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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with housing will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [41650/20]

2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43542/20]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee dealing with housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [43557/20]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [41652/20]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the role of the social policy unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [41797/20]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of public service, justice and policing reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43138/20]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43543/20]

8. To ask the Taoiseach the details of his engagements with the UK Prime Minister on the shared island unit and the commitments made. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [41790/20]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if the shared island unit in his Department will conduct an economic appraisal to ascertain the benefits and challenges that a united Ireland will present. — Matt Carthy. [42652/20]

10. To ask the Taoiseach the infrastructure projects that will be prioritised under the shared island fund in his Department. — Neale Richmond. [43144/20]

11. To ask the Taoiseach the next steps to engage young persons in the shared island dialogue in his Department. — Neale Richmond. [43145/20]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone call with the UK Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [41795/20]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone call with the UK Prime Minister. — Alan Kelly. [43180/20]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he has read the recent NESC publication entitled The Position of the Self-Employed. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42006/20]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he has read the recent NESC publication entitled Housing Policy: Actions to Deliver Change. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [42007/20]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of staff in his Department on the antiviral social media campaign. — Paul Murphy. [42052/20]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the European Council meeting. — Cian O’Callaghan. [42537/20]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Council meeting of 10 and 11 December 2020. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43541/20]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Council. — Alan Kelly. [43548/20]

20. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 9 to 11 of 9 December 2020, if he will report on any other consultancy work that has been commissioned by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [43178/20]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his dialogue and meetings with faith leaders. — Peadar Tóibín. [43328/20]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent dialogues with the Government in the USA and President Donald Trump. — Peadar Tóibín. [43329/20]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Reform Programme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43540/20]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*24. To ask the Taoiseach the statistical evidence available on the mode of travel for pupils to school in the different constituencies in Dublin; and if there is a different pattern among primary and secondary schools. — Richard Bruton. [43773/20]

*25. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach na pleannana atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43858/20]

*26. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post sainaitheanta le riachtanas Gaeilge ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaí in a Roinn ag a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaí in a Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43859/20]

*27. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinn a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Gaeltachta a shainiú, agus conas a bhfuil sé i gceist aige iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43860/20]

*28. To ask the Taoiseach the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44030/20]

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

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for an exchange programme for holders of certificates (details supplied) to EU or Irish certificates following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43702/20]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will clarify the situation regarding the level 3 lockdown and the capacity of enterprises (details supplied) to operate in that context. — Michael Creed. [43675/20]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [43731/20]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total investment in hubs capital infrastructure in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43753/20]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of grants and loans approved for each individual Covid schemes by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43829/20]

*34. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43861/20]

*35. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43862/20]

*36. Chun a fhiafraí den Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43863/20]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if additional supports and resources will be given to businesses in the restaurant and pub trade that have invested heavily in outdoor seating and heaters in order to comply with the public health measures to ensure the safety of patrons and customers. — Pat Buckley. [44003/20]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44019/20]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the targets set for new remote jobs in Ireland and transitioning existing jobs to remote working across the public sector, Enterprise Ireland and the IDA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44036/20]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in each local authority area that have received a restart grant and that have received a restart grant plus in tabular form; the funding allocated for each grant category in each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44041/20]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44042/20]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a business (details supplied) can open under level 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44050/20]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has carried out an assessment of the impact of level 5 restrictions on the sectors of the economy under his remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44131/20]

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

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of EPA end-of-waste applications (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [43640/20]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will remedy extensive delays in the processing time of EPA end-of-waste applications; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some applications have been lodged with the EPA for in excess of two years and have still not received a decision. — Robert Troy. [43641/20]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 120 of 8 December 2020, if he will provide a copy of the letter, communication to Kerry County Council outlining the allocation of €744,739 under a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43658/20]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan will be rolled out across County Donegal by townland and yearly quarter in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43707/20]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that companies (details supplied) are not maintaining a monitored email address as set out in his Ministerial regulations for consumers to be able to send an email terminating an end-of-year contract to avoid customary escalation charges into the second year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [43724/20]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps being taken by his Department to ensure the proper enforcement of the smokeless coal ban; the enforcement

bodies that have the power to enforce the ban under his regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [43725/20]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the availability of broadband services to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [43754/20]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if fibre broadband will be provided to an area (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [43768/20]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if fibre broadband service will be provided to an area (details supplied) as part of the current roll out. — Robert Troy. [43778/20]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of broadband supply to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [43781/20]

*54. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43864/20]

*55. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43865/20]

*56. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43866/20]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated cost in a full year of providing 900 additional electric car charging points. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43905/20]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44020/20]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he will take to explore the potential for offshore wind farms in north County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44078/20]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene with an airline (details supplied) to ensure that it pays refunds to passengers who had their flights cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [43644/20]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider extending the deadline for scrapping older hackney or taxi vehicles given Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [43615/20]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will assist with a query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [43624/20]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport if the new online system urgent driver test service for essential workers is fully operational with invitations for test dates being sent out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43703/20]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of urgent driver tests received from essential workers for each driver test centre in County Donegal since the launch of the new online urgent driving test request service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43704/20]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver test cancellations received for each driver test centre in County Donegal since the launch of the new online urgent driver test request service; the number of test date invitations that were issued to essential workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43705/20]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport if a test date will be offered to an essential worker (details supplied) that registered with the new online urgent test date service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43706/20]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact there are no available appointments at NCT centres in County Donegal to facilitate those who require an inspection for VRT purposes; if extra appointments will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43708/20]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if an appointment will be made available at a NCT centre in County Donegal for a person (details supplied) to facilitate an inspection for VRT purposes in December 2020 to prevent increased charges which will be applied in January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43709/20]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver test will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43717/20]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport when he plans to fill the two vacant positions on the board of the National Transport Authority; if he will be appointing at least one person with a background in rail transportation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43762/20]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of plans to provide a driver licence to asylum seekers currently residing in Ireland. — Robert Troy. [43764/20]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications for wheelchair accessible electric vehicle grants for SPSVs in 2019 and 2020; the number of individual grants awarded in both years; the value awarded in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [43783/20]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to address illegal parking on footpaths and walkways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [43910/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44032/20]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport when the new pension scheme for train workers will come into effect. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44089/20]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider an issue (details supplied) in relation to train fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44102/20]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering upgrade works at Newbridge train station, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44103/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering upgrade works at Athy train station, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44104/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering upgrade works at Kildare Town train station, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44105/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is considering upgrade works at Monasterevin train station, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44106/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the provision of a new road (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Duncan Smith. [44107/20]

*82. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44164/20]

*83. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44165/20]

*84. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Iompair cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44166/20]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance the remedy he proposes for a person who has been refused flood risk insurance even though they had this insurance cover for many years for the same property; the steps being taken to alleviate the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [43661/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had discussions with the banks regarding the State purchasing houses that may be unoccupied and owned by the various banks at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44095/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of unoccupied houses owned by the banks in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44096/20]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason an organisation (details supplied) has not been facilitated for the employment wage subsidy scheme for September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [43673/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43676/20]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the current operational difficulties for users of the automated import system, AIS Revenue, and to extend the period beyond the 15 December 2020 deadline that the Revenue Commissioners have agreed to permit a dual running for processing imports with the existing automated entry processing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43678/20]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if the current operational difficulties will be reviewed for users of the automated import system; if he will extend the deadline of 15 December 2020 as agreed by the Revenue Commissioners to permit a dual running for processing imports with the existing automated entry processing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43697/20]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are no available appointments at NCT centres in County Donegal in December 2020 which will result in increased charges in January 2021 for vehicle owners who are attempting to pay VRT charges; if concessions are being considered for those who cannot be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43701/20]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance if businesses in the activity sector are included in the Covid restrictions support scheme; if not, the reason; his plans to extend the scheme to include businesses in the activity sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43737/20]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance if concerns raised in correspondence by a company (details supplied) in respect of access to the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme for outdoor activity companies will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43746/20]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance when an exemption certificate will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43749/20]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance if outdoor activity businesses (details supplied) will be included in the Covid restriction support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43756/20]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to include outdoor activity businesses in the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [43779/20]

*98. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43867/20]

*99. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43868/20]

*100. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Airgeadais cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43869/20]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is discriminatory for a bank (details supplied) to require a higher deposit level of 25% when purchasing a property in a rural location as opposed to a 10% deposit in non-rural locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43987/20]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44021/20]

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

*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there is an obligation on civil servants to supply their written name, as opposed to their initials, in correspondence with members of the public; if exist exemptions on security grounds pursuant to the Civil Service Code of Standards and Behaviour; the specific civil servants, grades and Departments and or section of a Department to which this exemption applies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43626/20]

*104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to ensure pay restoration for section 39 workers in over 250 organisations who have not yet received pay restoration to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43648/20]

*105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consider introducing a scheme to facilitate the cleaning of rivers and water courses similar to the local improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43742/20]

*106. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43870/20]

*107. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na

bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43871/20]

*108. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43872/20]

*109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44027/20]

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

*110. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration has been given to relaxing the Covid-19 regulations as they apply to events (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [43672/20]

*111. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the ban on live music at weddings under new Fáilte Ireland guidelines for level 3; if her attention has been drawn to the further difficulties this is causing for those working as musicians and or working in bands; and if she has considered additional supports for businesses and self-employed persons in the music industry. — Pat Buckley. [44004/20]

*112. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the recent Sport Expert Group amendment to the guidance under level 3 restrictions to allow golfers participate in activities in their club even if it is located across a county border is extended to and includes target shooting clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43628/20]

*113. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on a matter regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43642/20]

*114. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43647/20]

*115. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 239 of 8 December 2020, if the payment of a sports capital grant application (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43735/20]

*116. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties being faced by swimming pools that rely heavily on the offer of swimming classes due to Covid-19 restrictions; her plans to lift the restriction on swimming classes early in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [43745/20]

*117. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 232 and 248 of 8 December 2020, if her Department will issue an official statement or circular clarifying the situation. — Paul Murphy. [43755/20]

*118. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current financial supports available to a business (details supplied) that operates in this jurisdiction but whose headquarters are in Northern Ireland. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43763/20]

*119. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the fact that developing sports currently without national governing body status from Sport Ireland cannot conduct training due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [43913/20]

*120. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current budgets in her Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44031/20]

*121. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the guidance received by Fáilte Ireland in prohibiting live music or dancing at weddings; the person, body or Department that issued the guidance; if consideration will be given to allowing wedding bands and artists to perform as restrictions ease; and her plans to provide support to wedding bands and wedding entertainers struggling to survive through the Christmas period. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44081/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider allowing live music at locations hosting weddings under the guidelines of Fáilte Ireland given the Covid-19 training of many of these performers and that such live music was allowed under the previous level 3. — Duncan Smith. [44108/20]

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

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position on preserving land in rural areas in which derelict sites are in abundance for potential social housing and commercial use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [44010/20]

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if minutes should be kept at preplanning meetings in local authorities. — Peadar Tóibín. [43645/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to instances in which landlords are increasing the rental price on their property that is inside a rent pressure zone by storing personal belongings in same; if he will provide a schedule of exemptions to the rules regarding price increases on properties for rent inside rent pressure zones (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [43734/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Mayo County Council timeline for enabling work to commence for the utilities, services and infrastructure to develop the 95,000 square metres strategic development zone at Ireland West Airport Knock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [43774/20]

*127. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43891/20]

*128. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43892/20]

*129. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta sainiú a dhéanamh ar na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43893/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a person (details supplied) has not received compensation for having ceased cutting turf; if the matter will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [43908/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social welfare incomes considered temporary when a local authority is assessing application for social housing by a person. — Sorca Clarke. [43964/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants for social housing in County Limerick to date in 2020, by district in tabular form; the number of social housing units completed to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [44009/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44025/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Castlereagh fire station, County Roscommon was closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44090/20]

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

*135. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the aid provided to the Greek Government in respect of the refugees in Lesbos and the families who were being relocated to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43936/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to secure the release of a person (details supplied) currently being prevented from leaving China by the authorities there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44346/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on a foreign birth registration application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43711/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress by his Department in securing the return of a person (details supplied) detained in China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [43750/20]

*139. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43873/20]

*140. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43874/20]

*141. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43875/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to appoint a cultural officer to the Irish Embassy in Australia. — Sorca Clarke. [43966/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the embassies that have a cultural officer in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [43967/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44022/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions he has had with the parties in the Northern Ireland Executive and with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in relation to the need to implement the Stormont House Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44037/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and with the UK Foreign Secretary in relation to the unanimous motions passed in Dáil Éireann concerning the Dublin and Monaghan bombings of 1974; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44038/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the funding allocated in 2020 for peace and reconciliation projects; the expected expenditure at the end of 2020; the funding provided for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44039/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions he has had with the parties in the Northern Ireland Executive and with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in relation to the introduction of a bill of rights in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44040/20]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*149. To ask the Minister for Defence the person or body that chose the installation location of the recently installed outdoor gymnasium at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel, County Dublin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43855/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which the Air Corps formation safety office allowed a leisure facility such as the new outdoor gymnasium at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel, County Dublin to be installed 15 to 20 metres from the low level exhaust stack of the Air Corps spray paint facility; if the exhaust stack routinely emits chemicals that are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction; and if he has full confidence in the current Air Corps chemicals health and safety regime. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43856/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Defence the cost of the new outdoor gym; the cost of installation; and the potential cost of relocating it to a safer alternative location at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel, County Dublin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43857/20]

*152. To ask the Minister for Defence the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44017/20]

*153. To ask the Minister for Defence if a person or persons with detailed knowledge of the work and demands on the Defence Forces over the years in the Border region and the unique security issues in that area will be appointed to the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44076/20]

*154. To ask the Minister for Defence if members of the Army bands carry out annual range practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44109/20]

*155. To ask the Minister for Defence the measures being taken to increase linguistic skills and language capacity within the Naval Service in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44110/20]

*156. To ask the Minister for Defence the Covid-19 measures that have been implemented to allow the Army bands to practice and train in their entirety. — Duncan Smith. [44111/20]

*157. To ask the Minister for Defence the procedures in place to ensure reservists when undertaking full-time training with the Defence Forces outside their area can vote in referenda or elections when they coincide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44112/20]

*158. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women and ethnic minorities in the Army, Naval Service, Air Corps and Reserve in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form. — Duncan Smith. [44113/20]

*159. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel currently used in Covid-19-related work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44114/20]

*160. To ask the Minister for Defence the breakdown of retirements by rank and years' service to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44115/20]

*161. To ask the Minister for Defence the net personnel gain for the Defence Forces to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44116/20]

*162. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of personnel that opted to join the Reserve Defence Forces upon leaving the Permanent Defence Forces to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44117/20]

*163. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cosanta cad iad na pleannanna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44167/20]

*164. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cosanta sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44168/20]

*165. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cosanta cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44169/20]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*166. To ask the Minister for Education the specific educational supports available for Syrian refugee children as part of the resettlement programme; the in-classroom supports available such as SNAs and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [43621/20]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider amending the current public health Covid-19 guidance to ensure that the HSE inform school principals of positive Covid-19 cases regardless of parental consent to help protect teachers and other students in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [43630/20]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education if contact has been made with the local authority or other relevant Department toward the alleviation of the serious traffic congestion in the town of Celbridge, County Kildare in the context of replacement facilities for a school (details supplied) given that resolution for same was made a prelude to the provision of new schools or extension to existing schools in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43637/20]

*169. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to implement the recommendations of the report by the Oireachtas Committee on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution in relation sex education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43649/20]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education if a refund or credit will be extended to pupils whose school bus tickets have only been issued in recent weeks and they have been charged for the full term up to the Christmas break. — Robert Troy. [43713/20]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress on the building of a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); the status of the tendering process; and the time frame for the completion of the build. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43766/20]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing prefab accommodation for a school (details supplied); the length of time she expects the teachers and students to be accommodated in same; and the reason there has been a delay in providing a permanent school building for the school. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43767/20]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the need for reform of school transport with particular reference to the extent to which both the public and the private sector contribute to the overall provision of transport; the funds available to them to do so; the extent to which the responsibility for school transport remains with the public or the private sectors by way of percentage of the overall; if changes in the system are mooted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43770/20]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of a new school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [43771/20]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education if there has been a recent study conducted on demand and availability of secondary school places in an area (details supplied); if so, the projections from that research; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [43777/20]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the building project for a new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [43782/20]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education when a Teaching Council number will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [43853/20]

*178. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43876/20]

*179. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43877/20]

*180. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aici chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43878/20]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education the rental costs following the decision to place six specialist portacabins on a site (details supplied); if rental costs for the overall site increased; if so, the amount; if her Department examined alternative sites nearby to accommodate the portacabins; if there is a cost differential between the two sites; if so, the amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [43961/20]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education the stages of a typical school building project from beginning to end in tabular form; the steps involved in each of these phases; the timeline for a new permanent school building project (details supplied) in this context; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [43969/20]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43971/20]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to implement the recommendations of the Caranua report Facing the Future Together: Discussing Ireland's lifelong responsibility to the survivors of institutional abuse for additional supports for survivors of institutional abuse. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43995/20]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made to equip all survivors of institutional abuse with medical cards and support with housing. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43996/20]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education if all survivors of institutional abuse and their families will be provided with free and easily accessible counselling services. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43997/20]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made to ensure that all public service staff working in a customer-facing role and all medical staff receive trauma-informed training on the way to identify survivors of institutional abuse and support them. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43998/20]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has completed research into identifying the supports needed by institutional abuse survivors who are no longer resident in Ireland. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43999/20]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 233 of 3 December 2019, if an investigation will be carried as to the reason the information sought was not given in the reply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44011/20]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education the current budgets in her Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44018/20]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of primary schools that have at least one ASD unit. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44043/20]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of post-primary schools that have at least one ASD unit. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44044/20]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools that have at least one ASD unit by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44045/20]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary schools that have at least one ASD unit by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44046/20]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units in primary schools by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44047/20]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units in post-primary schools by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44048/20]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education if children who have siblings that are at very high risk of Covid-19 can be facilitated with remote learning. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44049/20]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made to ensure pay equality for post-2011 entrants to the teaching profession. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44083/20]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education the percentage of teachers that are post-2011 entrants to the teaching profession. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44084/20]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education when a contingency plan will be published for students of leaving certificate 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44085/20]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education if additional funding will be put in place to recognise the additional heating and refuse costs for schools in 2020 and the lost income from room rental. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44086/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has carried out research on the unavailability of secondary school places in south County Kildare; the numbers on waiting lists; her plans to reduce these waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44097/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a new secondary school at the Curragh, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44098/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education the provision of a secondary school at the St. Paul's, Monasterevin, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44099/20]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a new secondary school at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44100/20]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a primary school extension at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44101/20]

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

*207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a Christmas bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44094/20]

*208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the free travel scheme to allow persons with a disability to travel by taxi given the lack of access to public transport and specifically wheelchair accessible public transport in rural areas; the estimated cost of extending the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [43638/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to an anomaly arising whereby those on the pandemic unemployment payment were advised to move onto a jobseeker's payment in order that they could qualify for a payment in respect of their children for example and now do not have the same flexibility to earn and retain the pandemic unemployment payment as those on the payment have; if the anomaly will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [43639/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a request for further backdating of a State pension (contributory) award in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43660/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a review of a decision on a carer's allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43663/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a review of a decision on a disability allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43664/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the double Christmas payment bonus to recipients of illness benefit (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [43665/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when pandemic unemployment payment arrears will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43677/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when pandemic unemployment payment arrears will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43698/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for PPS numbers will be processed for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43712/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43714/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of illness benefit overpayments to date in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43736/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria used to determine if a community employment project can have an increased materials grant per participant and per project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43738/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the community employment projects in Dublin 6W, 8, 10, 12 and 20, respectively in tabular form; the number of supervisors and participants per project; the rate of materials grant they are on; and the reason they are not on the higher grant if that is the case in each one. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43739/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Paul McAuliffe. [43769/20]

*222. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43888/20]

*223. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43889/20]

*224. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí sainiú a dhéanamh ar na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aici chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43890/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the extreme difficulties being experienced by many community employment schemes in recruiting participants; the efforts being made to ensure there is an adequate supply of eligible persons; if she will extend the scheme eligibility to allow for a larger pool of participants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [43923/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the consideration that has been made to realign the age category for domiciliary care allowance from 16 to 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [43989/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when pandemic unemployment payment arrears will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44014/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current budgets in her Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44029/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the deadline for return to her Department of special UP38 forms agreed with a company (details supplied) which an employee must agree with their employer and provide to her Department in order for potential arrears of support due to be calculated and paid; if the current deadline will be extended; if not, if a degree of flexibility will be provided given the current Covid-19 related difficulties and the short time frame for employees to submit the respective form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44069/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the provision of the school meals local projects scheme will be extended over the Christmas school holiday period in order that schools as local leaders may support families in food poverty as they have done throughout the year with the support of this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44072/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the enhanced illness benefit payment is available to persons that have been advised by their general practitioner to restrict their movements and in circumstances in which their employer has sent them home from work as per the guidelines on the website gov.ie (details supplied); if this rule is being followed by Department officials making decisions on applications of this nature; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44080/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kildare is receiving a reduced fuel allowance and has had their fuel allowance stopped; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44092/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) in County Kildare has been refused the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44093/20]

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

*234. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the white paper on direct provision will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [43618/20]

*235. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports available for refugee families from Syria coming into Ireland as part of the resettlement programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [43620/20]

*236. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016 will be enacted to give full provision to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43831/20]

*237. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43832/20]

*238. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the rules and regulations attached to the placement of children in foster care; his views on whether many of the restrictions placed upon children in such care may actually be having a negative rather than the hoped for positive effect upon the health and well-being of the child (details supplied); his plans to order a review of such restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43674/20]

*239. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of SAC children that received standard hours; and the number that received enhanced hours under NCS since September 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [43689/20]

*240. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of SAC children that received funding under CCS/P and TEC since September 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [43690/20]

*241. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of SAC children that received funding under CCS/P and TEC from September 2019 to 31 December 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [43691/20]

*242. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of ECEC children that received standard hours; and the number that received enhanced hours under NCS since September 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [43692/20]

*243. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children that were referred from the sponsored bodies both nationally and on a county level under NCS since September 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [43693/20]

*244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children that were referred from each sponsored body both nationally and on a county level under NCS. — Kathleen Funchion. [43695/20]

*245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children that were referred from each sponsored body both nationally and on a county level under CCS/P from September 2019 to 31 December 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [43696/20]

*246. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider a person (details supplied) eligible for the ECCE scheme starting September 2021 on the basis of isolated expressive speech delay and in the context that starting the ECCE, which they are

ineligible for on the basis of five days in 2021, will help prevent long-term developmental issues. — Emer Higgins. [43726/20]

*247. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43879/20]

*248. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43880/20]

*249. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige cad iad na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43881/20]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to increase the standard and higher capitation rate for the ECCE scheme by increments of €2.50 up to €27.50 for the standard capitation rate. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43902/20]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44016/20]

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

*252. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43899/20]

*253. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43900/20]

*254. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta sainiú a dhéanamh ar na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43901/20]

*255. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full-year cost if the budget for apprenticeship training increased by 8%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43904/20]

*256. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when students who do not avail of the SUSI grant will receive the €250 Covid-19 payment; when

arrangements for payment to students that do not avail of SUSI will be finalised; and if this cohort of students will receive it before Christmas. — Róisín Shortall. [44006/20]

*257. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44023/20]

*258. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 483 of 8 December 2020, the way in which participation of students from low socioeconomic backgrounds is facilitated for graduate medical programmes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44073/20]

*259. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a commitment will be given to creating a targeted strategy for medicine due to the high level of inequality within the courses following from data released recently from the HEA which showed that in 2018 and 2019 only 4% of enrolments of students in medicine were from disadvantaged areas versus 35% of students from affluent areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44074/20]

*260. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether the lack of payment for student nurses and midwives will result in less desirability of study; his further views on whether healthcare courses should be made more attractive to study following from a global pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44075/20]

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

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 91 of 9 December 2020, the formal funding mechanisms available funded by the State, not at EU level, for victims of the Troubles here since the ending of the Remembrance Commission in 2008. — Patrick Costello. [43622/20]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice when payment will issue in the case of a person (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [43629/20]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider publishing media advertisements in the run up to Christmas regarding the dangers of illegal scrambler use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [43614/20]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will arrange a virtual meeting between her officials and a person (details supplied) in the process of seeking Irish citizenship. — Cathal Crowe. [43616/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider expanding the current regularisation scheme to direct provision residents; if not, the reason for not including them in this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [43619/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for a residency card under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015 in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43679/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice if the written and audio DAR record of court proceedings is given free of charge and without undue delay or a written legal reason for refusal be provided in accordance with Directive (EU) 2016/680 in cases in which a litigant applies to the Court Office. — Mattie McGrath. [43728/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has given consideration to following the example of the Home Office in the United Kingdom in which a three month weapon amnesty has been launched in circumstances in which those involved are compensated for their weapons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43827/20]

*269. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43885/20]

*270. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43886/20]

*271. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt sainiú a dhéanamh ar na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aici chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43887/20]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) given that they have been classified as high risk; if she will ensure that the person does not suffer financial disadvantage due to an underlying health condition; and the options available in respect of sick pay and or other financial supports they may avail of should the Irish Prison Service remove them from the payroll. — Catherine Murphy. [43935/20]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be provided for the replacement of the three oldest horse trailers attached to the Garda mounted unit. — Sorca Clarke. [43963/20]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice the current budgets in her Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44026/20]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*275. To ask the Minister for Health further to an exchange with this Deputy during Leaders Questions on 8 December 2020, if he has sought clarity on the situation where the HSE CervicalCheck programme maintains that the women affected by the CervicalCheck scandal have not been wronged and are merely unfortunate while the Government is apologising to these women for wrongdoing and the courts are ruling that these women have been wronged. — Peadar Tóibín. [43635/20]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health further to an exchange with this Deputy during Leaders Questions on 8 December 2020, if he agrees with the clinical director of Cervical Check in their contention that the courts are wrong in their rulings that smear tests were read in a manner which was neglectful in relation to the Cervical Check scandal. — Peadar Tóibín. [43636/20]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria that determine whether or not a dog can be classified as an assistance dog; and the body responsible for setting such criteria. — Eoin Ó Broin. [43907/20]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [43612/20]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the benefit of wearing masks to prevent the spread of Covid-19 including the latest international data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [43613/20]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43625/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [43627/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an appeals process under the HSE orthodontic treatment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [43631/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the contention of the clinical director of CervicalCheck that the courts are wrong in their rulings that smear tests were read in a manner which was neglectful in relation to the CervicalCheck scandal. — Peadar Tóibín. [43632/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation in which the CervicalCheck programme maintain that the women affected by the CervicalCheck scandal have not been wronged and are merely unfortunate while the Government is apologising to these women for wrongdoing and the courts are ruling that these women have been wronged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [43633/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43646/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement the recommendations of the Oireachtas Committee on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution report in relation to freely available contraception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43652/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health if he has undertaken a review of the system for early assessment and prioritisation of therapies for children with special needs which despite extra resources seems to continue to struggle to provide time supports; his views on whether the success on the pilot integrating therapies into the school provided model offers an opportunity of a different approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [43653/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health the disability day services that have not reopened since Covid-19; when it is planned to open services fully; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [43650/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will engage with companies to negotiate a suitable price for the drug dupilumab for the treatment of severe atopic eczema; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [43651/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a situation in which persons who are required to access preoperative Covid-19 testing are forced to travel to the hospital or a sister hospital and cannot avail of this through the centralised testing system particularly in circumstances in which this is a significant distance from their home address and in view of Crumlin Children's Hospital's agreement with a private hospital to reduce the backlog. — Thomas Gould. [43659/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow yoga to recommence during Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [43662/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the future of Sruthan House, Dundalk, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [43670/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the Taskforce on Covid-19 Vaccination to include persons with Down's syndrome in the group, persons aged 18-64 with certain medical conditions, in the provisional vaccine allocation groups document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43671/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that research has concluded that persons with Down's syndrome are five times more likely to be hospitalised with Covid-19 and ten times more likely to die as a result of Covid-19 than the average citizen; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups document does not include persons with Down's syndrome in the group, people aged 18 to 64 with certain medical conditions; the priority being afforded to persons Down's syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [43699/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health the location in which a person (details supplied) can dispose of medical waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [43700/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) in County Donegal has to attend for an early morning Covid-19 test appointment in Mayo Hospital four days prior to an appointment in the hospital; the reason a Covid-19 test cannot be carried out in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43710/20]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider granting a nominal retention bonus to nurses, midwives and healthcare workers who have worked throughout Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43715/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health if he will work with the HSE to secure equitable access to dupilumab for the atopic eczema patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43716/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase the number of medical interns in 2020 in response to Covid-19 and to encourage more graduates to stay in Ireland to train as doctors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43723/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health the age groups that will be receiving the Covid-19 vaccine; the reason certain groups will not be prioritised including immunocompromised adults and children under 18 years of age, all children under 12 years, persons with Down's syndrome and carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [43727/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health if a dental examination can be scheduled for a person (details supplied) in County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [43743/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to decrease the time between EMA approval and reimbursement of new treatments to promote earlier access in Ireland with the latest innovations in care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43747/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the stage in the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out those in active addiction will be vaccinated given previous assertions that these groups and those in recovery are at high risk of Covid-19. — Thomas Gould. [43748/20]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider making persons with intellectual disabilities and or Down's syndrome a higher priority for the Covid-19 vaccination in view of the fact that persons with Down's syndrome like others at increased risk of severe disease due to Covid-19 have spent most of 2020 in isolation. — Robert Troy. [43751/20]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for a medical card by a person (details supplied) can be processed in view of the fact that the person has submitted all of the requested information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [43758/20]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health if he will revise the provisional vaccine allocation groups document to include persons with Down's syndrome in the group people aged 18-64 with certain medical conditions given that research highlights the increased risk of hospitalisation, severe disease and death among adults with Down's syndrome who contract Covid-19; the reason the decision was taken to initially exclude persons with Down's syndrome from this group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [43760/20]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [43761/20]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if a reply will issue; the steps he is taking to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [43765/20]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if persons with Down's syndrome will be included in the people aged 18-64 years with medical conditions Covid-19 vaccine allocation group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43772/20]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in receiving a cataract surgery appointment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [43775/20]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the three year waiting time for obtaining an appointment for the removal of wisdom teeth at the oral and maxillofacial department at University Hospital Limerick for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [43776/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be an increase in pensions for retired nursing staff given that this group have not seen an increase in pension rates in over ten years. — Robert Troy. [43780/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given towards lifting the restrictions on maternity services throughout Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43828/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health when the Disability Act 2005 will be fully commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43833/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health when he will legislate for personal assistance services as a right in law as per the motion unanimously supported by Dáil Éireann on 29 November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43834/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments under the school dental service in Cork city in each of the past 15 years by child. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43837/20]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the average age at which children had their first appointment under the school dental service in each of the past 15 years. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43838/20]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the average age at which children had their first appointment under the school dental service in Cork city in each of the past 15 years. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43839/20]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists who have been employed for the school dental service in Cork in each of the past ten years. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43840/20]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to unfilled dentist vacancies (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43841/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected to return to second class check-ups for school children under the school dentistry programme in Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43842/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health when it is expected to return to fourth class check-ups for school children under the school dentistry programme in Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43843/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether in the absence of check-ups earlier in childhood, that a sixth class check-up will mean many dental hygiene issues which have been neglected or exacerbated and thereby harder to resolve. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43844/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if it is still his objective that children get a dental check-up at second class under the school dentistry programme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43845/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if it is still his objective that children get a dental check-up at fourth class under the school dentistry programme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43846/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if the Traveller community has been given consideration in the different levels of the vaccination roll out plan; the position of same if they are considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43847/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved filled by tenure permanent, temporary, locum, agency and vacant consultant posts by discipline and specialty; the length of time the vacant posts have remained vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43850/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health if he will progress the renewal of medical cards for persons (details supplied) as no progress has been made since October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [43854/20]

*329. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43894/20]

*330. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43895/20]

*331. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte sainiú a dhéanamh ar na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43896/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant oncologists with a special interest in sarcoma currently in St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin; and his plans to appoint an additional consultant. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43906/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug dupilumab will become widely available for persons with atopic eczema; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [43911/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if a national plan is in place to deal with persons with long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [43912/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to conduct Covid-19 tests on students before colleges finish for Christmas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43157/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if disability functions will be transferred to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and if so, the timeline for same. — Sorca Clarke. [43962/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will provide funding for the recruitment of an additional paediatric endocrinologist for Temple Street Children's Hospital, Dublin. — Sorca Clarke. [43965/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if persons with Down's syndrome are included in the grouping of persons in the 18 to 64 age category with underlying health conditions in respect of the Provisional Vaccine Allocation Groups document; if not, the category which they are in (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [43970/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the process which must be gone through before HIQA and the HSE decide to become directly involved in the running of a nursing home due to concerns regarding that home; the process that must be gone through such as notification to the home itself by letter or otherwise; the legal process and consents required in which consent is given by the nursing home; the process in cases in which it is refused by the nursing home concerned; the role of HIQA and the HSE in relation to same; the further process when either the HSE or HIQA disagree with the decision; the internal reporting within both organisations; if his Department is informed of same; the level at which his Department is informed; the process gone through by HIQA and the HSE in relation to the HSE taking over the operational control of a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43983/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the process which must be gone through before HIQA and or the HSE decides to become directly involved in the running of a nursing home due to concerns regarding that home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43988/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the number on waiting lists for assessment of need in counties Cavan and Monaghan to date; the proposals to reduce the waiting lists and provide more timely appointments for children in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [43991/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the name and number of nursing homes taken over by the HSE and HIQA since January 2020; the reason for doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43992/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to have an orderly resumption of day services for persons with a disability in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [43993/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be no costs on persons with a disability availing of transport to day services or training centres in any region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [43994/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if a pain patch will be approved for a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [44000/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if additional resources and increased hospital capacity will be provided to reduce waiting times for patients in counties Cavan and Monaghan awaiting orthopaedic assessments and procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44001/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE plan for an educational messaging strategy to explain the development and speed in bringing the Covid-19 vaccine to reality, assurances regarding public health and safety and the importance of maximising the take-up of the vaccine when it is offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [44002/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health if the orthopaedic clinic in St. Vincent's University Hospital is open; if not, when it will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44007/20]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health his views regarding indemnity cover for Covid-19 vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [44008/20]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44024/20]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE therapy services that have been noted and scheduled for delay; and the counties in which delays for such services are scheduled in the case of a rise in the R number. — Sean Sherlock. [44035/20]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the campaign to lift restrictions in maternity hospitals for birth partners and expectant fathers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [44070/20]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if persons with Down's syndrome will be included in the Covid-19 vaccine allocation strategy; if so, the group within which they fall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44071/20]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health if a lump sum from a pension will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44077/20]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with campaign members seeking the lifting of restrictions in maternity hospitals along with senior HSE officials. — Sean Sherlock. [44079/20]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include in any proposed inquiry into the deaths at a nursing home (details supplied) in 2020 a specific term of reference in the enquiry to establish all the facts surrounding the decision by the HSE to become involved in the running and management of the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44082/20]

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

*357. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the provisions in place for animal welfare charities that are not eligible to apply for funding given their donations have dropped considerably. — Paul Donnelly. [43909/20]

*358. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the location in the EU Court of Auditors report of 22 December 2006 in which it states that the consolidation process of 150,000 hectares as implemented by his Department was entirely in accordance with EU regulations and has been endorsed as such. — Mattie McGrath. [43729/20]

*359. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision will issue on a GLAS 3 appeal by a person (details supplied) in view the fact that the matter has been ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [43730/20]

*360. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there was an overclaim assessed against a farmer (details supplied) in County Galway in either 2018, 2019 or 2020; if he

will provides details of the overclaim assessed and the penalty applied; the amount of this that has been recouped to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43732/20]

*361. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 888 of 15 September 2020, if will provide an update on the long awaited review of harbour charges for fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43733/20]

*362. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses seized and or impounded for trespass and for non-compliance with chipping law and regulation by county in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [43741/20]

*363. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the establishment will be supported of a multi-agency forum (details supplied) to address the challenges facing small fishermen in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43744/20]

*364. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of prosecutions since January 2013 with regard to the failure of owners to chip their horses in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [43759/20]

*365. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43882/20]

*366. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43883/20]

*367. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara sainiú a dhéanamh ar na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aige chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43884/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific data belonging to a farmer that is shared under the Bord Bia sustainable beef and lamb assurance scheme; the person or body with which the data is shared based on the consent given by the farmer in the producer declaration form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44012/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is an option for a farmer under the Bord Bia sustainable beef and lamb assurance scheme to remove their consent for data sharing; if not, if it is mandatory for participation in the scheme in the event of a farmer removing their consent for the sharing of their data; if Bord Bia can remove them from the scheme despite them having met the standards of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44013/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current budgets in his Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44015/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of any and all communication from the European Commission in respect of Irish forestry legislation, in particular the Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 and statutory instruments made in 2020 for forestry and their compliance with the Aarhus Convention, the Environmental impact assessment Directive, including the public participation directive or other EU directives; if he will furnish copies of any such communications; the status of discussions with the European Commission in 2020 on such matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44087/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there has been communication from the European Commission in respect of Irish forestry legislation, in particular the recent Forestry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 and the statutory instruments he made in 2020 for forestry, and their compliance with the Aarhus Convention, the Environmental impact assessment Directive, including the public participation directive or other EU Directives; if so, if he will make copies of any such communications available to the Houses of the Oireachtas; the status of discussions with the Commission in 2020 on such matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44088/20]

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

*373. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when funding for intern funding will be allocated to Leader in County Cavan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [43623/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total investment in hubs capital infrastructure in the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43752/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the breakdown of Covid-19 related supports allocated to community halls and centres by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43830/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current budgets in her Department for social media advertising for 2021; and the campaigns behind each budget line in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44028/20]

*377. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cad iad na pleananna atá ag a Roinn chun seirbhísí faoina riar a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, chun cur le líon na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoina riar, agus chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn, le linn 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44161/20]

*378. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail sonrú a dhéanamh ar gach post atá sainaitheanta mar phost a bhfuil riachtanas Gaeilge leis ina Roinn faoi láthair, líon na bhfostaithe

ina Roinn a bhfuil cumas sa Ghaeilge acu, agus líon iomlán na bhfostaithe ina Roinn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44162/20]

*379. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail sainiú a dhéanamh ar na fadhbanna is práinní i leith seirbhísí faoi riar a Roinne a sholáthar trí Ghaeilge sna ceantair Ghaeltachta, agus cad atá beartaithe aici chun iad a réiteach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44163/20]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 17 NOLLAIG, 2020
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 2020**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points in counties Offaly and Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [43602/20]

2. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the national islands policy; if the consultation process has been completed to date; when the new policy will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43332/20]

3. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if research is being undertaken by her Department on the impact of remote working in towns and villages since the beginning of the public health restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [43980/20]

4. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Charleville, County Cork will receive funding for local developments under the rural development fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [43810/20]

5. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she has taken to implement action 127 of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [43212/20]

6. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which her Department is facilitating remote working to encourage more persons to live in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [43592/20]

7. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans for town and village renewal in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44130/20]

8. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she has been in the position to address issues of rural and or community deprivation with particular reference to the impact of Covid-19 on both urban and rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43200/20]

9. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps her Department will take to implement the National Volunteering Strategy and the measures to support volunteering

given its importance to communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [43687/20]

10. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the developments in the past year in relation to rural recreation; the work carried out by Comhairle na Tuaithe in that period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43079/20]

11. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of ORIS applications for funding assistance for walking infrastructure in County Kerry and nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44129/20]

12. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the roll out of broadband connection points in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43656/20]

13. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement she has had on the National Broadband Plan in the last quarter. — Sean Sherlock. [43979/20]

14. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on the need for rural communities to have an appropriate range of services of all kinds available locally to ensure their needs can be met in their local communities; her views on whether communities that can provide for themselves are happier communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [44157/20]

15. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the resources that have been allocated to support a programme (details supplied) throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43167/20]

16. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of funding allocated to each local authority for the local improvement scheme in 2020; the proposed allocation by county for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43973/20]

17. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the timescale for the commencement of an Interim Leader programme in 2021; if this programme will be funded through the national Exchequer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [43926/20]

18. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration will be given to creating an online one stop shop for community groups and organisations in which all available grants and criteria are laid out in one place for the numerous organisations that seek funding to make the process easier; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [43915/20]

19. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the resources that have been allocated to support an organisation (details supplied) throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43166/20]

20. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that will be provided in County Kilkenny under the local improvement scheme in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [43601/20]

21. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [43606/20]

22. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points in County Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43598/20]

23. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of funding for organisations (details supplied); if transitional funding is coming from her Department as previously outlined to allow applications proceed ahead of their respective EU allocations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [43722/20]

24. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the development of Caladh Mór pier on Inis Meáin; the status of the preparation of a simulation model of the harbour by the National Maritime College of Ireland which was stalled during Covid-19 restrictions; the engagement her Department has had with the National Maritime College of Ireland with regard to the preparation of the model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43334/20]

25. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points nationwide; the number that will be provided in each county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43972/20]

26. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the work her Department is doing to promote and support remote working; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [43946/20]

27. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43604/20]

28. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when it is envisaged that the successful projects under the latest round of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43611/20]

29. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans regarding the Tidy Towns Competition; if the competition will be held in 2021; if so, the supports her Department will provide to the local groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43953/20]

30. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the initial total allocation made available to Ireland from pillar II of the CAP under the LEADER heading 2014 to 2020; the amount drawn down to date from the EU of this allocation; and if outstanding EU funds which may remain can be used in the transition period to the next programme in 2023. — Sean Sherlock. [43981/20]

31. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding programmes available to urban communities to help communities with the impact of Covid-19 and tackle other societal problems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43655/20]

32. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points in east County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [43974/20]

33. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that will be provided in County Carlow under the local improvement scheme in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43599/20]

34. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the restrictions and regulations being imposed on puppy farmers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [43590/20]

35. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that will be provided in counties Offaly and Laois under the local improvement scheme in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [43603/20]

36. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points in County Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [43600/20]

37. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the roll out of the broadband connection points; the number of publicly accessible broadband points that are now live by county; the number of these that are on offshore islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43333/20]

38. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if new policy tools are being considered to address the double impact on the rural economy of difficulties in the food and the tourism sectors, which hanging over 2021. — Richard Bruton. [43185/20]

39. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has explored the role that Leader companies can play in supporting small rural business to overcome the challenges posed by Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42231/20]

40. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level and type of support that has been provided in 2020 to community and voluntary organisations on account of the impact of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43654/20]

41. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of organisations supported under the Covid stability fund to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [43947/20]

42. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports that have been provided to community and voluntary organisations in 2020 in response to the impact of Covid-19; the number of organisations based in County Cork that have received support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43657/20]

43. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the new action plan for rural development will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [43916/20]

44. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects to announce successful applications under the town and village renewal scheme; her views on the scheme; and her plans for the future of the scheme. — Alan Dillon. [44118/20]

45. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that will be provided in counties Longford and Westmeath under the local improvement scheme in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [43609/20]

46. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the organisations in Dublin that have benefited in 2020 from the Community Enhancement Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43811/20]

47. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on the operation of the Public Participation Networks; her plans for further developing this structure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [43688/20]

48. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on adding a requirement that all funding from her Department includes provisions to meet and further rights of persons with disabilities. — Holly Cairns. [43580/20]

49. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to bring forward an enhanced town and village renewal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [43975/20]

50. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding opportunities available to a centre (details supplied) which is a non-profit organisation providing community, family and employment support in the Finglas, Dublin 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [43931/20]

51. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the timeframe for the planned remaining broadband connection points in south western areas of County Cork to be completed. — Holly Cairns. [43578/20]

52. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement she has had with other Departments regarding issues relating to rural Ireland and specifically regarding public transport in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [43918/20]

53. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the €45 million Covid-19 stability fund for community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises that has been paid out to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [43933/20]

54. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the local improvement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [43589/20]

55. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that will be provided in County Tipperary under the local improvement scheme in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43605/20]

56. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects to announce successful applications under the outdoor recreation scheme; her plans to operate the scheme in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44119/20]

57. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason larger counties with larger CLÁR areas are limited to making the same number of CLÁR applications as much smaller counties with smaller CLÁR areas; if an imbalance against CLÁR area residents in the larger counties is recognised; her plans to review the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43920/20]

58. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the projects supported by her Department in counties Meath and Louth in 2020 under the Community Enhancement Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43610/20]

59. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the interdepartmental group set up within her Department to examine the remote working hubs and co-working spaces; when the group is due to report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [43917/20]

60. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider expanding schemes such as the rural recreation scheme, the walks scheme, the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme and other similar schemes in view of the vital services and benefits they provide to local economies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [44159/20]

61. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she expects the Leader programme to address the multi-various issues affecting urban and rural communities throughout the country in the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43201/20]

62. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the islands' action plan and her engagement with island communities in relation to the plan since taking office. — Holly Cairns. [43576/20]

63. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points in counties Longford and Westmeath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [43608/20]

64. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has held discussions with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the topic of one-off housing planning; her views on whether banning one-off housing in rural Ireland will have a detrimental impact on rural community development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [43977/20]

65. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on the new volunteering strategy; her plans to implement same; the level of engagement with communities in its development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43812/20]

66. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 5 November 2020, the way in which the additional €2 million in funding for the development of master plans for up to 50 towns will be administered; the criteria for a town to

be chosen as one of the 50 towns that will develop master plans; when the decision will be made as to the towns which are included on the list of 50 towns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43331/20]

67. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she is taking to highlight and prioritise rural transport needs to the Department of Transport including the integration of local link services and the subsidised hackney scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [43327/20]

68. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current EU MFF budgetary proposals for the period 2021 to 2027 allocated to Ireland under the LEADER heading of pillar II of the CAP notwithstanding the possibility of potential changes to the proposed EU and CAP budget. — Sean Sherlock. [43982/20]

69. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has considered working with local authorities to establish hubs for remote working in towns and cities to facilitate new ways of working into the future. — Louise O'Reilly. [34915/20]

70. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a network of broadband connection points in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [43596/20]

71. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date of the last meeting of the Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42232/20]

72. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to fund the delivery and administration of the Leader programme 2021; the interim funding for 2021 to 2023 to be delivered directly by local development companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [41628/20]

73. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that will be provided in counties Sligo and Leitrim under the local improvement scheme in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [43607/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the support she is putting in place to help voluntary community groups meet operating costs during the pandemic when their usual means of fundraising cannot take place. — Holly Cairns. [43577/20]

75. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding provision for an extension in 2021 of the existing Leader programme and the proposals to fund the work of Local Development Companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [43925/20]

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Programme for Government commitment for an expanded town and village renewal scheme to bring vacant and derelict buildings back into use and promote residential occupancy; when communities can start applying for this funding; and the estimated amount available to each local authority. — Holly Cairns. [43579/20]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the National Volunteering Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43954/20]

78. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to develop and diversify the CLÁR programme in 2021 which focuses on the areas of highest population decrease since 1926; the measures approved under the CLÁR programme in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43080/20]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the actions her Department is taking to stymie rural decline in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [43813/20]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration will be given to extending the local improvement scheme for the new areas of Cork city which were areas of Cork County and should not be disadvantaged as a result of boundary changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [43591/20]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her progress to date in introducing on a phased basis a number of projects similar in approach to community development projects as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [43932/20]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she has taken to implement action 128 of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [43213/20]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the development of the new rural policy; when she expects the policy to be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43330/20]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on the way in which the operators of community services centres are facing considerable fees for water at a time when their ability to generate income has been limited; if she will consider addressing the issue; her further views on the supports that are needed for community councils and organisations given the impact of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [43335/20]

85. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports in place for community halls and centres nationwide that have lost the ability to generate revenue during Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43785/20]

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

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Clare that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [43793/20]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the priorities of his Department in the context of the forthcoming National Development Plan review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43682/20]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the IDA will consider the feasibility of Clare Technology Park , Gort Road, Ennis, County Clare as a location in the next phase of planning and development of technological buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [39254/20]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the analysis his Department has carried out into the low uptake of the Brexit loan scheme compared to the uptake of the future growth loan scheme; if unexpended Brexit loan scheme funding will be available for repurposing through bespoke supports for micro and small enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43941/20]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress that has been made in developing a cheaper and easier form of examinership which could assist viable enterprises to achieve some restructuring with creditors in order to protect jobs in the trading difficulties. — Richard Bruton. [43183/20]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [43788/20]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 28 of 10 November 2020, if he has held the meeting with the agencies with a particular focus on Ballinasloe, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42230/20]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagements he has had with the workers of a company (details supplied) during their ongoing dispute over redundancy. — Pa Daly. [44123/20]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the mediation talks between a company (details supplied) and its workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [43818/20]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on progress made on implementing the Duffy Cahill report recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [43553/20]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his progress to date in the reform of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [43930/20]

97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects to progress the Programme for Government commitment to enable regulatory bodies such as ComReg, the Central Bank and the CCPC to have greater use of administrative penalties to sanction rogue operators, as is the norm in other EU Member States; when he expects the Competition Bill (ECN+) to be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43816/20]

98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which he envisages Irish consumers and businesses will benefit from the ratification of the CETA agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [43948/20]

99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the impact of the lack of adequate truck-driver testing facilities in north County Kildare on jobs, employment and incomes given that the area is an important centre of retail and industrial warehousing and logistics. — Réada Cronin. [43898/20]

100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the key measures under the Action Plan for Insurance Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [43787/20]

101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Sligo and Leitrim that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [43804/20]

102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Kilkenny that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [43797/20]

103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is considering reopening the restart grants to new applications that would include businesses that may not have qualified under the previous criteria. — Steven Matthews. [43718/20]

104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the involvement of his Department in talks to try resolve the issue regarding a company (details supplied) and to ensure such occurrences do not happen again; if it is intended to implement the Duffy-Cahill report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43082/20]

105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Working Time Directive applies to the retained fire service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [38396/20]

106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures being undertaken to identify and make contact with SMEs that have yet to engage with the Revenue Commissioners to register their companies in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43921/20]

107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action he is taking to encourage women as entrepreneurs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43796/20]

108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider an additional package of supports for rural wet pub operators that have been closed for eight straight months given that current supports, such as the CRSS and the restart grant plus, are not adequately compensating them for the months they were closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [43325/20]

109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the review of examinership by the CLRG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44127/20]

110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to a commitment he made during Priority Questions of 10 November 2020, and further to correspondence

from this Deputy and the office of an organisation (details supplied), if he will meet a representation of content moderators and their representatives and trade unions early in 2021; and if he will instruct his officials to arrange the particulars of such a meeting. — Louise O'Reilly. [43823/20]

111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Tipperary that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43802/20]

112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Kilkenny that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [43798/20]

113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied with the level of Brexit readiness amongst companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [43786/20]

114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his specific policies to support enterprise in towns and villages; if his Department is engaging with other Departments on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44120/20]

115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to and is taking steps in relation to the difficulties facing workers in an airline (details supplied) who are continuing to face problems engaging with the human resources department of the airline regarding their payments and entitlements. — Réada Cronin. [43897/20]

116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has offered or been offered additional funding to assist the owners of wet pubs this Christmas. — Peadar Tóibín. [43951/20]

117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions he has taken to support to support entrepreneurship and self-employment for persons with disabilities as outlined in action 116 of the mid-term review of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [43945/20]

118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has engaged with workers and their trade union in relation to the appointment of provisional liquidators to a group (details supplied); the other steps he has taken to ensure that the company will honour the workers' collective agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43950/20]

119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which he plans to grow indigenous enterprises in County Kerry in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43928/20]

120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has concerns regarding the communication of the impact that Brexit will have on Irish consumers in terms of online shopping from the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44121/20]

121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the trading prospects following Brexit; and if new policy tools are being considered to protect jobs in the post-Brexit environment. — Richard Bruton. [43184/20]

122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Cork that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [43792/20]

123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his progress in relation to updating the National Remote Working Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [43929/20]

124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of the engagement his Department has had with a representative association (details supplied) regarding the Covid restriction support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43686/20]

125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects Ireland to ratify CETA; the way in which Irish consumers, citizens and SMEs will benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43956/20]

126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Laois and Offaly that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [43800/20]

127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the industries his Department is of the view are most at risk from the ill-effects of Brexit, deal or no-deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43169/20]

128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the liquidation of a company (details supplied); and if he will take steps to ensure the collective bargaining agreement for workers is honoured. — Pa Daly. [44122/20]

129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to introduce a new form of examinership in relation to company law to facilitate smaller companies seeking to survive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [43809/20]

130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of Brexit preparations from his Department and its agencies for 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [43684/20]

131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to enhance the role of the Personal Injuries Assessment Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43789/20]

132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Longford and Westmeath that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [43806/20]

133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to implement the Government statement on the Role of Data Centres in Ireland's Enterprise Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42229/20]

134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a renewed focus will be placed on attracting FDI to County Kerry in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43927/20]

135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports that have been provided to enable the Workplace Relations Commission to function at the optimum level during the Covid-19 pandemic given the importance of its work and the cases that it is dealing with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43817/20]

136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the Organisation of Working Time (Amendment) (Carryover of Annual Leave) (Covid-19) Bill 2020 which was introduced on 26 November 2020 which seeks to allow workers to carry over untaken annual leave which they could not take due to the impact of Covid-19; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that similar legislation has been passed for workers in the UK and Northern Ireland; and his views on similar legislation here. — Pearse Doherty. [43937/20]

137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for future legislation that will protect workers in situations of redundancy and insolvency in which they have agreements for enhanced redundancy arrangements with their employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43820/20]

138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of discussions or contact he has had with the mediator in a dispute (details supplied); his plans to resolve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43819/20]

139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to update the legislation governing European Works Councils. — Louise O'Reilly. [43822/20]

140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which he is supporting home working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [43807/20]

141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of legislation to transpose the ECN plus directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44128/20]

142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Carlow that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; the number that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43795/20]

143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding made available from his Department in 2020 to Údarás na Gaeltachta; the programmes involved in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43081/20]

144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he remains in contact with his EU colleagues in an effort to ensure the coordination of trans-EU efforts to cater for any aftershock of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43836/20]

145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Longford and Westmeath that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [43805/20]

146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has considered additional grant aid support for the wet pub sector since it has been under enforced closure for nine months and has had to remain closed during the sectors busiest period of the year. — Louise O'Reilly. [43824/20]

147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the universal basic income pilot promised in the Programme for Government; the timeline on the proposed pilot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43943/20]

148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Laois and Offaly that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [43799/20]

149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the workings of the Workplace Relations Committee. — Paul Murphy. [43851/20]

150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which his Department is continuing to support the development of new markets for Irish exports in the current Covid-19 and Brexit environment; his plans for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [43848/20]

151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the implementation of the Duffy-Cahill report and on efforts to resolve a dispute at a company (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [37038/20]

152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Sligo and Leitrim that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [43803/20]

153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the rationale following reports of the Low Pay Commission's commitment to only a 1% increase in the national minimum wage for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [26803/20]

154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the Economic and Sustainability Impact Assessment of the EU-Mercosur Agreement commissioned by his Department in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in January 2020; when the report will be published; the cost of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43942/20]

155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Cork that have availed of the microfinance Ireland Brexit business loan. — Michael Moynihan. [43808/20]

156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the Brexit preparations of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [43668/20]

157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department and agencies under his aegis will provide a dedicated service to answer questions from SMEs with Brexit queries in advance of and after 1 January 2021. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43667/20]

158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the new legislation he is preparing that will give regulators such as the Commission for Communications Regulation and the CCPC powers to levy administrative financial sanctions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [43976/20]

159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Tipperary that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43801/20]

160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the interactions he has had with his EU counterparts in respect of the EU-Mercosur trade agreement. — Matt Carthy. [42651/20]

161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider extending the supports that are in place for employers to employ and retain persons with disabilities to also include persons with disabilities who choose to become self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [43944/20]

162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the review by the company law review group on the legal provisions surrounding collective redundancies and the liquidation of companies to ensure that the rights of workers are effectively protected; when he will publish the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43939/20]

163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures being undertaken to ensure that there is no difficulties receiving essential imported goods into Ireland in the event of a no-deal Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43922/20]

164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Cavan and Monaghan that have availed of the Brexit loan scheme. — Niamh Smyth. [43721/20]

165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures he is taking to promote the all-island economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43168/20]

166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the restart grant and restart grant plus; if all funding has at this point been paid out; the details of same by county in tabular form; his plans to launch a similar scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43955/20]

167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide extra supports to SMEs for whom Christmas normally represents their peak trade time. — Peadar Tóibín. [43952/20]

168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps being taken to ensure that all employers are adhering to public health advice to allow employees to work from home unless it is absolutely necessary particularly in relation to staff with underlying health conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43784/20]

169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Cavan and Monaghan that have applied for a ready for customs grant. — Niamh Smyth. [43720/20]

170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on consultations he has had with the trade union movement on issues surrounding workers' rights in company liquidation situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [43554/20]

171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties facing workers in an airline (details supplied) who are continuing to face difficulty in engaging with the human resources department of the airline regarding payments and entitlements. — Louise O'Reilly. [43826/20]

172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the work his Department is engaging in with other Departments and agencies in terms of the development of remote working opportunities given the immense benefits for communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [43949/20]

173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available to publicly-licensed houses that have been prevented from trading over the Christmas period as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43914/20]

174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans regarding the introduction of sustainability indicators for enterprises in receipt of support from their local enterprise office given that this would highlight businesses that have made a conscious effort with regard to sustainability goals and this is not considered at present as part of a grant application. — Steven Matthews. [43326/20]

175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for strengthening Competition and Consumer Protection Commission enforcement powers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43790/20]

176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the future work plan of the Workplace Relations Commission. — Paul Murphy. [43852/20]

177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he remains satisfied as to the adequacy of measures taken to protect the economy as Brexit unfolds; his views on whether the alternative arrangements are sufficient insofar as is possible, meet all eventualities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43835/20]

178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of all proposed EU trade agreements and Ireland's position on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43666/20]

179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the work that is underway in relation to farm safety including training and other assistance to farmers in order to help reduce the number of fatal farm accidents and non-fatal accidents each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [41562/20]

180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Ireland has made a submission to the EU Trade Policy Review; if so, the issues he is prioritising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43680/20]

181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the implementation of the recommendations made in the Action Plan for Insurance Reform in relation to the Personal Injury Assessment Board; the number of recommendations that have not been implemented to date; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [43849/20]