of 2022 in recognition of the challenges presented to many on these schemes as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [40150/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of pandemic unemployment payment recipients who are awaiting payments for arrears due; and when the arrears will be paid. — Matt Carthy. [39984/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the waiting time for carer's payments applications and for a review of decisions relating to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [40145/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made in reaching the 2020 target to reduce by 66% from 2011 levels the number of children in consistent poverty as outlined in Better Outcomes Brighter Futures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [40083/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the pandemic unemployment payment to persons over 66 years of age in the workforce; the estimated cost of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40073/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the increase in the living alone allowance and the fuel allowance will take effect; the number of persons who will benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [40147/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of the funding issued through the restart grant plus scheme which has been sought back; and if there have been other instances in which her Department has retrospectively sought the return of funding issued through various grant schemes. — Peadar Tóibín. [40080/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the impact of the move to level 5 on the budget of her Department for 2020. — Jim O'Callaghan. [40166/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement her Department has had with An Post in regard to expanding existing relationships with it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [40146/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the establishment of the Commission on Pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [39998/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if provision will be made for an occupational pension for community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26427/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has met with the Pensions Commission since it was announced. — Sean Sherlock. [39991/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures underway in her Department to tackle youth unemployment and to support young persons affected by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [39999/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of disability study; if the disability allowance will be increased by €20 as a temporary measure until the research by a company (details supplied) into the issue has been completed, as recommended by a federation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40074/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if cuts made to the pandemic unemployment payment in September 2020 will be reversed in view of the increased restrictions that have been introduced in sectors of the economy and are likely to be introduced in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26794/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has received the report carried out by external consultants to review all current contracted public employment services; when the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39994/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who return to work in the retail or hospitality sectors in December 2020 will be able to apply for the pandemic unemployment payment in January and February 2021 in the event that further restrictions are required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40013/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the enterprise support grant will be amended to enable self-employed persons who have signed back onto the pandemic unemployment payment

and are still working on a reduced scale to qualify for the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [39902/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who will benefit from the carer's support grant in 2021; if this payment was increased in budget 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39718/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the social inclusion roadmap; and the status of its implementation. — Patrick Costello. [39663/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider a review of the current criteria for school meals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [39856/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the increase to the living alone allowance as announced in budget 2021 will take effect; the number of persons who will benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [39980/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by artists and creatives in accessing the pandemic unemployment payment due to the delays caused by the PRSI checks; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that it is leaving persons that had received payment in March 2020 unable to access the payment during the current restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [37319/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if representation by trade unions and organisations that represent the elderly, women and farming organisations will be included on the Pensions Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [40007/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the increases to the qualified child payments as announced in budget 2021 will take effect; the number of families that will benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40014/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the review of working family payments and one parent family payments ahead of setting targets for 2021 following on from the Comptroller and Auditor General report. — Gary Gannon. [40159/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the PRSI contribution conditions for carer's benefit to include class S self-employed contributions in order that self-employed persons can avail of the support without having to be means tested when they have to take time out of work to care for someone. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [30678/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase supports to family carers including amending eligibility criteria, increasing payment rates and providing pension entitlements. — Matt Carthy. [39985/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has established a process or framework for consulting and involving representative groups in the work of the Commission on Pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [40082/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether applications for the pandemic unemployment payment should be extended to April 2021 in line with employment wage

subsidy scheme and the reduced bands restored to their earlier rates in view of the new localised lockdowns and in view of the fact the State is just entering the final quarter of the year. — Mairéad Farrell. [26635/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions and steps she will take to assure those working in the hospitality sector that may be able to open for the Christmas period but find themselves in lockdown after 1 January 2021, they can avail of the pandemic unemployment payment if further lockdowns are employed or if their businesses need to close; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [40149/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which she will address inequalities relating to poverty during 2021; the specific improvements she will make in 2021 for persons with disabilities experiencing poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39850/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Christmas bonus will be paid; the number of persons in County Wexford who will benefit from the bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [40001/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that all workers from the performing arts and live entertainments industries including those who by the nature of their work are self-employed and who might have gaps or periods of unemployment between contracts and based upon such workers being certified by a reference from a relevant previous employer or cultural organisation here, are made eligible for full payment of the pandemic unemployment payment for the duration of the shutdown of live entertainments and artistic events due to Covid-19. — Paul Murphy. [39983/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to support persons back to education and back to work in response to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39995/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures she will introduce to ensure that the free travel scheme will be available on all bus routes that are publicly licensed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40000/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the time that a person aged 55 years and over can remain on a community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39996/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to a continued backlog in back payments of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Thomas Gould. [39726/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being examined to reduce the current delays experienced in processing PPS numbers; if a fast track system is available for essential workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [40057/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the report on the impact assessment of the current and projected future increases in carbon tax on low income families by her Department; the stage the report is at; when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [39993/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the free travel scheme will be applicable to more bus routes that are publicly licensed in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40079/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the increase to the fuel allowance payment will take effect; the number of persons in County Mayo who will benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [39721/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a reduction in the minimum threshold for which a person must be in receipt of social welfare in order to gain access to a community employment scheme in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied) will be investigated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [29629/20]

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

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional supports which will be provided for those seeking places in refuges during the Christmas period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [40754/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on concerns that survivors of an institution (details supplied) and their relatives regarding the possibility that unmarked graves and remains may remain at the site; if consideration will be given to enabling digs to take place on land around the site considering the owner of land is willing to allow that; the status of the progress being made relating to the forthcoming report and the data contained within the report of the Commission of Investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [40772/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the extension to maternity leave is not being introduced until April 2021 as opposed to immediate introduction post-Budget 2021, or January 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [40761/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the report of the final Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation will be published; and the supports being put in place for survivors to address any psychological impact of the report. — Holly Cairns. [40783/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the Facing the Future Together report which identifies the ongoing and future needs for the survivors of mother and baby homes and those incarcerated in residential institutions, industrial schools and other places of detention; his plans to implement the supports recommended in this report; his views on the statistics and findings contained within the Facing the Future Together report regarding the impacts and consequent needs of survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [40773/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of funding allocated for LGBTI+ services in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [40777/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to increase the level of grant aid towards the provision of new and upgraded childcare accommodation

both for community and private childcare providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40771/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to reduce childcare costs for parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [40755/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress in meeting the ambitious but important target of doubling public investment in early learning and care and school-age childcare by 2028; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40648/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he is considering to make childcare affordable for all parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [39966/20]

89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he plans to publish a review of domestic violence accommodation provision. — Jim O’Callaghan. [40750/20]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and amounts of capital grants for the provision of domestic violence and abuse refuges between 1 January 2016 and 1 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [40782/20]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the preparations his Department is making to enable provision of personal data to survivors of mother and baby homes in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39848/20]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports offered to males by Tusla who are survivors of domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [40767/20]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital funding provided in 2020 towards the provision of new and upgraded childcare accommodation; the level of funding that will be provided in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [40770/20]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the consultation events with early years’ service providers and practitioners which his Department undertook in October 2020 as part of the important process of developing career pathways which recognise skills and qualifications and encourage continuing professional development in this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [40653/20]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which his Department will improve on the progress in the implementation of the first five plan, the ten-year, whole-of-Government strategy for babies, young persons and their families, the first annual implementation report of which showed a completion rate of 69%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [40652/20]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when legislation will be advanced to enact changes announced in Budget 2021 in relation to parental leave; the engagement he has had with the Minister for Social Protection to ensure there is no undue delay for applicants to avail of this additional leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [40758/20]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the use of approved housing bodies to deliver housing for international protection applicants. — Pa Daly. [40187/20]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken to date to ensure the commented operation of Comhairle na nÓg in the context of Covid-19 restrictions. — James O'Connor. [40752/20]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress in examining the introduction of a new ground of discrimination, based on socio-economic disadvantaged status to the Employment Equality and Equal Status Acts as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [40769/20]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to bring forward a white paper on the future of accommodation for persons in the international protection system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [40774/20]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps taken to implement the expert advisory group report on direct provision. — Pa Daly. [40186/20]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the report into the Mother and Baby Homes is expected to be published; the preparations being made for the report in terms of support for victims and the provision of information under GDPR to persons affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40788/20]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the final report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation will be published; the legal basis on which he immediately referred the report to the Attorney General having received it from the Commission as outlined in his statement on 30 October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40643/20]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has read the report by an organisation (details supplied) that 100,000 children in Ireland are going to bed hungry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [40779/20]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he has developed the necessary structures to reassure victims of mother and baby homes that their interests are fully protected including accessibility to records; the protection of all such records and that the fears expressed by victims are fully acknowledged and assuaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40656/20]

106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the guidelines with regard to in-person inspections in direct provision centres at every level of restriction under

the Covid-19 framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [39702/20]

107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made in the past month in relation to making information available from the evidence collected in the preparation of the Mother and Baby Home report to persons seeking to find out about their children that were in the homes or children born in the homes trying to trace their parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40787/20]

108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the sixth interim report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes will be made public; when the final report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes will be made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39847/20]

109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the need to legislate to introduce a new ground of discrimination on socioeconomic grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [40751/20]

110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the extension to maternity leave is not being introduced until April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [40768/20]

111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports he is providing to childcare facilities to support them through the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [39967/20]

112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to facilitate the reorganisation of Tusla in view of comments made by the Tusla CEO to the Oireachtas Committee on Children regarding the structure of the organisation. — James O'Connor. [40753/20]

113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress in providing a right to force majeure leave to workers in the context of the pandemic. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [35096/20]

114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the dates on which inspections have been carried out at a direct provision centre (details supplied) since 2016; and the outcomes of the inspections. — Matt Carthy. [40654/20]

115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding allocated for 2021 to services providing domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence services. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [40775/20]

116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth : if he is satisfied with the level of core funding provided to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence service providers; if funding is provided in such a way as to provide certainty to the organisations and enable them to carry out their vital work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [40651/20]

117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare facilities that had to apply for planning permission due to Covid-19; the number of



applications approved and refused, respectively by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [40781/20]

118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the expansion plan to increase the number of family resource centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [40502/20]

119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which he plans to support the early years sector in County Meath, particularly in relation to staff, pay and capitation grants in view of the population growth in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39728/20]

120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children formally taken into care to date in 2020, compared to 2019 in total; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [40789/20]

121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vulnerability assessments carried out on persons in the international protection process for each of the years 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020; when vulnerability assessments will be carried out in respect of all persons in the international protection process within 30 working days of making an application for protection in line with Ireland's obligations pursuant to the EU Reception Conditions Directive and S.I. No 230/2018 European Communities (Reception Conditions) Regulations 2018 and as recommended in the recently published report on the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process; and if he will make a statement on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [40644/20]

122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports his Department has put in place to ensure the sustainability of youth services in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [40776/20]

123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to take children out of the direct provision system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [40439/20]

124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will publish legislation to introduce socio-economic status as a grounds for discrimination as set out in the Programme for Government. — Sean Sherlock. [40780/20]

125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that vulnerable refugees receive the necessary medical care if they experience psychological difficulties in view of the situation which occurred at a reception centre (details supplied) recently. — Louise O'Reilly. [40760/20]

126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which his Department has been alerted to increased numbers of children at risk during the Covid-19 restrictions; if he has been in a position to actively respond to the trends in this area; the specific actions involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40657/20]

*127.* To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to provide for additional capital funding towards the development and expansion of community childcare centres. — Matt Carthy. [40655/20]

*128.* To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he will take to ensure that persons being moved from direct provision are provided sufficient notice and adequate translation services to ensure this transition is as seamless as possible (details supplied). — Steven Matthews. [39271/20]

*129.* To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding allocated to support domestic, sexual and gender-based violence services in 2021; the further funding that will be allocated arising from the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; the steps that can be taken towards providing funding on a multi-annual basis to service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [40650/20]

*130.* To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of early childhood education and care facilities that have indicated that they will exit the sector since they were closed in March 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [40778/20]

*131.* To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the take-up in the national childcare scheme; his plans to increase and enhance support to families in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [40649/20]