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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which her Department is monitoring the requirement for persons who qualify for the pandemic unemployment payment to be genuinely seeking work; the way in which persons are expected to meet this requirement; if there are plans for PUP recipients to engage with job activation measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [40412/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the continuation of the pandemic unemployment payment will be guaranteed until the end of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [40071/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered reducing the payment rates made to JobPath providers given the extension of the scheme for a further 12 months; if she will consider allowing those referred to JobPath to transfer to another job activation scheme especially in which they have already completed JobPath once, to ensure that other schemes such as community employment do not suffer when it comes to filling places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [40413/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to enhance financial supports for persons in receipt of the carer's support grant in view of the ongoing Covid-19 situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [40462/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the proposed introduction of a cost of disability payment; the studies undertaken in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [39844/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

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

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

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

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

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

30. 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]

31. 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]

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

33. 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]

34. 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]

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

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

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

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

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

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

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

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken to address the systematic discrimination of stay at home parents through their exclusion from access to NCS. — Kathleen Funchion. [40790/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with the Minister for Finance or the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on rates of pay and conditions for the early years education sector. — Sean Sherlock. [41064/20]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will announce the date he plans to publish the report by the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and certain related matters. — Kathleen Funchion. [40791/20]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he consulted with and sourced international and national independent law and data privacy advisers in advance of the publication of the mother and baby homes report; if not, if he will appoint independent advisers of national and international standing in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [41065/20]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the interactions he has had with the Collaborative Forum for Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes since becoming Minister; when members of this Forum will receive copies of the sixth interim and final reports from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes; his plans for this Forum into 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40385/20]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40808/20]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 25 of 25 November 2020, if he will clarify a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [40822/20]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the date on which he was informed that the then Attorney General would apply to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board for a recommendation for appointment to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40856/20]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he was told by the then Attorney General that, although they would apply to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board for a recommendation for appointment to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied) their preference was to stay on in that office under the new Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40857/20]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the date on which he was told that the then Attorney General had been recommended by the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board for appointment to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40858/20]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, having learned that the then Attorney General had been recommended by the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board for appointment to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied) he sought or received clarification as to whether the Attorney General was at that stage willing to be nominated for appointment by that Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40859/20]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason a recommendation from the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board having been made for appointment to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied) no such nomination was made by his Government during the remainder of its term in office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40860/20]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the date on which he informed a person (details supplied) that they would not be reappointed to that office by the incoming Taoiseach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40861/20]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if and the number of times he discussed or communicated with a person (details supplied) or with them subsequent to their leaving office as Attorney General their future career in the context of them not being reappointed as Attorney General; if in particular the status of their recommendation from the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board for appointment to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied) was mentioned in any such discussion or communication; if the possibility of the incoming Government nominating them for appointment to the Supreme Court was mentioned; the nature of any such discussions and communications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40862/20]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if and the number of times he discussed or communicated with the previous Minister for Justice matters in relation to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied); if the interest of the then Attorney General in being nominated for appointment to that position was mentioned; if the former Attorney General's preference to stay on in office under the new Government was mentioned; if a postponement of the Government's decision on the nomination was mentioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40863/20]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if and the number of times he discussed or communicated with the current Minister for Justice in relation to filling the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied); if the interest of the former Attorney General in being nominated for appointment to that position was mentioned; if the former Attorney General's preferences in relation to a nomination being made by the previous Government was mentioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40864/20]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he was motivated by any sense of loyalty, commitment or obligation, whether personal or related to party or to service together in Government in canvassing support for the nomination of a person (details supplied) for appointment to the Supreme Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40865/20]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if and the number of times he discussed or communicated with the current Taoiseach, before or after his appointment to that office, the filling of the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied) and the interest of the former Attorney General in appointment to that position; if he indicated his own preference in relation to the matter; if so, if he sought and secured the current Taoiseach's agreement; the nature of any such discussions or communications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40866/20]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to communications, either in the course of interparty talks on Government formation or subsequently, and if between public representatives, party officials or special advisers, in relation to the filling by the incoming Government of the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied) and the interest of the former Attorney General in being nominated for appointment to that position; the nature, according to his knowledge and belief, of any such communications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40867/20]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the business related supports and other assistance available from his Department and agencies under his aegis to a person (details supplied) in relation to a business that has suffered due to a lack of uptake of accommodation in the 2020-2021 academic year due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40948/20]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he received the correspondence mail from a person (details supplied) on 20 November 2020; and if he can or has replied to the correspondence. — Patrick Costello. [41022/20]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of workplace accidents that occurred in meat processing plants in each county between 1 December 2019 and 30 November 2020; the type of accident and injury involved in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41062/20]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the mechanism in place to ensure that Irish, EU and non-EU employees are employed under the same conditions for comparable roles in meat plants here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41063/20]

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

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an adequate programme of consultation with land owners, occupiers, farmers and farm organisations prior to the commencement of re-wetting in relation current proposals in respect of the re-wetting of peat lands in the midlands and with particular reference to County Offaly will be ensured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [40850/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40809/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the local authorities which have requested applications for the public charge point scheme; the local authorities that have completed applications; the local authorities that have been approved; the local authorities that have installed chargers under the scheme; and the number of charge points involved in each case in tabular form. — Richard Bruton. [40853/20]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of greater powers of enforcement to the Commission for Communications Regulation with a particular focus on improving competition, innovation and customer service within the communications sector as promised in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [40952/20]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding waste services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40974/20]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a new Eircode will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [41020/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of the announced €2.6 million of funding for Shannon Heritage Group sites that has been remitted to the group; the amount that remains to be remitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40892/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40821/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for his introduction of e-scooter related legislation. — John Lahart. [40833/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he has taken to ensure an increased take-up of cycling by females; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [40834/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount expended by the NTA to date on the BusConnects project since its inception. — John Lahart. [40843/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the commuter numbers for 2019 and to date in 2020 using all public transport modes in Dublin including LUAS and trains or DART; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [40844/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider immediately extending the renewal period for driver licences by an additional six months to allow for more capacity in the NDLS system to deal with the backlog of cases and to ensure persons are not left without the capability to drive. — Cathal Crowe. [40845/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there is no rail representative on the National Transport Authority; his plans to address this shortcoming; his views on the disadvantage this poses for the development of rail and timetables; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [40854/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the terms of the Irish Aviation Authority 1996 pension scheme were amended in 2012 without a collective agreement of the staff of the IAA when a mediated collective agreement was in place until 31 December 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40888/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the stage the announced review into Shannon Group is at; when he expects this review to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40893/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration is being given into the ownership of the heritage sites within the current review; if there is an option of a new owner being discussed such as the local authority or OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40894/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is intention to open the Shannon Heritage sites for the months of January through to April 2021, restrictions permitting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40895/20]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason he is of the view that without the completed review, that Shannon Group are best placed to manage the airport, commercial properties and heritage sites and in effect continue at the same capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40896/20]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason he committed to undertake a review of the Shannon Group company in the first instance; the purpose of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40897/20]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review communications with all relevant bodies and the staff at Shannon Heritage sites; and the allowances he will make for the voices of staff to be heard within the ongoing review. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [40898/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the DART underground; the benefits it would bring to the greater Dublin area; the timeline to progression; if a decision has been made on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [40903/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport when the rerouting of Bus Éireann route 225 will take place. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [40914/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if the N62 between Loughmore Cross and Templemore, County Tipperary that was recently resurfaced could have funds provided for a cycle and walking lane to be developed along the road in line with policy that has 10% of all roads expenditure set aside for such initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [40925/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has received recommendations to address traffic air pollution from the working group on urban transport-related air pollution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [40940/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if a local air quality monitor can be installed in an area (details supplied). — Róisín Shortall. [40941/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person attending a scheduled driver test in a vehicle with a valid NCT by virtue of the fact of the NCT extension will be failed or considered ineligible, that is, their NCT disc is marginally out of date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40962/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has commissioned a study on the feasibility of a light rail system for Galway city; if so, when it is expected this report will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40963/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 3 November 2020, if persons who obtained a manual driver licence in category B prior to 2013 and a manual driver licence in category C and C1 in 2014 and who also hold an automatic licence in category D and D1 may avail of the exemption provided for by the Road Traffic (Licensing of Drivers) (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulations 2020 signed on 30 October 2020 transposing Directive (EU) 2020/612. — Catherine Connolly. [41051/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the processing of primary medical certificates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [40951/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40810/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which a personal or business customers Covid-19 payment break is recorded on the Central Credit Register; if the recording of a payment break on the register will lead to future difficulties accessing credit and potentially higher interest rates for persons or businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41023/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Covid-19 payment breaks which have been recorded with the Central Credit Register; the classification of payment breaks on the register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41024/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the contention by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission that most lenders use a credit reference agency (details supplied) to check a customer's credit history; if a Covid-19 payment break will affect a customer's credit score and lead to future difficulties accessing credit and potentially higher interest rates for persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41025/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether lenders should not restrict access to credit in the future for customers who availed of Covid-19 payment breaks or related restructuring of their loan; his plans to ensure those who have availed of payment breaks do not see their credit history rating with respective credit rating organisations (details supplied) negatively impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41026/20]

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

*195. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40816/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to follow through on the commitment given by the previous Government to resolve the pay inequality issue for teachers and other public servants in the next public sector pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [40847/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans the OPW put in place for flood relief in the Shannon Callows for 2020. — Claire Kerrane. [40965/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans the OPW is putting in place for flood relief in the Shannon Callows in 2021. — Claire Kerrane. [40966/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the maximum amount of water has been safely released without flooding communities at Parteen Weir and Ardnacrusha in order to lower Lough Derg in anticipation of the next weather event. — Claire Kerrane. [40967/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of works on sluice gates in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40979/20]

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

*201. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if art galleries will be allowed open with health and safety precautions in place when the public health restrictions change. — Louise O'Reilly. [40937/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the advice her Department can provide to those operating certain controlled environments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41030/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will give advice to those operating activities within a controlled environment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41031/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will advise those operating small pods in sports clubs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41032/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason the performing arts industry has been forgotten about as Ireland regresses the level 5 public health restrictions; and the reason socially distanced children's drama dance classes are not allowed return to operate. — Louise O'Reilly. [41035/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which her Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40820/20]

*207. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the cancellation of the basketball season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40990/20]

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

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the current review of income eligibility for social housing supports as per his email of 16 November 2020 includes a

review of the situation in which a low-income family apply for working family payment, same is taken into consideration for social housing supports, often putting the family over the income limit. — Sorca Clarke. [40798/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding excluding commercial rates waiver funding that will be provided to each local authority to make up the loss of revenue and the additional costs associated with the Covid-19 pandemic in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [40800/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a person (details supplied) is being informed by Meath County Council that medical reports from their general practitioner is not sufficient; and the medical qualifications of the housing officers in Meath County Council in addition to the relevant professional medical practice experience to be qualified to make this decision. — Sorca Clarke. [40801/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40814/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Safe as Houses report will be implemented in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [40884/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the heritage grants for restoration projects across the State which have been agreed in 2020; the details of the projects; and the grant amount in each case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [40956/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current heritage historic building restoration projects which local authorities have submitted to his Department seeking funding for; the stage of assessment of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [40957/20]

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

*215. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40811/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his Department's assessment of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [40852/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding the response to police brutality in Nigeria and the recent shooting of peaceful protesters there and the operations of the so called SARS section of the police; his plans to speak to embassy officials here to convey the opposition of the Government to recent events; if he will raise the abuse of human rights in Nigeria with his European counterparts at the first opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [40968/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to participate in a United Nations election to fill vacancies on the disability committee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [40980/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*219. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40806/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*220. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which her Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40807/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties facing students such as the case of a student (details supplied) who wishes to repeat the leaving certificate year; the direction her Department is giving regarding applications to secondary schools regarding requests to facilitate repeating a leaving certificate school; the number of students that have been facilitated to enrol in schools to repeat sixth year for the past five years; the number being facilitated in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40829/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there will be enough post-primary school places available generally to meet demand in the Donaghmede, Howth and Dublin 13 school planning area for the 2021-2022 school academic year; if there are enough all boy school places in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [40848/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a deadline for identifying, acquisition of and planning permission for a new site and building for a school (details supplied); if there a roadmap or plan for the next steps needed to be taken by her Department; if the local council will participate in sourcing interim or permanent accommodation; the interim accommodation sites identified; the person or body tasked with identifying and securing the interim accommodation; and if it will be secured in time for September 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40851/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education when retired teachers will receive their 2% increase which was due to them since October 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [40890/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education the steps taken to date in the establishment of a new special school in Cork and additional ASD units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [40908/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) has been denied a scribe, room and extra time for their exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40945/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school transport appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [40953/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for 16 students from the Knockmoylan area, County Kilkenny to the nearest schools as currently there is no room for concessionary ticket holders and some parents are having hardship getting children to school; if funding will be provided for a minibus or request Bus Éireann to accommodate the children; and if a resolution to this long-standing issue will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [40960/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an additional school accommodation application by a school (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [40972/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education the status of requests for another school bus to be provided to cover an area servicing a school (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [40973/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made to date in providing permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40978/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to end the pay inequality for teachers who joined the profession post-2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [40988/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the Traveller History and Culture in Education Bill 2018; the steps she will take to see the progression of this Bill in the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [41040/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the shortage of ASD units in west County Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41054/20]

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

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to enhance financial supports for carers in view of the ongoing Covid-19 situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [40463/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which her Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40818/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40881/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40906/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of application for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); if all documentation has now been received; when applications will be concluded with a view to granting of payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40911/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason workers on the pandemic unemployment payment cannot receive the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [40938/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Christmas bonus will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40954/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if disability benefit will be approved as a matter of urgency for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [40959/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of allocations for each programme under her Department's expenditure estimate for 2021 sub-heading A.29 – Disability Activation Supports Allocation €13,660,000 in tabular form; the reason there is a reduction in the budgeted allocation from 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [40985/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an enhanced exceptional needs payment will be made available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41013/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the maximum weekly rates of payments applying to the pandemic unemployment payment at various dates in 2021 further to her announcement of the extension of the deadline for new applicants to apply for the pandemic unemployment payment; and her plans to alter these rates or applicable dates. — Róisín Shortall. [41017/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue to a person (details supplied) considering that their application was submitted in September 2020 and the delay is causing undue financial hardship with the deduction of emergency tax from their wages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [41041/20]

*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the rate of carer's allowance to the full pandemic unemployment payment rate for the duration of the Covid-19 restrictions in recognition of the work of family carers especially during the Covid-19 restrictions; if she will instruct the HSE to redirect funding not spent on HSE respite services to the carers themselves to facilitate them getting respite care from private providers for those who have had reductions in HSE respite provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [41067/20]

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

*248. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will make 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 involving CCC managers being regraded at local authority grade 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [40793/20]

*249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to open additional direct provision centres in the country; and the planned geographical location of such centres. — Peadar Tóibín. [40885/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department will make 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. — James Lawless. [40904/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken to address the high number of children in counties Carlow and Kilkenny without an allocated social worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [40792/20]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of consultation his Department carried out with survivors before, during and after publication of the mother and baby homes report; the supports that will be provided to survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [41066/20]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the inspection carried out in September 2020 of a direct provision centre (details supplied) by the International Protection Accommodation Service; the timeline for the publication of the report; the actions he will take regarding the findings of the inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [40796/20]

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the adequacy of 1,250 persons taken into wardship under the Lunacy Regulation Act 1871 although the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act was enacted in 2015; when the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 will be fully commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [40797/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40805/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is planning to open accommodation for asylum seekers in Letterkenny, County Donegal; the number of asylum seekers the centre will accommodate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [40887/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to participate in a United Nations election to fill vacancies on the disability committee (details supplied); if he will detail his engagements with this committee since taking office; and his plans to support and work with it going forward. — Catherine Murphy. [40981/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which a comprehensive response has been made available in respect of children at risk who have been increasingly vulnerable during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40991/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which it was possible to provide a place of safety for children at risk in the past nine months; the number of notifications of potential child abuse brought to his Department on a weekly basis in each of the past nine months to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40992/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department have received requests for equality-related changes in legislation since the formation of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40993/20]

*261. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps taken or that are ongoing to reassure the victims of mother and baby homes in respect of their recently expressed concerns; if he is satisfied regarding the adequacy of the provisions made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40994/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he continues to monitor the disability sector with a view to ensuring the removal of arbitrary obstacles deemed to impact on persons with disabilities such as access to jobs, services or housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40995/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his priorities to support persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40996/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he has identified his priorities in respect of the disability sector over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40997/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the full extent of proposed investment in integration over the next five years; the progress to date in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40998/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department continue to liaise with the various youth organisations throughout the country including an organisation (details supplied) with the objective of identifying the extent to which support continues to be made available in accordance with the wishes of the organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40999/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications for support received from the various youth organisations throughout the country in 2020 to date; the response proposed or ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41000/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department continue to meet in full or in part childcare support applications from crèches and parents; his proposals to further enhance the funding available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41001/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which counselling or placement services by Tusla have adequate provision in terms of funding,

staffing or other supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41002/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department is conscious of the concerns of parents whose children have been the victims of cyber or other forms of bullying; if adequate provision is being made to deal with the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41003/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which he remains satisfied regarding the availability of community child support services including the provision of support for afterschool activities through youth clubs and similar bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41004/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which a comprehensive follow-up response becomes available to victims of bullying or child abuse; if adequate provision in respect of case workers is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41005/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he continues to be in direct contact with youth organisations in an effort to update their requirements in terms of funding or other supports in 2020 to date; his proposals for further support on the basis of dialogue entered into; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41006/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of reports of abuse of children in care, residential or fosterage, in 2020 to date; the action taken or pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41007/20]

*275. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the provision made for children in care who have reached the age to transition to alternative services; the extent to which such provisions have been adequately met in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41008/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons and families in respect of whom integration supports have been provided in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41009/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential care units for children provided by NGOs or charitable organisations; the number of such organisations providing this service; the costs of this provision; the number of children placed in such provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41018/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential care units for children provided by private organisations on a for profit basis; the number of such organisations that are approved by Tusla; the costs of this provision; the number of children placed in such provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [41019/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the breakdown of funding provided to Tusla resulting from Budget 2021 being allocated towards the education

support service; the amount in extra funding being allocated to the service based on Budget 2020 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [41036/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department will finish compiling school data that will identify the number of children who did not return to school after the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [41037/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of education welfare officers; if this number has increased; if he will consider increasing the number of education welfare officers if data reveals an increase number of children that have not returned to school after Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [41038/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the proposed changes he will make regarding outstanding issues in relation to the guardian ad litem service in the proposed scheme of Bill before it is introduced in the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [41039/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will disclose the research, often cited by Department officials that withholds access to any SAC hours during term-time unless the parents engages in employment and or education as a way of breaking the poverty cycle (details supplied); and if he will provide the source of the research that has caused a significant policy shift from a child centred approach to a work activation programme that withholds childcare service during term-time as a way to coerce parents into work, education by inflicting negative consequences on their children. — Kathleen Funchion. [41043/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of SAC children granted zero hours term-time since September 2020; and the number under NCS. — Kathleen Funchion. [41044/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage increase and or decrease in NCS registrations compared since September 2020 to 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [41045/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage increase and or decrease in CCSP registrations compared since September 2020 to 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [41046/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage increase and or decrease in ECCE registrations compared to 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [41047/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of services, both early years and after-school that have changed the type of service they offer from full day to part-time sessional or part-time sessional to full day. — Kathleen Funchion. [41048/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of SAC and ECEC services that have ceased offering SAC places. — Kathleen Funchion. [41049/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of SAC children that were registered in 2019-2020; and the increase and or decrease in 2020-2021. — Kathleen Funchion. [41050/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital grants for the provision of domestic violence and abuse refuges between 1 January 2016 and 1 January 2020 as a percentage of the annual budget on domestic violence and abuse services of Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41052/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that staff in domestic violence and abuse services are on different pay scales and working conditions; if such funding originates from Tusla or HSE funding streams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41053/20]

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

*293. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports made available from his Department to students as a consequence of Covid-19, its impact on their studies and additional costs incurred as a consequence. — Michael Creed. [40794/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the restrictions that exist to prevent universities unilaterally without prior notice or agreement increasing fees for students that have already commenced a course of study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [40795/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40812/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason students who do not receive a SUSI grant will not receive an immediate €250 payment before Christmas similar to SUSI students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [40825/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a further eligibility criteria sample process review report was prepared by auditors for the Munster Technological University consortium after 28 May 2019 (details supplied); if so, if he will make the report available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40882/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Cork Institute of Technology's Department of Construction, Centre of Craft Studies, Department of Fine Art, at CIT Crawford College of Art and Design and CIT Cork School of Music were included in the computation of the eligibility criteria set out in section 28 of the Technological Universities Act 2018; and if on foot of his moving of the section 36 order these divisions will be entitled to use the name Munster Technological University. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [40883/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff members of UCD, TCD and DCU that availed of fee waivers remissions for

undergraduate and postgraduate courses in their respective institutions in each of the years 2016 to 2019, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [40975/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40982/20]

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

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice if it would be possible to waiver or reduce the fee applicable for those seeking to achieve Irish citizenship if applicants, specifically from the UK met certain requirements, such as length of residence or marriage to an Irish citizen. — John Brady. [41034/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times for the period from 2004 to date UK immigration officials have been present in Irish airports or ports whether this be in any role, including advisory or training course or exercise; when and the location this has taken place; the role of liaison officers; the departments and location; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [40803/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which her Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40815/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice if consultation will take place with stakeholders before the commencement date of the Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [40835/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice the way in which section 4(1) in conjunction with section 9 of the Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 2019 will operate for both land-based and online providers of gaming services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [40836/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress of the Gambling Control Bill 2013; when it is likely to come before Dáil Éireann for debate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [40837/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice if and the number of times she discussed or communicated with the former Attorney General; the status of the person's recommendation from the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board for appointment to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied); if the possibility of the incoming Government nominating them for appointment to the Supreme Court was mentioned; the nature of any such discussions and communications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40870/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice if and the number of times she discussed or communicated with the former Minister for Justice matters in relation to the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied); if the interest of the former Attorney General in being nominated for appointment to that position was mentioned; if a postponement of the previous Government's decision on the nomination was mentioned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40871/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice if and the number of times she discussed or communicated with the current Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment issues in relation to filling the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied); if the interest of the former Attorney General in being nominated for appointment to that position was mentioned; if he indicated his own preference in relation to the matter; if so, if he sought the Minister's agreement; the nature of any such discussions or communications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40872/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Justice if and the number of times she discussed or communicated with the current Taoiseach, after his appointment to that office, the filling of the Supreme Court vacancy occasioned by the retirement of a person (details supplied) and the interest of the former Attorney General in appointment to that position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40874/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice the names of communities, groups and local authorities that have been awarded funding under the CCTV community grant scheme; the amount awarded to each successful applicant in each year since 2016; her plans to examine the terms and conditions of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [40927/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has reviewed the outcomes of recent court judgements relating to digital and cyberbullying; her views on whether much of the legislation in this area is outdated and in need of review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [40928/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider reversing a deportation order on a person (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [40935/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Chenchooliah Ruling will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [40986/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Justice if a temporary visa will be issued to a person (details supplied) while they await the finalisation of the Chenchooliah Ruling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [40987/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of expressions of interest and or applications she received through the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board, the Office of the Attorney General or directly to her in respect of the Circuit Court vacancy filled by a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [40989/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Justice the provision to be made whereby stamp 4 can be updated in the case of a person (details supplied); if the case can be urgently examined with a view to restoration of stamp 4 at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41010/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for Irish citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [41015/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [40838/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the status or progress of a Bill (details supplied); when it is expected that this legislation will be passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [40909/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health if pay will be restored to a cohort of workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [40961/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health if childcare professionals will be some of the first recipients of a Covid-19 vaccine; if there will be a cost for childcare professionals; his plans to ensure that persons who work in childcare will be the first to receive the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [41042/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the way testing for Covid-19 is being carried out in meat processing plants; the number of tests carried out; the number of plants in which tests have been conducted between 1 August and 30 November 2020; the procedures for when a person is found to have Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41060/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to cases of Covid-19 in meat processing plants in county Cork between 1 August and 30 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41061/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health when restrictions on birthing partners and fathers supporting women through labour in maternity settings are due to be lifted. — Sorca Clarke. [40799/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40813/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if trade shows are permitted under level 2 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [40824/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to permanently extending the temporary delivery arrangement for cannabidiol oil and tetrahydrocannabinol oil. — Thomas Gould. [40826/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants who can currently grant a licence for cannabidiol oil and tetrahydrocannabinol oil. — Thomas Gould. [40827/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the provision of cannabidiol oil and tetrahydrocannabinol oil in Ireland without patients having to source themselves. — Thomas Gould. [40828/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to SouthDoc by facility under the GMS scheme from 2016 to date in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [40831/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to SouthDoc by facility from 2016 to date in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [40832/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if xolair is available under the drugs payment scheme; if not, the cost of a 450mg injection dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [40839/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the alleged redeployment of speech and language therapists by the HSE for Covid-19 testing. — Michael Creed. [40846/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen the rolling recruitment campaign for staff nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [40849/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are many Down's syndrome children on a three year waiting list to be treated for arthritis; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that there was a commitment made that children with Down's syndrome would be seen after referral within 12 weeks; his plans to address this very serious delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [40855/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding needed for residential care for a person (details supplied) will be provided given that a respite centre they currently attend is planning to open a new residential centre within the next two months and would potentially be able to accommodate this person and provide the professional supports they need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [40876/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the contact tracing and follow-up situation for a person who is normally resident in Ireland, but flies into Belfast airport and travels across the Border; if this person will be followed-up by contact tracing teams based either in the north or the south of the island; if he is satisfied that the level of follow-up checks on those required to restrict their movements is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40877/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the contact tracing and follow-up situation for a person who is normally resident in Northern Ireland, but flies into Dublin airport and travels across the Border; if this person will be followed-up by contact tracing teams based either in the north or in the south of the island; if he is satisfied the level of follow-up checks on those required to restrict their movements is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40878/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage rate of passengers who received a follow-up phone call having previously completed the passenger locator form in October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40879/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons to date who have refused to complete the passenger locator form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [40880/20]

*342. 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. [40889/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce Covid-19 testing for hospital inpatients upon discharge from hospital in view of the risk of introducing Covid-19 into a private household. — Ossian Smyth. [40891/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug patisiran will continue to be made available in the case of a person (details supplied). — James Lawless. [40907/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the position regarding the points raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [40910/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the organisations other than the HSE that have been operating within the HSE Keltoi residential facility in the Phoenix Park since March 2020; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40916/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons housed within the HSE Keltoi facility in the Phoenix Park since March 2020, by week; the category of resident, for example, healthcare worker, drug treatment patients and so on; the reason they were housed there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40917/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the reopening of the HSE Keltoi facility in the Phoenix Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40918/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Keltoi facility in the Phoenix Park will remain a trauma-informed dual diagnosis, alcohol and drugs residential centre when it reopens given that it is the only such tier four residential service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40919/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Keltoi residential service in the Phoenix Park will remain owned and administered directly by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40920/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if discussions or deals have been made with any section 39 agency including agencies (details supplied) and the HSE Keltoi Residential Centre in the Phoenix Park; if so, the details and context of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [40921/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if access to early intervention including required occupational therapy and speech and language therapy will be facilitated at an early date in the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40923/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his work to improve the long waiting lists for public dental care. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [40924/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding reduced hours for ShannonDoc services in County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [40929/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric rheumatologists that are currently employed here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [40939/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for the treatment and management of Long-Covid and its acknowledgement as a medical condition; if he will establish multidisciplinary post-Covid-19 clinics around the State to include occupational therapists, physiotherapists, nutritionists and counsellors; the guidance that will be issued to general practitioners and consultants in relation

to Long-Covid patients to ensure consistency of treatment; the further medical guidance that will issue to employers to ensure good understanding and fair management of employees; the detail of the provision of Departmental clarity on the entitlements of patients to medical care and adequate financial support; if HSE websites will be updated regularly with information and findings regarding Long-Covid recovery; if such recovery guidelines will be created and provided to all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40942/20]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the reason in the case of teachers 28 weeks and more pregnant, the advice of the HSE on social distancing by which a company (details supplied) is abiding in the matter of health leave, does not appear to take into account the findings of organisations that these women are at an increased risk of becoming severely ill should they contract Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40943/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure a life-extending drug continues to be available to a person (details supplied) and the other beneficiaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [40944/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent detox services can be made available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [40946/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the health and safety leave advice being given to women in the teaching profession who are pregnant at a stage of 28 weeks or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [40947/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the application for a service by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [40950/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if an immediate appointment will be arranged at Beaumont Hospital for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [40958/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the reason ballet, Irish dance and other dance classes are not going to be permitted under the new level 3 lockdown being introduced; if there is epidemiological evidence available to support this decision in order to protect society from Covid-19, particularly in circumstances in which children under 15 years of age are attending such classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [40964/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be enhanced opportunities for nursing home residents to meet their family members over December 2020; and the measures in place to deal with the negative impacts on residents' mental health due to visiting restrictions. — Joe O'Brien. [40969/20]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 373 of 1 October 2020, the status of discussions between his officials and the HSE on the possible solutions which could be found to the issue of medical card and GP card holders being charged for blood tests which are clinically necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [40970/20]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to roll out the Sligo scheme in terms of cataract treatment to other areas of the country; the financial benefits which would apply if this

scheme was rolled out; if waiting lists would be reduced; the timescale for such a roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [40971/20]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the third national paediatric rheumatologist position currently open for applications to be filled; if children with Down's syndrome face a four-year waiting list to be assessed for arthritis; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that parents of children with Down's syndrome were promised a reduction in this referral time to three months under the previous Government; his plans to increase the number of paediatric rheumatologists further; the status of the planned information campaign for general practitioners and other healthcare professionals on Down's syndrome-related arthritis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [40976/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for not permitting dancing, ballet and gymnastics to resume under level three plans (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [40977/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1378 of 3 November 2020, the number of the targeted 700 new contact tracing staff that have been successfully onboarded and are able to engage in contact tracing. — Pa Daly. [40983/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1378 of 3 November 2020, the number of persons engaged in swabbing duties who are redeployed from other areas of the HSE compared to those who have been newly hired to the role in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [40984/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health if counselling services can be facilitated once again to the daughter of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [41011/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [41016/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the number of NFO1 forms that were submitted late by a nursing home in April 2020; if this amounted to 16; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [41027/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE's enhanced community care plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41028/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national review of specialist cardiac services; the workplan for the remainder of 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [41029/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will give advice to those who are working in the artistic education field (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [41033/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which response times for HSE ambulance services are calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41055/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanism by which the close contacts of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 are informed of same; the time frame it takes for close contacts to

be informed on average after the diagnosis is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41056/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health if partners or accompanying persons will be permitted to attend with patients attending maternity services in circumstances in which maternity services know that distressing or potentially distressing information is being presented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41057/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the commitment in the Programme for Government to provide free contraception starting with women aged 17 to 25 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41058/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the research by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [41059/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant psychiatrist posts that exist in the HSE; the number that are vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [41068/20]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting outpatient CAMHS appointments when compared to this time in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [41069/20]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting all other outpatient psychiatric appointments when compared to this time in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [41070/20]

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

*385. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which his Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40804/20]

*386. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an exemption will be made for a person (details supplied) in County Clare who missed the closing date for the beef finisher payment scheme which had a very short window for application and given the stresses and strains on farmers due to Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [40830/20]

*387. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is correct in stating that the 1.65 million wild wrasse recorded as taken from Irish waters to eat the lice on Ireland's salmon farms between May 2015 and November 2019 are culled after use, that this culling is supervised, the mortalities transported and rendered and so recorded as the producer (details supplied) has stated that the surviving wrasse are released into the wild; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [40840/20]

*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is the position of his Department that the recorded removal of over 1.65 million wrasse between May 2015 and

November 2019 to eat the lice on Ireland's salmon farms will have no direct or indirect effect on any marine ecosystem including those protected species and habitats under the Habitats Directive, Birds Directive and any other relevant European directives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [40841/20]

*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has taken to stop salmon farmers illegally buying wild wrasse without the required first buyers licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [40842/20]

*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grant assistance is available for purchasing equipment for the processing of potatoes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [40912/20]

*391. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is grant assistance available for equipment for washing potatoes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [40913/20]

*392. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a felling licence application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [40926/20]

*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of commercial use of the Ballyhoura Mountains, County Limerick; his views on protecting recreational status in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [40930/20]

*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding his Department's programme of inspections with the aim of progressing compliance towards rearing pigs with intact tails; the number of pig farms that have been inspected as part of the inspection programme; the level of compliance inspectors have found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [40931/20]

*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to reports (details supplied) that unweaned calves being transported from Ireland to continental Europe are travelling without food for over 18 hours in contravention of EU Regulation 1/2005; the steps he will take to ensure transported calves are adequately fed and are not subject to undue suffering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [40932/20]

*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a letter sent to his Department in May 2020 by the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety; his views on the Commissioner's identification of routine tail-docking of pigs as Ireland's main area of animal welfare non-compliance; if the Commissioner plans to take decisive legal action against Ireland unless this systemic non-compliance is addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [40933/20]

*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 899 of 22 September 2020, the manner in which a problem by which a livestock vessel (details supplied) had certificates of approval from both Romania and Ireland in contravention of Article 19 of EU Regulation 1/2005 was resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [40934/20]

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has considered a compensation package for farmers affected by outbreaks of TB; his views on whether it is unfair that farmers whose herds are affected must cover the costs incurred as a result; if he will consider a compensation package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [41021/20]

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

*399. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has been the subject of an investigation by the Data Protection Commission from 2016 to date; the number of specific investigations underway or completed; the dates on which her Department was first notified of the investigation; the details of the investigation; the nature of the complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [40817/20]

*400. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a decision has been made on a towns and villages funding application (details supplied) for the provision of a footpath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [40936/20]