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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach if the papers and documentation generated by a person (details supplied) in their enquiry into the Dublin and Monaghan bombings will be handed over to Operation Kenova; and if not, the reason. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45184/20]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; and if the contracts were tendered for. — Louise O’Reilly. [44794/20]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the publication of the preliminary results of Census 2022; and the expected timelines for the publication of the final results of Census 2022. — Richard Bruton. [1038/21]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach if the opposition were consulted in advance of the most recent extension of the Commission of Investigation with respect to NAMA; and if he will commit to consulting the opposition in advance of the March 2021 deadline. — Catherine Murphy. [1149/21]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach if his attention has been drawn to correspondence sent to him by a person (details supplied); if he has reviewed the documents contained; and if he has consulted with colleagues in the Department of Justice in respect of same. — Catherine Murphy. [1220/21]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff in his Department that have been assigned to the new shared island unit. — Neale Richmond. [1293/21]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the national economic plan; the expected timeline for publication. — Ged Nash. [1646/21]

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

*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if regulations can be introduced to ensure the presence of doors on supermarket fridges in order to reduce the amount of energy required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [44868/20]

*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he plans to ratify the ILO Convention on Violence and Harassment in the Workplace. — Sean Sherlock. [44887/20]

*10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the timeline for the payment of the online trading vouchers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [44892/20]

*11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the future investment loan scheme of a bank (details supplied); if there will be future rounds of loans under this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [45070/20]

*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the protocols for employers to insist that employees work from home throughout the various levels of restrictions in place throughout the Covid-19 pandemic; if fines are in place for businesses found to be bringing employees into the workplace if they are not meant to; if the Health and Safety Authority has enforcement powers under these protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [45116/20]

*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to reimburse couples who have lost deposits and incurred other costs due to Covid-19 restrictions in relation to weddings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1054/21]

*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some construction sites are operating with thousands of workers a day; the steps he is taking to ensure compliance with Covid-19 regulations in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1287/21]

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which international call centres are required in Ireland; the degree to which competition from other jurisdictions has affected location here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1888/21]

*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to secure enterprise for the west side of Galway city, particularly the IDA zoned lands in Knockncarra, Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44668/20]

*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to his meeting with the West Regional Enterprise plan steering committee of 11 December 2020, the plans of the IDA to acquire the 50 acres of industrial lands in Ballinasloe, County Galway from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44689/20]

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to his meeting with the West Regional Enterprise plan steering committee of 11 December 2020, the plans of the IDA to construct an advance factory on the under-utilised industrial lands in Ballinasloe, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44690/20]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the investor-state-dispute-settlement mechanism of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada in view of the recent ECJ ruling on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44728/20]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the projected economic impact of the State ratifying the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44729/20]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44783/20]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Covid-19 related supports taxi drivers can avail of to cover the high costs of insurance considering that their revenues were severely affected in 2020 as a result of the global pandemic and shutdown of the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44854/20]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of cases heard by the panel of adjudicators established under section 8 of the Construction Contracts Act 2013 in each year since the commencement of the operation of the panel to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44856/20]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of adjudicators available to the chair of the panel of adjudicators set up under the terms of section 8 of the Construction Contracts Act 2013; the number of appointments made by the chair of the panel to each member of the panel of adjudicators from the date of operation of the system to 30 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44857/20]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Cork that have received support under the restart grant and the restart grant plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44882/20]

*26. 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. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44883/20]

*27. 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44885/20]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to reopen applications for work permits for dairy farm assistants in early 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44920/20]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide support for the owners of a business (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [44938/20]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will meet with representatives of the car rental industry to hear and find solutions for Covid-19-related issues regarding the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45046/20]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions that will be taken for persons who are entitled to enhanced redundancy; when he plans intend to implement

the Duffy Cahill report; if the legislation will cover the Irish workers of a group (details supplied); his plans to change company law to improve the position of workers in the list of creditors in the event of liquidation in circumstances in which a collective redundancy has been agreed and applied previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [45056/20]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extenuating circumstances under which a residential address can be withheld for a company officer under section 150(11) of the Companies Act 2014; if he will assist to make the section more widely publicised especially to parties forming companies in order to protect victims; and if he will allow for retrospective application of this section in order to protect victims after forming a company. — Louise O’Reilly. [45071/20]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of jobs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [45179/20]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if dairy farmers can avail of work permits for persons from India to work on dairy farms; if so, the process for application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1000/21]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available for arts, entertainment and events companies, particularly for those dependent on weddings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [1070/21]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of prospective company visits organised by the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to counties Louth, Meath, Cavan and Monaghan, respectively in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [1075/21]

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the efforts being undertaken to encourage Irish exporters to avoid using the land bridge through the UK and to ship directly to continental Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1108/21]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of calls have been made to his Department’s Brexit helpline for business supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1109/21]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the findings of his Department’s public consultation on guidance for remote working and subsequent report will be published. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1168/21]

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacancies by job title in the Health and Safety Authority as of 4 January 2021; the length of time each post has been vacant; and the estimated full year cost of filling each of the vacant posts in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1200/21]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to correspondence sent to him by a person (details supplied); if he has reviewed the documents contained; and if he has consulted with colleagues in the Department of Justice and An Taoiseach in respect of same. — Catherine Murphy. [1221/21]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the reopening of a trade office in Taipei. — Pa Daly. [1233/21]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 25 of 25 November 2020 and 143 of 3 December 2020, if further clarification will be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [1245/21]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on Ireland's position on the reform of rules of origin in future EU trade agreements, for example, Australia and in future reviews of existing agreements with respect to the important need to reinstate preferential treatment to exports which were produced including inputs from Northern Ireland or processing in Northern Ireland in order to support future cross-Border supply chain and protect the shared all-island economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1302/21]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of work permits issued in 2020; the sectors these were in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1303/21]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of the nationalities of recipients of work permits that were issued in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1304/21]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of HSA inspections at bookmakers each month since February 2020; the number found to be non-compliant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1449/21]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his understanding of what constitutes click and collect shopping; his view on whether customers using click and collect should be able to pay for their purchase while in the shop or if this should be done remotely prior to collecting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1460/21]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to publish the recipients of the €100 million capital investment scheme for the processing and marketing of agricultural products Brexit fund along with the amount received by each recipient; the conditions to be applied to this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1538/21]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it is permissible for shoe stores to offer appointments for sizing children's feet under public health restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [1557/21]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if retail shops selling towels, pillows and other bedding only can continue to open as an essential service under level 5 restrictions; and if they fall under outlets selling products necessary for the essential upkeep and functioning of places of residence and businesses whether on a retail or wholesale basis. — Kathleen Funchion. [1602/21]

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the financial supports available for a butcher that is a sole trader, that contracts Covid-19 and has a month's

worth of stock that cannot be sold due to the fact that the butcher must isolate and cannot move the stock given that as a result of contracting Covid-19 the individual is now facing serious financial losses as stock cannot be sold; if financial supports will be provided to cover such losses in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1621/21]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will introduce further financial supports for the owners of wet pubs who are still closed with no income and experiencing hardship due to the loss of business. — John McGuinness. [1697/21]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details for his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1790/21]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which it remains possible to ensure that previous online business sourced in the UK in respect of which Irish consumers are now experiencing difficulty can be accessed in a timely manner; if the feasibility of providing an alternative service in Ireland which can be supplied independently of the UK and thereby facilitating the Irish consumer in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1874/21]

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

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter regarding the provision of broadband at a location (details supplied). — James Lawless. [44697/20]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter regarding the provision of broadband at a location (details supplied). — James Lawless. [44698/20]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to supply additional broadband fibre cabinets in the Dublin 18 area to allow new houses to access fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44705/20]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the time frame for a property (details supplied) to be connected to broadband through the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44717/20]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the full roll-out of broadband through the National Broadband Plan to County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44718/20]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of EU and national funding in total received to date by the SEAI relating to all projects connected to the offshore electricity generating station (details supplied) in County Mayo since the test site was granted a foreshore lease in 2015, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44731/20]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question 51 of 16 July 2020, if his Department will assist in the provision of

compensation to peat harvesting contractors that made significant investments in peat harvesting machinery prior to the sudden and unexpected announcement of the suspension of all peat harvesting for the 2020 season by Bord na Móna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44732/20]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the work of the Climate Action Forum (details supplied); the number of times the forum has met since its creation; the Ministers who have met under the forum since its creation; the projects that have been undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44763/20]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the existing climate action responsibilities of local authorities; the devolved powers local authorities have in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44766/20]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44784/20]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the enforcement measures in place to monitor and deal with the sale and use of non-smokeless fuels in smokeless zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [44846/20]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are plans to put in place a testing and enforcement regime to deal with the widespread air pollution from the burning of non-compliant fuel products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [44847/20]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a citywide master plan for carbon reduction exists for Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44866/20]

*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if clarification of a timeline can be given for surveys to be carried out and for the commencement of works to begin under the National Broadband Plan in the Blarney, Tower and Kerry Pike areas of County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44909/20]

*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the implementation of an action plan to ensure the sustainability of the existing post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44968/20]

*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the EPA has permanent air quality testing systems on site in Drogheda, County Louth or hinterlands; if not, the reason the largest town in Ireland does not have this in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44978/20]

*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if fibre broadband will be supplied without further delay to a housing estate (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44986/20]

*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the availability of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45002/20]

*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45004/20]

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*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45006/20]

*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when Rathconrath, County Westmeath specifically a location (details supplied) will avail of fibre broadband. — Robert Troy. [45017/20]

*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan will be rolled out across County Cork by townland and yearly quarter in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45033/20]

*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan is expected to be rolled out in Blarney, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45034/20]

*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan is expected to be rolled out in Tower, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45035/20]

*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan is expected to be rolled out in Kerrypike, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45036/20]

*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan is expected to be rolled out in Templemichael, Whites Cross, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45037/20]

*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan is expected to be rolled out in an area and at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45040/20]

*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 26 November 2020, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that it is estimated that approximately 30,000 new and corrected Eircodes are currently missing from a service (details supplied) and that some members of the public have been reporting that due to the fact that their code is missing they have not been able to avail of some commercial services; if he will invoke his specific oversight authority under the Communications Regulation (Postal Services Act) 2011 to consider specific non-postal services related uses of the national postcode in order to address this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45074/20]

*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the services provided by a company (details supplied) for the recycling of problematic waste; if such services have a role to play in the efforts to recycle difficult waste generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45092/20]

*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 26 November 2020, his plans to instruct his Department to immediately proceed with the well-resourced national campaign to raise awareness regarding privacy dangers associated with the use of Eircode as recommended in the Privacy Impact Assessment for Eircode that was carried out by a company (details supplied) in 2015 under contract to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45103/20]

*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the warmer homes scheme application process (details supplied) is taking so long; if more resources will be allocated to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [45123/20]

*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will allow used timber, that is waste and used timber recovered from construction, to be collected and segregated for use as biomass in view of the fact it is been currently exported for use as biomass to other jurisdictions. — Brian Stanley. [45125/20]

*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of post offices which were permanently closed in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1021/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 163 of 26 November 2020, if he will instruct Eircode to assign a number to a property (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [1039/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an area (details supplied) will be able to avail of fibre broadband. — Robert Troy. [1319/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views in relation to energy security and climate action; the way in which this relates to a proposal to develop LNG facilities at the Port of Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1352/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the seventy schools that are set to become broadband connection points by the end of the first quarter of 2021; the number of points envisaged to be created by the end of 2021 given the impact of Covid-19 by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1374/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his Department's position on using wave energy as a means of contributing to Ireland's energy resource mix; the advancements in wave energy that have been considered by his Department to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1377/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has commissioned a study on the effect of the current carbon taxes in reducing the use of fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [38839/20]

*96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding provided by the gum industry on an annual basis to assist with the cost of its removal; the corresponding figure for the tobacco industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1605/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current availability of grant aid for the replacement of peat burning stoves with pellet burning heating systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1627/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has read the recent NESc publication entitled Energy Transition Pathways and the Covid-19 Pandemic: An analysis of the green recovery responses in Denmark and Ireland. — Bríd Smith. [42010/20]

*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to increase the number of electric vehicle chargers for public use in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1659/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the plan in place by National Broadband Ireland for the roll-out of full broadband services to north-west County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [1731/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the plan in place for broadband connections to schools in North West County Cork; if areas adjacent to schools being considered will be included for connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [1732/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details for his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1791/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which meeting carbon reduction targets continues; if it is in line with or ahead of expectations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1883/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the national grid currently relies and draws on renewable energy as a percentage of total requirement; if he has in mind specific proposals in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1884/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the offshore wind energy sector is progressing to meet its targets within the next ten years with particular reference to the progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1885/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which the national electricity grid currently relies on the various renewable components in respect of electricity generation; the extent to which hydro, solar, biomass and wind on and offshore currently contribute to the requirements of the grid; his plans if any to augment production at all or either levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1886/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the national electricity grid continues to rely on fossil electricity generated fuels; the degree to which this reliability has fluctuated in recent years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1887/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which high-speed broadband is being made available to various industrial parks throughout the country in order to facilitate the increasing number of persons who may require the option of working from home or at a location close to their homes that can provide the modern facilities required and an element of office environment without long distance commuting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1889/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which the national broadband plan continues at pace including the linking up of the various areas throughout the country in which the greatest efficiency occurs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1890/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which the national broadband plan continues at pace including the linking up of the urban and rural areas throughout County Kildare in which the greatest efficiency occurs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1891/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the national broadband plan continues to address the issues of the lack of high-speed broadband in areas in County Kildare in both urban and rural settings having particular regard to the need to facilitate persons working from home or from industrial parks close to home given the challenges of the need to reduce long commutes and meet the challenges of Covid-19; the extent to which the linking up of the areas previously experiencing poor service with those areas now in receipt of optimum services in terms of quality and availability is occurring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1892/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which high-speed, high-quality broadband is available throughout the country as a percentage of the total requirement; the progress towards dealing with the areas most poorly served at present; his anticipated targets by year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1893/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which high-speed, high-quality broadband is available throughout County Kildare as a percentage of the total requirement; the progress towards dealing with the areas most poorly served at present; his anticipated targets by year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1894/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he expects to meet the targets set for the provision of a satisfactory broadband service in all areas throughout the country; the measures being taken to address locations of particular deficiency in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1895/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he expects to meet the targets set for the provision of a satisfactory broadband service in all areas

throughout County Kildare; the measures being taken to address locations of particular deficiency in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1896/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he expects to meet carbon reduction targets in the transport, agriculture and other sectors without damaging Ireland's economic capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1897/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which air quality continues to be monitored; the extent of the deterioration quality in all areas throughout the country; the areas most seriously affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1898/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the national waste management plan continues to address the relevant issues with particular reference to reduction, reuse and recycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1899/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which landfill remains a major part of waste disposal; the extent to which it has been replaced by incineration and or recycling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1900/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which wave and offshore wind electricity generation is being pursued as an alternative to reliance on fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1901/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the significant cash flow pressures that private bus operators are experiencing and are likely to continue to experience over 2021 (details supplied). — Noel Grealish. [44989/20]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport if instruction will be given to county and city councils as to whether clamping is discontinued for the duration of the public health lockdown. — Louise O'Reilly. [1436/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the soaring cost of air freight and the immediate negative effect being experienced by exporters in getting their goods to the markets and the threat to exporting companies and businesses of the loss of valuable contracts; if direct financial support will be offered to companies and businesses experiencing difficulty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [1700/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to deal with drivers with learner permits who cannot take the driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44651/20]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport if commercial vehicles that have been off the road due to Covid-19 restrictions and their business (details supplied) is unable to open are being given the option to tax their commercial vehicles on a temporary or short-term basis in order to start to reopen without having to pay a full year's road tax given they have had no earnings since March 2020; if

consideration is being given to a retrospective grace period for road tax for vehicles off the road due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44665/20]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the roll-out of 24-hour bus routes in south Dublin including Dún Laoghaire and Rathdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44726/20]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44740/20]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has commenced a feasibility study on the double tracking of the rail line connecting Athenry to Galway city; and if not, when he expects to do so. — Ciarán Cannon. [44743/20]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44796/20]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of capital project contracts final accounts that have exceeded the tender value by more than 20% in each of the years 2010 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44815/20]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are future plans to use the trainline in Duleek, east County Meath which is currently in use by a company (details supplied) on the old Navan to Drogheda line for commuter purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44831/20]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport the deadline for completion of the project regarding the motor third party liability database that is intended to facilitate An Garda Síochána in detecting uninsured drivers which was originally legislated for in 2010 and had an original completion deadline of Q4 2018. — Catherine Murphy. [44832/20]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the time-frame for the provision of funding and for the commencement of services for the Carlow town bus service project which now sits at the top of the list of recommended projects for funding by the NTA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [44858/20]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport the service improvements that are planned for the 115 Bus Éireann service to Kilcock, County Kildare in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44877/20]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or his officials have engaged with TII with a view to maximising the potential for native tree planting on existing TII lands adjacent to national road routes in circumstances in which such planting would comply with all relevant road safety demands (details supplied) and provide the State with an additional capacity for increasing biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [44898/20]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent to date on the BusConnects project. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44928/20]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated total cost of implementing BusConnects. — Jim O’Callaghan. [44929/20]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of purchasing properties in Dublin in order to implement BusConnects. — Jim O’Callaghan. [44930/20]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of the Córas Iompair Éireann Pension Committee regarding the restructuring of pension benefits for the 1951 superannuation scheme; if legal and actuarial documentation and clarifications sought on behalf of the scheme’s pensions committee have been withheld from the legal advisers of the scheme; the steps he is taking to address these concerns and the funding shortfall in the pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44931/20]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the campaign to extend the short hop zone to Drogheda, County Louth in the immediate future to address and reduce the unfair costs to commuters in Drogheda, County Louth and east County Meath who are subsequently travelling to Balbriggan, County Dublin to reduce their commuting costs which is creating more cars on the road at a time when Ireland is actively campaigning to increase public transport footfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [44936/20]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the short, medium and long-term plans of the National Transport Authority to address the transport and commuter needs of Drogheda, County Louth and its hinterland; the available funding streams that are open to both Louth and Meath County Councils to improve transport, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [44979/20]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding will be approved for the 4.6km section of the Grand Canal Greenway which stretches from Grange Castle to Hazelhatch, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44980/20]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport if a matter in relation to an application by a person (details supplied) to renew a driver licence will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45001/20]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has carried out an assessment of the impact of the proposed new cycleway on Strand Road, Dublin 4. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45062/20]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport if there has been progress in conducting a feasibility study into an extension of MetroLink. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45063/20]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority consulted with local Garda superintendents regarding the potential traffic implications of the BusConnects proposals. — Eoghan Murphy. [45068/20]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport if correspondence from a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if the matter raised will be urgently referred to the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45108/20]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to increasing the age allowed for cars being used for hackney service given that it is causing extra costs to drivers to

replace their cars while their business is considerably reduced due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [45180/20]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport the operational limits for D-class and delta 7.9 metre coastguard boats in Kilkee, County Clare in relation to its geographic area, weather conditions and seasonal time frame; and if Kilkee coastguard station is fully operational with regard to call-outs for both boats. — Cathal Crowe. [45193/20]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport if a panel (details supplied) will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45199/20]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the backlog of driver and theory tests which have accumulated due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [1032/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount BusConnects, both the Network and the Corridor Projects has cost the State to date including contractors and so on; if the BusConnects project can continue before a full review of the greater Dublin area transport strategy has been completed in view of changed travel, commuting practices following Covid-19; and if the deadline can be extended for the public consultation period given that lockdown restrictions have been in place for most of the consultation period. — Chris Andrews. [1062/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria used by his Department to consider the reclassification of roads to national road status; the roads that have been considered for and granted or refused reclassification to national road status for the period 2015 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1069/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of road that has been allocated to roads in County Monaghan in each of the years 2010 to 2020; the proposed allocations for 2021 for each category in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1092/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request full feasibility studies to take place on the opening of a much needed train station on the north of Viaduct Drogheda, County Louth and the reopening of Dunleer train station in mid-County Louth in advance of the imminent DART expansion to Drogheda both of which would further decrease the need to use private vehicles in the county and help meet carbon targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1103/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts being made to encourage operators to increase direct shipping routes from Ireland to continental Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1104/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of calls that have been made to his Department's Brexit helpline for freight shipping procedures at Dublin Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1106/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of calls that have been made to his Department's Brexit helpline for freight shipping procedures at Rosslare Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1107/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if the current extensions for driving licences and learner permits will be extended by six months in order to alleviate the pressure on and risks to NDLS staff and to reduce the need for persons to travel long distances and increase the risks of infection in order to renew same in a context of already long waiting times. — Paul Murphy. [1118/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered providing an extension to car tax to compensate for the underuse of many cars over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1129/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the plan in place to deal with the driver theory test backlog; and if remote options or staggered examinations have been considered. — Sean Sherlock. [1140/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons now awaiting a driver test in each test centre in tabular form; and the expected time to wait before a test can be guaranteed. — Sean Sherlock. [1141/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of public bike share scheme users by month in Cork, Galway and Limerick, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1142/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with officials in his Department and with a local authority on a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [1143/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with officials in his Department and with a local authority on a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [1144/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with officials in his Department and with a local authority on a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [1145/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered the safety arrangements being put in place by driving schools; if this important service can be fitted into the roadmap of levels for safe activities as an essential service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [1167/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if the new intercity rail carriages that have been ordered include wheelchair ramps that can be used by wheelchair users as needed and do not need to pre-booked to ensure a ramp is available. — Catherine Murphy. [1183/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount the NTA and Iarnród Éireann have spent on refurbishment and maintenance on Heuston and Connolly train stations in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1202/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the provision of wheelchair accessible public transport in County Meath specifically the Bus Éireann services. — Darren O'Rourke. [1203/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport when the post of Chairperson of the Irish Aviation Authority will be filled. — Darren O'Rourke. [1204/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request that the NDLS provide clarity to the public on the current situation with renewal of driver licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1227/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport if an issue (details supplied) regarding licences will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1256/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the stricter enforcement measures that can be taken to protect public transport staff during the latest Covid-19 surge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1291/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if an instruction can be given to local authorities and private clamping companies to suspend parking charges and clamping during the current lockdown given these charges are putting increased financial pressure on many persons who are already struggling on a reduced income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [1320/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to charges and changes to flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [1349/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a memorandum of understanding signed between the Port of Cork and an energy company (details supplied) to develop LNG facilities at the port; if the memorandum is still operating; if his Department has had communication from the Port of Cork or the company in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1351/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if motorists from Northern Ireland now require a green card to drive in the 26 counties; and if there will be changes to requirements to drive in the south for motorists from the north post-Brexit. — Peadar Tóibín. [1370/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driving tests conducted by the Road Safety Authority in 2020. — Louise O'Reilly. [1438/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to complaints by motorists that the LED headlights on new cars are causing significant difficulties for oncoming drivers; and if the European Commission that has responsibility for this area is aware of such difficulties. — Louise O'Reilly. [1442/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is the case that free travel pass holders are unable to book bus places with Bus Éireann online; the reason for same; if it will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1446/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if the option of extending the remote online theory test for bus, lorry, CPC and ADI categories to all vehicle and driver categories, for example, car and motorcycle will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1447/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person who lives six months in Ireland and six months in the UK each year and has businesses in both countries is required to transfer their UK

driving licence for an Irish licence post Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1477/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with his Northern Irish counterpart in relation to the proposed Sligo-Enniskillen greenway in the context of the new shared island fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1505/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with his Northern Irish counterpart in relation to the proposed A5 upgrade in the context of the new shared island fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1506/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to clear the backlog of driving tests when it is safe to do so given the long waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1511/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene in the ongoing situation with the NDLS in which learner drivers and those in need of licence renewals are being left waiting months on end for appointments. — Cathal Crowe. [1609/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the N6 Galway city ring road; the stage the project is at; the next stages in the process; when is a decision likely to be made; the year funding is likely to be allocated for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1618/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the refusal of an exchange of a UK driving licence for an Irish driving licence for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [1638/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the planned RSA driving test centre for Drogheda, County Louth; when learner drivers can expect to be in a position to book their driving tests in the proposed Drogheda centre; if those who have already booked a test in the Navan or Dundalk test centres will be able to change their test location to Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1639/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to clear the backlog of learner drivers as a result of Covid-19-related lockdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1640/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the suspension of requirement for over 70s to provide a medical report when applying for a driving licence which lapsed on 31 December 2020 in view of current circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1641/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of future planning discussions and meetings that have taken place within his Department from 2019 to date with port companies and local authorities in counties Louth and Meath in relation to the development of ports in the areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1658/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if NCT centres will continue to operate as normal for the foreseeable future. — Denise Mitchell. [1664/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider granting an exemption to learner drivers who are essential workers and have completed 12 driving lessons to allow them drive to and from work unaccompanied by a fully licensed driver for the period of level 5 restrictions in view of reduced capacity on public transport causing issues for essential workers during level 5 restrictions and the lengthy delays in accessing the driving test. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1672/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is planned to give a further exemption to person over 70 years of age renewing their driving licences in relation to the need to have a medical certificate with the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1708/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct the NTA to reduce the renewal fee for SPSV licenses which are due for renewal in 2021 from €250 to €50 in the context of the dramatic reduction of incomes for taxi and small public service vehicle drivers due to the Covid-19 restrictions. — Paul Murphy. [1734/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Ardee bypass project; the associated key timelines and relevant information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1764/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the details for his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1801/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the speed limit appeals process (details supplied) which is due to be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1882/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance the definition of the meaning wedding venue under the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if it includes hotels. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [44876/20]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance the key measures under the Action Plan for Insurance Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44884/20]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the outdoor activities sector is excluded from the Covid restrictions support scheme due to the fact that most of the sector's business activity not being delivered at a fixed business premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45144/20]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to applying a tax credit (details supplied) to persons who retrofit homes for energy efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1028/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount allocated annually to date to the Dublin City Council living city initiative; and the details of future expansion of funding and geographic remit within Dublin city as facilitated by Departmental funding. — Patrick Costello. [1164/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend eligibility of the Covid restrictions support scheme to camping and caravan parks given the severe impact of the Covid-19 restrictions on this sector; if he will reconsider the current classification of camping and caravan parks as an

outdoor activity given that they are registered and approved accommodation providers that operate from fixed business premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1358/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding tax relief for dental expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1762/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will include outdoor activity businesses in the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44664/20]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Covid restrictions support scheme will be made available to the approximately 80 bookmakers who work on Ireland's racecourse sector and therefore have no permanent office and have been without income since the beginning of the Covid pandemic. — Cathal Crowe. [44691/20]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to include outdoor activity providers in the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [44736/20]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if assets were sold back to and or transferred by NAMA and or a third party to a person (details supplied) following their bankruptcy; and if he is satisfied that the beneficial owner procedures have been adhered to in relation to this asset. — Catherine Murphy. [44742/20]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to equally apply a standard rate of value added tax to all white candles used in churches to ensure a level playing field and avoid a situation in which some non-cylindrical shaped candles face a competitive disadvantage of being taxed at 23% while other non-cylindrical candles do not have this level of VAT applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44768/20]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44785/20]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are six to eight-week delays in getting an appointment for a car to be assessed for VRT in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44803/20]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to granting an extension to current VRT rates until the middle or end of January 2021 until the backlog is cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44804/20]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to identifying an alternative centre in County Cork to deal with the assessment of vehicles for VRT due to the current backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44805/20]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of capital project contracts final accounts that have exceeded the tender value by more than 20% in each of the years 2010 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44810/20]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers' scheme following the amendment to the Finance Bill 2020; and the date new applicants can apply for the scheme. — Mattie McGrath. [44823/20]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason persons (details supplied) who are jointly assessed for means by the Department of Social Protection have been refused joint assessment by the Revenue Commissioners for tax and dependant purposes on the basis that they must be either married or in a civil partnership to avail of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [44850/20]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to bring forward proposals to introduce a market wide cap on interest rates charged by licensed moneylenders; if he is considering legislative changes to the operation and regulation of the moneylending sector based on the submissions received in response to the consultation exercise entitled capping the cost of licensed moneylenders and other public matters commenced by his Department in May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44859/20]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance the policy or legislative changes he plans to make to the Disabled Drivers Passengers (Tax Concessions) Regulations 1994 and the related primary medical certificates following the Supreme Court ruling of 18 June 2020. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [44867/20]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter regarding the Covid restrictions support scheme in the case of a person (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [44916/20]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance when changes to the disabled drivers and passengers' scheme will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44972/20]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the inclusion of second-hand homes within the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [44976/20]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the income tax implications of the €250 payment to non-SUSI students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [44977/20]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if the definitions of art relating to the artists exemption scheme will be reviewed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [45015/20]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of tax that has been paid by puppy breeders, puppy sellers, puppy farms in each of the past five years; and if his Department is pursuing dog selling platforms that are selling in Ireland but registered outside Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [45060/20]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 9 December 2020, if it is correct that the €3,000 annual gift exemption does not form part of the aggregate

lifetime inheritance calculation so it remains that the child of two partners can get €6,000 per year that is not included in that calculation whereas the child of one parent can only get €3,000. — Eoghan Murphy. [45069/20]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter regarding a caravan park (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45076/20]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if the criteria for the Covid restrictions support scheme will be expanded to include sports clubs that operate a licensed premises in view of the fact that they are down business due to the various levels of restrictions and will likely continue to go through. — Cathal Crowe. [45121/20]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding VAT on church candles (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45137/20]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that mortgage providers are refusing loans on the basis that an applicant is on the employment wage subsidy scheme regardless of ability to make repayments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45151/20]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45177/20]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1005/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1006/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if a decision to refuse the Covid restrictions support scheme application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1022/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year yield from each 1.5% increase in the minimum effective tax rate of persons earning over €150,000 per year. — Catherine Murphy. [1182/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance when the necessary communications to the Minister for Health and the HSE will be made to allow for the resumption of issuing primary medical certificates; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1226/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the proportion of the national debt that is held by Irish bond holders; the proportion held by non-Irish bondholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1251/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is possible for sports clubs and leisure centres which operate bars and restaurants on their premises to apply for the Covid restrictions support scheme for those businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [1268/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to ensure that banks are not implementing unreasonably punitive measures on businesses that are struggling as a result of enforced closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic especially in relation to loan repayments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [1269/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to increase the Covid restrictions support scheme limit from €5,000 considering the recent move to level 5 and in view of the fact that the €5,000 limit is not sustainable for many medium sized businesses. — Joe O'Brien. [1273/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that his Department has advised the HSE to pause all applications for the primary medical certificate which have not already been assessed due to a Supreme Court decision; when assessment of these applications will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1288/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance when assessments for applications for primary medical certificates will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1312/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will intervene with a federation (details supplied) and the five main retail banks to request that flexible arrangements are put in place for borrowers in difficulty with mortgage and loan repayments due to the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic; if new payment breaks can be put in place; the role of the Central Bank regarding this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [1386/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance if an invoice (details supplied) will be accepted to determine the value of a vehicle to calculate the amount of importation VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1400/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if a new moratorium on mortgages will be instituted (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1454/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if a bank can insist on a PPS number for a person to open an account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1461/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has re-engaged with a group (details supplied) in relation to the introduction of a further payment break for borrowers in view of the decision by the European Banking Authority to reactivate its guidelines on legislative and non-legislative moratoria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [1554/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance the names and positions of the individual Departmental representatives on the Inter-Departmental Pensions Reform and Taxation Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1617/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax liability outstanding for the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1645/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 264 of 24 November 2020, the reason a review was requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1655/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of reviews of primary medical certificates requested by the Revenue Commissioners in 2018, 2019 and 2020; the number of reviews which resulted in the removal of primary medical certificates in each year; the reason such reviews are requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1656/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons who accessed the temporary wage subsidy scheme and employment wage subsidy scheme during 2020. — Marian Harkin. [1727/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to either suspend or provide some form of relief on benefit-in-kind taxation on company cars given that a person with a company vehicle is liable to pay a considerable amount of tax due to not meeting business mileage quotas due to the impact of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [1751/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance if benefit in kind car exemptions and concessions will be extended (details supplied) in view of Covid-19 level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1755/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance if the provisions in the Finance Act 2020 with regard to primary medical certificates are now being implemented; if medical assessments are being performed by the HSE; the steps he is taking to deal with the backlog of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1804/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff at the National Treasury Management Agency excluding the National Asset Management Agency that received pay in 2020 including retention payments and other benefits by range (details supplied); the number employed by the National Treasury Management Agency at the end of 2019 and 2020, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1916/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff at the National Asset Management Agency that received pay in 2020 by salary range (details supplied); the number employed by the agency at the end of 2019 and 2020, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1917/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out by the National Asset Management Agency in voluntary redundancy payments in 2020; the number of staff that took voluntary redundancy in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1918/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out by the National Treasury Management Agency in voluntary redundancy payments in 2020; the number of staff that took voluntary redundancy in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1919/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out in gardening leave by NAMA in 2020; and the number to receive gardening leave payments in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [1920/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out in gardening leave by NTMA in 2020; and the number to receive gardening leave payments in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [1921/21]

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

*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which Brexit will affect applications for tendering of public projects from Northern Ireland or the UK and vice versa. — Peadar Tóibín. [44693/20]

*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the FEMPI cuts to include the Defence Forces that have been reversed by category of worker to date. — Sorca Clarke. [44662/20]

*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the FEMPI cuts to allowances to include the Defence Forces that have been reversed by category of worker to date. — Sorca Clarke. [44663/20]

*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he expects the review of the supplementary pension scheme to be completed; when PeoplePoint will be in a position to process applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [44776/20]

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44791/20]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of capital project contracts final accounts that have exceeded the tender value by more than 20% in each of the years 2010 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44811/20]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to measure compatibility of private sector experience and allow it to be carried over into the public sector including in the health service. — Louise O'Reilly. [45054/20]

*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of tour guides and information officers that have been employed at Kilmainham Gaol since 2000 on an annual basis in tabular form with a distinction made between seasonal, part-time and full-time employees. — Patrick Costello. [1177/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of complaints the Office of Public Works received from staff past and present relating to members of management, head guides level and above at Kilmainham Gaol; the outcome of each case; the measures taken on foot of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1178/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the departure of a person (details supplied) from their position of employment in Kilmainham; the details of an investigation arising from same; the actions taken on foot of this in terms of on-site measures and any legal criminal action taken against the person; and if the particulars of the case are subject to a FOI request. — Patrick Costello. [1179/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the last time that the Office of Public Works refurbished a community policing office (details supplied); and if the OPW plans to refurbish this office during 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [1198/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Garda stations within North Dublin Garda Division that are due to be refurbished by the Office of Public Works in the first half of 2021; when each project will commence; and the time frame for the duration of same. — Catherine Murphy. [1199/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details for his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1255/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the refurbishment of the General Post Office, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1 will commence; and the intended use of the refurbished space on completion of the works to be overseen by the Office of Public Works. — Mary Lou McDonald. [1343/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the CFRAM schemes for County Louth and east County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1676/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the historical gates of the Phoenix Park removed in summer 2018; when the original gates will be restored and returned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1745/21]

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

*280. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an tuairim atá aige maidir leis an ráiteas a rinne an tAire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, go bhfuil struchtúr Bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta ag feidhmiú go sásúil, go háirithe sa chomhthéacs inar thug sé féin gealltanas go gcuirfeadh sé toghcháin Údarás na Gaeltachta ar bun arís nuair a bheadh sé ina Thaoiseach; an bhfuil sé fós i gceist aige an gealltanas a thug sé a chomhlíonadh agus toghcháin Údarás na Gaeltachta a chur ar bun arís agus é ina Thaoiseach anois; agus cén tráth faoina mbeidh an gealltanas sin comhlíonta (sonraí tugtha). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44699/20]

*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when restrictions placed on indoor training for inline figure staking will be lifted given this is a non-contact sport which has been very negatively impacted by the Covid-19 restrictions on indoor training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44818/20]

*282. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason community radio stations have been granted financial aid in 2020 while others such as a station (details supplied) have been denied same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44982/20]

*283. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if indoor stage schools can resume as of 9 January 2021 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45191/20]

*284. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will publish the full list of recipients of funding under the music industry stimulus package including the allocations by first music contact, her Department and the Arts Council of Ireland; the criteria

by which recipients are chosen; the criteria used by the allocating bodies to dispense funding in each case to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44715/20]

*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department or State agencies under the aegis of her Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44795/20]

*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if all Olympic athletes are considered elite for training purposes under public health restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [44888/20]

*287. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her response to the views of a sports club (details replied) with regard to the recent announcements and restrictions concerning Ireland entering level 3; if a level playing field will be committed to for sports of a similar nature; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44901/20]

*288. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 258 of 8 December 2020, if the term individual specifies only one student in a room; if not, if it means many students as long as they meet the social distancing criteria; if the requirement for an excess of two metres social distancing between each of the predefined areas pertains to a two metre square bubble or two metres around a two metre square bubble; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44902/20]

*289. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding that has been allocated for the installation of a swimming pool by Kildare County Council at the Maynooth University campus. — Catherine Murphy. [44904/20]

*290. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider lifting the restrictions for bowling centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [44924/20]

*291. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider a proposal (details supplied) to allow bowling alleys to open during level 3 lockdown. — Cathal Crowe. [44942/20]

*292. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the guidelines that regulate the promotion of Irish music on airplay on Irish radio and television; her plans to introduce additional regulations particularly in relation to setting a percentage quota requirement for Irish music on radio and television; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [44981/20]

*293. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the financial supports that Fáilte Ireland will provide to the coach tourism sector; and if funding will be allocated from the €55 million business continuity scheme designed to support strategic businesses in the sector. — Noel Grealish. [44987/20]

*294. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to support coach tourism in 2021 in view of the fact that the sector is responsible for attracting two million international tourists to Ireland each year. — Noel Grealish. [44988/20]

*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to address the significant cash flow pressures that businesses in the coach tourism are experiencing and are likely to continue to experience over 2021 (details supplied). — Noel Grealish. [44989/20]

*296. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has made representations to Fáilte Ireland in respect of the need for coach tourism to be supported under the €55 million in business continuity scheme designed for strategic tourism businesses; and the status of the request for financial support. — Noel Grealish. [44990/20]

*297. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén maoiniú a chuir Ealaín na Gaeltachta ar fáil d'eagraíochtaí in 2018, 2019 agus 2020; agus i bhfoirm tábla, cad iad na heagraíochtaí a fuair maoiniú agus cé mhéad maoiniú a tugadh d'achan eagraíocht díobh sin. — Pearse Doherty. [44998/20]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if, in view of the importance of the car rental industry to the tourism sector, she will meet with representatives of the industry to hear and find solutions for Covid-19-related issues regarding the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45045/20]

*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received the submission by a company (details supplied) to the Tourism Taskforce; if a tourism online voucher system will be introduced that would enable tourism providers to commission promotional videos to market their product; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [45081/20]

*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will allow indoor sport training for sporting organisations with no national governing body recognised by Sport Ireland such as artistic roller skating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45101/20]

*301. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if rugby clubs such as a club (details supplied) will be assisted in restarting rugby at senior and underage level. — Robert Troy. [45143/20]

*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will assist a club request (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45200/20]

*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports available to independent community theatres to see them through the Covid-19 crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1064/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will permit one-to-one piano lessons for educational purposes in private homes under the current level 5 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [1154/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will provide grant funding to support the commercial live events sector; if the Arts and Culture Recovery Taskforce is giving consideration to the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1289/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if public procurement standards apply to sporting governing bodies in receipt of public funds (details supplied); the extent of oversight and accountability which applies to the spending of public funds by sporting bodies; the way it is applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1308/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the funding which was made available to Tourism Ireland during Covid-19 will be allocated to coach companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1718/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount allocated in funding for the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme in each of the years 2016 to 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [1722/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Sport Ireland will consider erecting signage prohibiting dogs from accompanying walkers and climbers on a mountain trail (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1747/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details for her Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1800/21]

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

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities that employ or do not employ climate action officers; if there is a standardisation of these roles and responsibilities across local authorities in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44764/20]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities which have parks and biodiversity officers or departments; the local authorities that do not have such officers or departments in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44765/20]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to providing water fountains in public places in order that the demand for plastic bottled water can be reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44869/20]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the level of housing assistance payment in Dublin will be reviewed to ensure families on social welfare have sufficient funds left for other essentials after rent top ups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45165/20]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if wastewater analysis is taking place in Ireland to detect levels of Covid-19 as is done in other countries; if so, the regularity with which wastewater is being sampled; the results of those samples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45178/20]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the grant allocation to local authorities under the built heritage investment scheme to ensure that the allocations to each local authority are fair and equitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [1071/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with his Northern Irish counterpart in relation to the Ulster Canal connection from Clones, County Monaghan to Upper Lough Erne upgrade in the context of the new shared island fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1507/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a representation (details supplied) being considered; if agreed, when payment will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [1555/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that the proposed affordable housing scheme and specific shared equity plan represents good value for money; his views on the reported assessment (details supplied) that the property industry want an equity scheme because it will increase prices; his further views on the assessment from another official who reportedly stated that it will push up prices in a supply-constrained environment, most likely at a time when prices are starting to rise anyway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1876/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount and breakdown of funding allocated by his Department to housing bodies (details supplied) in each of the years 2015 to 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44649/20]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social welfare incomes that are considered temporary when a local authority is assessing a persons' application for social housing. — Sorca Clarke. [44654/20]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of families in counties Longford and Westmeath on notice to quit who have less than three months before they have to vacate the property. — Sorca Clarke. [44655/20]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding for fire stations in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by county. — Sorca Clarke. [44656/20]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time and part-time firefighters per county. — Sorca Clarke. [44657/20]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding provided to a local authority (details supplied) to purchase private houses for social housing applicants in each of the years 2017 to 2020 inclusive in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44678/20]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of private houses a local authority (details supplied) purchased for social housing applicants in each of the years 2017 to 2020 inclusive in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44679/20]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority (details supplied) has applied for funding to purchase further private houses for social housing applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44680/20]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority (details supplied) has used the allocation of funding provided to it to purchase private houses for social housing applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44682/20]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sites in Dún Laoghaire and Rathdown, County Dublin that have availed of the serviced sites fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44724/20]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress to date in the establishment of a working group to examine building defects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44739/20]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44789/20]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress to date in expanding the role of vacant home officers in local authorities to bring vacant stock into productive use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44801/20]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of capital project contracts final accounts that have exceeded the tender value by more than 20% in each of the years 2010 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44816/20]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 138 of 9 September 2020, when funding for a development (details supplied) will be approved; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44852/20]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a decision has been made with regard to the application by Meath County Council for URDF funding for a public realm and library for Bettystown and Laytown, County Meath taking into the account the 15,000 plus residents in east County Meath that are awaiting news on a much needed state of the art public library; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44861/20]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to engage with local authorities throughout the country on introducing new designated biodiversity locations to replace existing paved and asphalted spaces in which such existing spaces are underutilised; if a funding stream will be secured for such works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [44899/20]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time and part-time staff employed by each local authority. — Catherine Murphy. [44903/20]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding drawn down for the disabled persons housing grant in County Cork by municipal district; the amount awarded in each municipal district; and the number of applications received and approved in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44926/20]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide additional supports to allow persons living with a disability to remain in their own homes. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [44973/20]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 305 of 1 December 2020, if stage 1 submission has been received from Limerick City and County Council on a housing project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45118/20]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made on the Programme for Government commitment to publish a youth homelessness strategy; his plans to engage with stakeholders in youth and homeless services in developing the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45157/20]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons that presented as homeless in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45158/20]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when is the current target to end homelessness in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45159/20]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the contractual obligations for delivery of Part V units through leasing; the number of units provided via this method in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45162/20]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the DRHE has responsibility for youth homelessness in the Dublin region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45163/20]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new houses built in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45170/20]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of action 13.2 of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy for which his Department is responsible to ensure that the rights and diversity of LGBTI+ service users are respected and promoted as part of the National Quality Standards Framework for homeless services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45171/20]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the anticipated timelines for the establishment and reporting of the Dáil Constituency Commission, the European Elections Constituency Commission and Local Elections Constituency Commission given that with the Statistics (Census of Population) Order 2020 the next census will take place in April 2022. — Richard Bruton. [1035/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the next constituency commissions for the next Dáil Éireann, European and local elections will take place under the existing legislative provisions; and if not, if this function will be taken over by the Electoral Commission. — Richard Bruton. [1036/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected timeline for the establishment of the Electoral Commission. — Richard Bruton. [1037/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the funding drawn down under the repair and leasing scheme in 2019 and 2020, by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1066/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to provide specific first time buyer supports to allow families to purchase second-hand properties in areas in which the level of new home construction is very low; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1096/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when section 26 of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019 will come into force. — Darren O'Rourke. [1209/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses retrofitted under the Midland Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme in 2020; the location of each in each county; the number to be retrofitted in each location in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1218/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to reintroduce a ban on pigeon shooting on farms considering that tillage farmers and cereal growers currently enjoy a derogation from same in order to protect their crops from pigeon damage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1265/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of monitoring of the Malahide Estuary special protection area 004025 that has taken place in the past five years to ensure compliance with S.I. No. 285 of 2011 since it was enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [1267/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is planning to extend the current commercial rates waiver into 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [1274/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has received an application from Clare County Council for a pyrite mica defective block remediation scheme in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1314/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the long-promised exemptions from planning permission will be introduced for rooftop solar installations in order that schools and community buildings can be exempted from having to apply for planning permission to install solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1316/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way his Department can assist the residents of a complex (details supplied) in meeting the cost of fire safety remediation

in their apartment complex; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1373/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that will be granted to each local authority under the Rebuilding Ireland Programme on an annual basis to year end 2023, in tabular form in order; the projected number of houses and apartments to be delivered in each of those years by local authority; and the number of urban regeneration projects that will commence by local authority over this time period. — Catherine Murphy. [1403/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if awareness signs on the dangers of Lyme disease are in place in all national parks across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1677/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when funding for the new fire station at Urlingford, County Kilkenny will be provided; and the timeline for its completion. — John McGuinness. [1724/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the part of the Housing (Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans) Regulations 2018 that precludes a person who is in the very early stages of a construction project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1728/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the boundaries of the 3,440 electoral divisions in the State in advance of the 2022 census (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [1779/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details for his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1795/21]

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

*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of negotiations by Ireland to join the WHO C-TAP initiative; the number of meetings that have taken place between his Department and the WHO; the representatives from his Department who attended these meetings; the outcome of the meetings; if he will provide meeting records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44851/20]

*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the decision of the European Council to add two Iranian persons and the Directorate for Internal Security of the Iranian Ministry for Intelligence and Security to the EU terrorist list in the measures set down in common position 2001/931/CFSP in January 2019; the measures Ireland has taken to support this decision since it was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [44719/20]

*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44786/20]

*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 285 of 10 December 2020, if all bilateral agreements between Ireland and Israel apply only to those areas within Israel's pre-1967 borders; if these bilateral agreements specifically differentiated the settlements at inception or have been amended or modified following EU decisions; the procedures and inspections in place to ensure that individuals residing in Israeli settlements cannot profit in any way from the provisions of such bilateral agreements; the structures or practices in place to ensure that companies established in these illegal settlements, all economic activities being carried out there and individuals living elsewhere but earning income from these settlements cannot profit from the provisions of these agreements in particular the 1995 double taxation treaty between Ireland and Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44808/20]

*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who has been detained for acts of peaceful protest against the regime in Belarus; the measures the State is taking to opposing ongoing human rights abuses by Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [44941/20]

*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland has or plans to provide emergency relief to Nicaragua; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44984/20]

*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts was assured by Irish Aid officials that an election observers competition fully met public standards in view of the fact the competition was conducted without an equality section or accommodations for disability; the reason the forms were not marked by a person independent of Irish Aid; the reason almost all marks were allocated on five competencies by serving or retired officials who had no actual experience of election observation; the reason a senior official decided that disability could not be considered in the competition; the reason a formal notice was issued stating the consideration of disability would be unfair to other candidates; the reason the appeal mechanism was only a numerical check of the marks of candidates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [45025/20]

*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which it is possible for an Irish election observer to obtain top marks in independent tests with the official election bodies of OSCE and EU yet the same tests administered by Irish Aid officials on a candidate (details supplied) placed them much lower than other Irish observers who failed the OSCE and EU tests; his views on whether this suggests flaws in the competition run by his Department; his further views on whether the matter should be independently investigated; if so, if an independent investigation will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [45026/20]

*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45044/20]

*376. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has made contact with the Iranian Government in relation to the recent execution of a person (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [45065/20]

*377. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the recent execution of a journalist (details supplied) and other recent civil rights abuses by the Islamic Republic of Iran; the actions his Department and the EU has taken or will take in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [45082/20]

*378. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the waiving of intellectual property rules for Covid-19 vaccines and other related drugs in order to assist poorer countries in responding to the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45149/20]

*379. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will condemn the recent execution of a person (details supplied); the measures he is taking to outlaw capital punishment around the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45150/20]

*380. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the EU has provided research funding to companies conducting business in illegal Israeli settlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45156/20]

*381. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the support provided by his Department and the EU for Syrian refugees in Lebanon; the additional supports required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45169/20]

*382. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding Irish citizenship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1031/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [1080/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts that have been made to secure the release of a person (details supplied) from prison in China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1098/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of calls that have been made to his Department’s Brexit helpline for Irish citizens living overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1099/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of calls that have been made to his Department’s Brexit helpline from Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1100/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the Japanese Prime Minister since their appointment as Prime Minister. — Darren O’Rourke. [1207/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1259/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress to date on the UNCCD great green wall project and Ireland’s engagement with UNCCD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1406/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will include the outlawing of the practice of breast ironing during Ireland’s term on the UN security Council in view of the fact that this practice has been identified by the United Nations as one of five intersecting and vicious forms of discrimination and forgotten crimes against women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1407/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if consideration has been given at an EU Council of Foreign Ministers level to pursue an agenda of climate principles that deter carbon offshoring and thereby reduce global emissions to underpin trade and international relations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1408/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position with regard to passport applications; if the passport office is accepting applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1409/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress made to date on resolving the issue of undocumented Irish in the US; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1410/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of funding his Department is providing to climate adaptation and mitigation activities in some of the least developed countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1411/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress in resolving legal jurisdiction over Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough particularly in view of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1412/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider the possibility of allowing national parliamentary input in recipient countries on the use of the ODA budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1413/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that are being taken at EU level to improve engagement with like-minded member states on EU Commission files and to clearly reflect Ireland's concerns on such files at an earlier stage in the legislative process particularly in a post-Brexit era; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1414/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions taken following the mass arrest of pro-democracy protestors in Hong Kong; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1510/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide correspondence to a foreign births registry applicant (details supplied) to allow them to take up an employment opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1521/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current backlog for processing passports submitted electronically or via the postal service; the measures he will employ to address this backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1540/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there will be Irish representatives on the EU-British specialised trade committees of the post Brexit Trade Partnership Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1541/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details in respect of his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1792/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*403. To ask the Minister for Defence if Air Corps personnel have now completed training for night flying and landing at Galway University Hospital; when the existing aeromedical service will be expanded; the discussions to date with the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44687/20]

*404. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44781/20]

*405. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will request the Department of Health to prioritise Covid-19 vaccination for members of the Defence Forces leaving the country for active duty in the next six months. — Robert Troy. [45136/20]

*406. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide funding to replace the reserve fire tender at the fire station at the Defence Forces training centre given the fire appliance is over 21 years old. — Catherine Murphy. [1184/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacant positions for nurses, dentists and physiotherapists in the Defence Forces medical corps. — Catherine Murphy. [1185/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Defence if funding will be made available in 2021 for the upgrading of the dining hall at Gormanston camp; and the estimated time frame for such works. — Darren O'Rourke. [1210/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Defence if there are plans to replace the LÉ Ciara. — Darren O'Rourke. [1211/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Defence when members of the Defence Forces serving overseas can expect to receive a Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1280/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Defence the roles members of the Defence Forces are currently playing in relation to tackling the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1281/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Defence the details for his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1789/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*413. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the instruction by the Department to a school (details supplied) to remain open despite a high number of Covid-19 cases associated with the school. — Peadar Tóibín. [44759/20]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education her views on correspondence (details supplied) regarding pay inequality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44940/20]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education the alternative arrangements and means of assessment that will be put in place to cater for teacher training students due to undertake their advanced school placement period scheduled for January 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [1439/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education the number of absence reports over 20 days recorded by TESS in the 2020-2021 academic year to date; and if there has been an increase in the number of absence reports over 20 days to TESS compared to this time in 2020 in the 2019-2020 academic year. — Gary Gannon. [1635/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education if a wellbeing approach is followed when it comes to school absences and TESS as stated in September 2020; if guidance and support is provided to parents who are stressed and concerned after receiving letters notifying them their child has missed 20 days of schools even when they were due to Covid-19 related issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1636/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education if she will seek to address a dangerous school bus pick up point (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44647/20]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 162 of 12 July 2018, the status of the proposed new school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44666/20]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the payment of a special transport grant for a person (details supplied) which was approved in February 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44667/20]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education the section within her Department a school (details supplied) should contact to request fibre broadband; the process and contact details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44669/20]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a student (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that they are entitled to school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44674/20]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44675/20]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education if an application by a school (details supplied) in County Kerry will be taken into consideration. — Brendan Griffin. [44685/20]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44730/20]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the construction of a planned large extension to a school (details supplied); and when she expects construction to commence. — Ciarán Cannon. [44744/20]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education if, before taking up a teaching position in Ireland having qualified in another country, it is a requirement to have completed the NQT year in the country of qualification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44747/20]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education if revised guidance will be provided to schools on ventilation over the winter months; if additional funding will be provided to schools for the purchase of air monitoring systems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44748/20]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education when parents will receive payments under the school transport grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44749/20]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in the country currently experiencing outbreaks of Covid-19. — Peadar Tóibín. [44760/20]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education if DEIS status will be allocated to a school (details supplied) in County Longford; if she will consider the strains on resources, the dramatic job restructuring in the area at present and the fact that the student population in the school comprises of homes in which 27% are lone parents, 44% are social protection recipients and 37% EAL; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44762/20]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department or State agencies under the aegis of her Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44782/20]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education when guidance will be issued on the leaving certificate 2021; if she foresees changes from a traditional leaving certificate given the significant disruption to fifth year students during 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44809/20]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education the number of capital project contracts final accounts that have exceeded the tender value by more than 20% in each of the years 2010 to 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44812/20]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether a school admissions policy which states a written request should be made to the principal of the school (details supplied) and which provides no further information is in compliance with section 62(7)(n) of the Education Act 1998 which requires schools to publish an admission policy which provides details of the school's arrangements in respect of any student who wants to attend religious instruction or in cases of students under 18 years of age in which it is the wish of the parents of the student. — Paul Murphy. [44825/20]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education if a child will receive an Irish exemption (details supplied) due to the excessive waiting time for their assessment of need and the changes made to the qualifying criteria during this period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44834/20]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in post-primary schools awaiting initial appointments for the National Educational Psychological Service by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44835/20]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in primary schools awaiting initial appointments for the National Educational Psychological Service by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44836/20]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education the average waiting time for children in post-primary schools awaiting initial appointments for the National Educational Psychological Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44837/20]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education the average waiting time for children in primary schools awaiting initial appointments for the National Educational Psychological Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44838/20]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education if DEIS status can be applied to a school (details supplied) on socioeconomic grounds considering the economic difficulties in the area at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44841/20]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of permanent buildings for two schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [44844/20]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to amend circular 52/2013 to allow those who have completed a two-year level 9 qualification in special and inclusive education to take on a role in special education (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44870/20]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44874/20]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to concerns of parents regarding the lack of post-primary school places available in the Killester, Raheny, Clontarf, Drumcondra, Marino and Dublin 1 school planning areas for the 2021-2022 academic year; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that existing post-primary schools in the area are oversubscribed and have waiting lists for 2021; the actions she plans to take to deal with this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44894/20]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will receive payment under the July provision scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [44906/20]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide a new school building for a school (details supplied); if a site has been agreed; if so, the location of the site; and when construction will begin. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44939/20]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school (details supplied); the status of the planning application by the school; the projected timeline for the tendering and construction process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44944/20]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education the process for setting up a new school; the way in which a particular area is identified; the timelines in place to ensure a timely delivery of a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44945/20]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for a school extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44957/20]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the NEPS psychologist designated for a school (details supplied) is currently on maternity leave and has not been replaced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [44964/20]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase the availability of school places for children with a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44971/20]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria a school must meet to start an ASD class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44991/20]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education if a permanent site has been found for a school (details supplied); if so, the location of same; and when such information will issue. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44994/20]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to establishing a working group or taskforce in County Cork to come up with recommendations for preschool enrolment in 2021 given the difficulties with special education provision in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45042/20]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with an ASD diagnosis being educated in mainstream classrooms by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45043/20]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will ensure that a permanent location is provided for a school (details supplied) at the Malahide Broomfield site that was identified in 2018; and if the school build will be accelerated given the serious need for a permanent building. — Louise O'Reilly. [45050/20]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education if it will be ensured that students from a school (details supplied) will have equal access to second-level schools in the same manner that students from other primary schools in the area have. — Louise O'Reilly. [45051/20]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education if she will commit to increasing the number of second-level places by 2022 by prioritising the building of schools (details supplied) in addition to the extension to a school. — Louise O'Reilly. [45052/20]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45087/20]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied) will be allocated a space on a school bus. — Cathal Crowe. [45122/20]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education if suitable SNA supports will be allocated to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45130/20]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review correspondence (details supplied) in reply to Parliamentary Question No. 510 of 24 November 2020; the position regarding the project in view of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45140/20]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that children on the northside of Dublin will be faced with extended morning travel times due to lack of school places; the steps her Department is taking to address the shortage in school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45148/20]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 120 of 17 September 2020 and 74 of 30 July 2020, the latest contingency plans in relation to leaving certificate 2021; if greater certainty will be provided to leaving certificate 2021 students regarding practical subjects and the format of exams in June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45194/20]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she will take to address accommodation inadequacies at a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; the latest interaction her Department has had with the school in relation to this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45195/20]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education if she will include the much needed new primary school for Waterville, County Kerry in the new capital programme further to previous requests from this Deputy; if she will acknowledge that the existing building is unsuitable for modern educational purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45196/20]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education the action she is taking to address the unavailability of enrolment places for local children at a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of local children and parents who are being turned away from the school; if she has considered the overall circumstances in relation to secondary education provision in the mid-Kerry school catchment area; if she will take action to address the problem; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45197/20]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education the turnaround times for exceptional reviews for SNAs for both new schools that have no SNAs and established schools with SNAs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1025/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline of works and proposed opening of a new ASD school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1034/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education the actions that have been undertaken by her Department on foot of the recommendations of the Report on Tackling Childhood Obesity published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs in November 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1044/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students who studied a foreign language for their leaving certificate exam from 2010 to 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1049/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education the person or body residents that can liaise with regarding traffic and construction issues relating to the construction of new schools funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1053/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) for children with a severe profound intellectual disability will be allowed open irrespective of decisions made for other mainstream schools in view of the dependence of the students and their parents on the school services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1119/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education if an issue (details supplied) in relation to the Irish language requirement for the Teaching Council of Ireland will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1130/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken to ensure remote teaching provides as high a standard of education as possible in view of the restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1131/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education if schools are being equipped with the necessary technologies to allow remote teaching to occur at a high standard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1132/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education the number of requests for PPE she has received from primary and post-primary schools, respectively since 1 December 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [1137/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the tender for a school project (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [1138/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the tender for a school project (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [1139/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education the supports for teachers and guidance for schools in place to assist in the provision of remote learning in the context of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1174/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education if SNAs who are job sharing will be allowed to substitute; and the progress that has been made with technical implementation issues regarding payroll to allow these measures to be put in place. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1216/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for notifications for schools relating to closures due to Covid-19; the measures that will be taken to ensure that vulnerable children and children with disabilities have access to educational supports; when schools, parents and guardians will receive updates regarding opening times and change of schedules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1222/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education the supports in place for students of special schools to assist in the provision of remote learning in the context of Covid-19 restrictions; the guidance for special schools in support of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1232/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to review the operation of the school bus transport scheme before the end of the 2020-2021 school year. — Sean Sherlock. [1236/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement she has had with broadband providers in view of the decision to close schools to ensure internet connections for remote learning are as strong as possible and families are not penalised financially for exceeding bandwidth limits. — Sean Sherlock. [1243/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education the time frame for opening a special school (details supplied) in Dublin 12 which she announced in December 2020; and the works which will be required to be carried out on the building to prepare it for reverting to an educational function. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [1248/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education the capacity of the new special school (details supplied) in Dublin 12; the number of teachers, SNAs and other staff required; the facilities which will be available to the pupils attending it when it opens in September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [1249/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the leaving certificate 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1252/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure the 2021 leaving certificate makes accommodation for the large amount of in-class learning time lost due to Covid-19 during both this and the previous academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1283/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is in contact with second-level student representative bodies in relation to the 2021 leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1284/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that the 2021 junior certificate makes accommodation for the large amount of in-class learning time lost due to Covid-19 during both this and the previous academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1286/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure State examinations can take place in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1292/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education the provision being made for the substitute teachers who will have no income as the schools remain closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1317/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to put in place a remote learning plan for vulnerable students and students with vulnerable household members in view of the increased incidence of Covid-19. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1357/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education the reason her Department has cut the PPE funding for term 2 by 40% for a school (details supplied); her views on whether that it is unfair to penalise schools that did not use the procurement process to purchase PPE the details which were not released until the end of August 2020 yet this school had to procure before 26 June 2020 for four weeks for July Provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [1359/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education if contingency planning has been done to set out a way in which an estimate grading system for the leaving certificate 2021 could be conducted; and the changes in approach compared to 2020 which might be incorporated. — Richard Bruton. [1361/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education if an issue (details supplied) regarding classes for children with special needs will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1366/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education if secondary school students over 18 years of age and parents and guardians of students in primary and secondary schools can opt out of the contact tracing process and thus their school may not be informed if their student receives a positive Covid-19 test result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1378/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education when candidates who sat the leaving certificate examinations in November and December 2020 will receive their results. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1384/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education the arrangements made to ensure all primary and secondary school pupils and particularly all pupils sitting State examinations in 2021 will have access to full-time online tuition by their teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1389/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to a proposal (details supplied) by the NCCA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1452/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education if there are cuts planned to school grants for PPE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1462/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education the arrangements being made for leaving certificate oral and aural examinations in the context of ongoing restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1509/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport bus contractors will continue to be paid for the full week for the duration of level 5 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1518/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 337 of 15 December 2020, if conveyancing has been completed in respect of site acquisition for the new building for a school (details supplied); the expected time frame for the completion of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1542/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education further Parliamentary Question No. 346 of 15 December 2020, the engagements her Department has had with respect to an ASD unit at a school (details supplied); if she will ensure that measures are in place that will allow this unit to continue operating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1543/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to implementing an optional predicted grades system for the 2021 leaving certificate in view of the likely disruption to schooling that Covid-19 will cause in the short-term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [1553/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) can access the grant administered by schools to supply hearing aids. — Kathleen Funchion. [1601/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address matters of safety in regard to the leaving certificate (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1612/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to correspondence received (details supplied) in respect of the reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1620/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to correspondence received (details supplied) in respect of the reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1622/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1623/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1624/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which testing and tracing will run in the context of post-primary schools opening for three days a week to facilitate sixth year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1632/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to schemes from companies in the UK to supply broadband for students who do not have access at home to facilitate remote learning; if her Department has reached out to companies here to do the same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1633/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education the plans to support WiFi access for students without access during school buildings being closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1634/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education the planning position in regard to the new post-primary ETSS school for south Drogheda, County Louth; if she will provide other relevant updates on the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1654/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for extra special education teacher hours as the hours they currently have do not suffice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1660/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education if additional places will be provided at a school (details supplied) in view of the demand for first year places for the 2021-2022 academic year as was evident in the recent oversubscription issues that have come to light; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1662/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education the number of section 29 appeals that have been received in her Department in regard to enrolment rejections for the 2020-2021 academic year for County

Louth and catchment area in east County Meath by school name and number of appeals received for each school in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1663/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the capital works approved from 2016 at a school (details supplied); if provision will be made for the inclusion of a general purpose hall as part of recently awarded capital funding to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1675/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied) in respect of the concerns of SNAs in relation to the reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1678/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to proceed with the junior certificate examinations in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [1681/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education the date for the submission of projects for leaving certificate economics; if there will be flexibility on this date due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1688/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education if the dates and deadlines for leaving certificate projects and other work outside of the written examinations will be extended; the steps she is taking in relation to these aspects of the examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1694/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education when the results of the third appeal for leaving certificate results 2020 will be available; and when the results of the exams that were taken in October and November 2020 will be available. — Jackie Cahill. [1715/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied) regarding the reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1717/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider postponing the leaving certificate exams until July 2021 to allow students additional time in the classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1719/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [1729/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [1733/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address concerns regarding the reopening of special education classes in schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1737/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the junior certificate 2021 examinations; if there are still plans to conduct the exams; and if so, the additional support that can be provided for junior certificate students. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1744/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the need to postpone deadlines for leaving certificate practical exams until the resumption of normal school attendance; and if the case of design communications graphic assessment will be examined which requires students to be in school and use computer-aided design tools and in cases in which the remaining time will not be sufficient for students to meet the deadline of 15 January 2021. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [1749/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education the guidelines published regarding remote teaching; if the recording of classes for children is permitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1765/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the acquisition of a site for a school (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [1778/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education her definitive plans for the roll-out of oral exams for leaving certificate 2021 students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [1784/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education if the leaving certificate oral examination will go ahead as planned; if there are provisions for the exam to be held remotely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1803/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education if the leaving certificate oral examinations will take place in 2021; and if so, when the oral examinations will take place. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1807/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education if progress has been made on capital works approved in principle for a school (details supplied) in County Mayo; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1814/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure that students with special educational needs in mainstream classes will be supported to continue their education on par with their peers during the duration of school buildings being closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1879/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to support students in examination years mental health and well-being during the academic year 2020/2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1880/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education the most appropriate means for second-level students to contact her Department to communicate their experiences surrounding school building closures after students reporting comments being disabled online on social media; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1881/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date or in hand in meeting the school place, replacement of facilities, new school requirements and special needs provision in respect of each school project at primary and post-primary levels in Kilcock, County Kildare; the extent to which each project is on target in line with projections notwithstanding the imprecise previous reply in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1903/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date or in hand in meeting the school place, replacement of facilities, new school requirements and special needs provision in respect of each school project at primary and post-primary levels in Maynooth, County Kildare; the extent to which each project is on target in line with projections notwithstanding the imprecise previous reply in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1904/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date or in hand in meeting the school place, replacement of facilities, new school requirements and special needs provision in respect of each school project at primary and post-primary levels in Celbridge, County Kildare; the extent to which each project is on target in line with projections notwithstanding the imprecise previous reply in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1905/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date or in hand in meeting the school place, replacement of facilities, new school requirements and special needs provision in respect of each school project at primary and post-primary levels in Prosperous, County Kildare; the extent to which each project is on target in line with projections notwithstanding the imprecise previous reply in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1906/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date or in hand in meeting the school place, replacement of facilities, new school requirements and special needs provision in respect of each school project at primary and post-primary levels in Naas, County Kildare; the extent to which each project is on target in line with projections notwithstanding the imprecise previous reply in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1907/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date or in hand in meeting the school place, replacement of facilities, new school requirements and special needs provision in respect of each school project at primary and post-primary levels in Clane, County Kildare; the extent to which each project is on target in line with projections notwithstanding the imprecise previous reply in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1908/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the replacement of a school (details supplied); the degree to which progress has been made to advance the three-school project campus; the degree of negotiation with Kildare County Council to address road traffic management, new bridge provisions and a second river crossing given the undoubted impact traffic management is likely to have on the school proposals and the unworkability of the plans in this regard to date; when it is expected the three schools in question are likely to receive indication of major progress given the urgent pressure on school places in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1909/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the funding for a school (details supplied) given that the project is nearing completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1910/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the completion of schools (details supplied); the extent to which previously made commitments in regard to the alternative use of the existing school sites remain positive with particular reference to the sharing of part of the site with a school for the provision of a public swimming pool and the commitment given in respect of a school; if, in the meantime, access and use of part of the site on a temporary basis can be made available to the authorities at a school while construction on their school takes place given the need to ensure the highest possible health and safety standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1911/21]

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

*553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) regarding the early retirement allowance will receive a response. — Niall Collins. [1699/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans in place to ensure the high numbers of youth unemployment are reduced as Ireland comes out of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [1770/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to close down JobPath; if a new contract will go out to tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44703/20]

*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to instances in which a company (details supplied) has been charging patients for eye tests despite these same patients qualifying for free eye tests under the treatment benefit scheme, that is, PRSI optical benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44716/20]

*557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of primary schools that provide school meals by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44745/20]

*558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of post-primary schools that provide school meals by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44746/20]

*559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department or State agencies under the aegis of her Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44793/20]

*560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made in providing community employment supervisors access to pensions in line with the 2008 Labour Court recommendation to provide access to an occupational pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44802/20]

*561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision on a disability allowance claim will be made for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [44826/20]

*562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if advice can be provided for a PAYE employee who incorrectly applied for the temporary wage subsidy scheme (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [44829/20]

*563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal for a State pension (contributory) by a person (details supplied). — Seán Crowe. [44914/20]

*564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the short-time work support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44935/20]

*565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will undertake a review of the school meals programme; if consideration will be given to rolling it out to all schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44974/20]

*566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the duration of community employment schemes will be extended (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45028/20]

*567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for a carer's allowance will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45075/20]

*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of community employment participants who are over 55 years of age; the maximum number of years they can be on the scheme; and the variation that may apply to those who entered the community employment scheme under the part-time jobs opportunity. — Brian Stanley. [45085/20]

*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for an exceptional needs payment to cover funeral expenses will be reconsidered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45100/20]

*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff currently employed in the legal and legislation unit of her Department; the breakdown of officers' grades, minimum legal qualifications and training required for deployment to this unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45120/20]

*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if contingency plans are in place for new mothers and fathers due to go back to work between January and April 2021 before the five-week parents' leave allowance commences from April 2021. — Cathal Crowe. [45128/20]

*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if class S PRSI is considered to be compulsory insurance under Articles 8 and 12 of the Convention on Social Security between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland signed on 1 February 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [1027/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the approach that will now be taken to address ongoing issues in relation to the accessing of staff of a company to jobseeker's and short-time work support entitlements during the TWSS period further to media reports (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1052/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to allow those over 66 years of age who do not hold a public services card due to Covid-19 delays in receiving such to access free travel with other forms of identification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1061/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if school meals will be provided even when schools are closed due to public health restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [1120/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a fuel allowance payment will issue to a person (details supplied) who made an application in October 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [1134/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid out by social protection office by county in supplementary welfare payments from 1 December 2020 to 5 January 2021, in tabular form; and the general category reasoned for payment. — Sean Sherlock. [1136/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated additional revenue that would be generated if the higher rate of 10.75% PRSI was increased to 13.25% on the portion which persons are earning in excess of €100,000. — Catherine Murphy. [1189/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget allocation to the National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and the budget allocation for same in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [1190/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the duration of the community employment scheme for workers in a project (details supplied) due to the loss of essential services in the vicinity if scheme participants are forced to finish on the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1294/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) in respect of their application for disability allowance; and when they can expect a decision. — Chris Andrews. [1455/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the circumstances of a person (details supplied) in relation to the payment of the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [1469/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the average earnings reference period for the pandemic unemployment payment beyond the end of September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1515/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the working family payment who had their payment revoked since Covid-19 hit in March 2020. — Claire Kerrane. [1552/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a jobseeker's benefit review in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1611/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a basic social welfare payment will be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied); if immediate steps can be taken to ensure the restoration of emergency payment given that they have two dependent children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1626/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for five weeks non-contributory old age payment in respect of their spouse who recently passed away; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1628/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for an exceptional needs payment in respect of their spouse's funeral expenses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1629/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding increasing staff in the Social Welfare Appeals Office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [1670/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in processing a person's (details supplied) pandemic unemployment payment; and if the payment will be processed and awarded without further delay. — Chris Andrews. [1674/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [1691/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when further 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. [1709/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a contributory pension will be awarded to a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [1716/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the numbers of persons who accessed the pandemic unemployment payment during 2020. — Marian Harkin. [1726/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is an even distribution of resources and funding supplied to the MABS services nationwide or if there are disparities between counties. — Cathal Crowe. [1756/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an entitlement of widow's pension could be made available to a long-time partner of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1757/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details for her Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1799/21]

*598. 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. [1875/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be extended to those who cannot secure childcare and therefore cannot work during the current restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1877/21]

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

*600. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to explore introducing legislation to ensure a right to personal assistance to ensure that disabled

persons who need supports to live independent lives can do so as per article 19 of the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44797/20]

*601. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Syrian family members reunited under the IHAP scheme of the Irish refugee protection program; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45168/20]

*602. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of action 24.1 of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy to research the banning of LGBT conversion therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45173/20]

*603. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will bring forward primary legislation to amend the Maternity Protection Acts 1994 to 2004, in order to provide that women who had already started or completed their maternity period would be entitled to take a further 13 weeks leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1040/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide funding to implement the recommendation from the WRC to upgrade the pay scale of county childcare managers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1169/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the arrangements being made to ensure childcare for preschool and school age children is available to frontline staff in the health services and other essential services while schools remain closed and many childcare centres are not in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1666/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider the establishment of a working group within his Department to examine the impact of the motherhood gap in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [1769/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if essential workers who work from home can avail of childcare services under the current level 5 restrictions given the possible ambiguity in two separate sources (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1811/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the process for a community centre to apply for funding for a youth service worker to be employed directly by the community centre. — Mark Ward. [44683/20]

*609. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of school-aged children given standard hours and enhanced hours, respectively since September 2020 under the NCS. — Kathleen Funchion. [44707/20]

*610. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of school-aged children registered under CCS/P from September to December 2020; and the number of school-aged children registered for the period of September to December 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [44708/20]

*611. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children referred under the NCS via the HSE, Tusla and so on from September to December 2020; and the number of children referred via the CCS/P for the same period in 2019. — Kathleen Funchion. [44709/20]

*612. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of referrals for the NCS from September to December 2020 and CCS/P referral for September to December 2019, by county. — Kathleen Funchion. [44710/20]

*613. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of referrals under the NCS by each sponsor body nationally and by county. — Kathleen Funchion. [44711/20]

*614. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which the amount that Pobal states services owe has been calculated; and if a breakdown will be provided. — Kathleen Funchion. [44735/20]

*615. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which a person (details supplied) who is a survivor of a mother and baby home can access counselling to deal with the aftermath of events which occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44738/20]

*616. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons residing in direct provision centres that have tested positive for Covid-19 in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [44770/20]

*617. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Covid-19 outbreaks experienced by direct provision centres to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [44771/20]

*618. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of direct provision centres currently experiencing outbreaks of Covid-19. — Peadar Tóibín. [44772/20]

*619. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44780/20]

*620. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a person (details supplied) can defer an ECCE place for their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44849/20]

*621. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the meetings his Department has had with an organisation (details supplied) in 2020; the planned follow-up meetings in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44862/20]

*622. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the investigations that will be taking place into child protection issues at an organisation (details supplied); when these investigations will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44863/20]

*623. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the way in which his Department will communicate with persons affected by historical child protection issues at an organisation (details supplied); if there will be a liaison person assigned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44864/20]

*624. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter regarding the case of a child (details supplied) with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [44875/20]

*625. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter regarding the case of a childcare centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44897/20]

*626. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the reassurance or assistance that will be provided in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45138/20]

*627. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of young persons discharged from State care into homeless services in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45164/20]

*628. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the childcare facilities that will be in place for children of frontline workers for the duration of level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1123/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of progress relating to the implementation of the recommendation from the WRC to amend the pay scale for county childcare managers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1170/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the loss of ECCE hours during the Covid-19 crisis will be made up to the pre-school children to ensure they do not miss out on crucial development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1270/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports in place to help childcare providers to remain open during the current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1279/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a report of acute public interest (details supplied) will be published. — Catherine Connolly. [1315/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which it is safe for staff, children and families to return to pre-schools while primary and secondary schools are closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1401/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if parents will be charged creche fees in order to save their child's place even if they are not attending; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1706/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a matter in relation to payment deductions for a childcare facility (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1707/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if childcare providers will continue to be paid the national childcare scheme payments for the duration of level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1768/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if childcare providers who are operating for essential workers will be provided with a top-up on the shortfall in wages being paid with the support of the employment wage subsidy scheme given that these services will be loss making due to the loss of fees for the duration of level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1776/21]

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

*638. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students attending a college (details supplied) are eligible for the Covid-19 third-level payment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1009/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if those students who sat the leaving certificate exams in November 2020 and receive improved grades will be offered a deferred place for their course when results are released in the coming weeks based on the 2020 CAO points. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1625/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will make arrangements with the CAO to relax its deadlines due to the fact that access of leaving certificate students to guidance and to their teachers will now necessarily be restricted. — Richard Bruton. [1652/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn the fact that universities are charging students excessive penalties for late payment of fees; and if he will intervene to get a refund of this penalty or an explanation as to the reason these penalties are applied for (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1704/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in the context of the closure of schools and colleges to reduce the spread of Covid-19 infection, he will instruct all Education and Training Boards to close all youthreach centres in line with the closure of the other educational establishments for the duration of the current Covid restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [1780/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for a reduction and or rebate in fees for postgraduate students during the 2020-2021 academic year due to Covid-19; the supports in place for postgraduate students undertaking remote learning during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44676/20]

*644. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration has been given to payment of the Erasmus grant to students who did not travel abroad in 2020. — Thomas Gould. [44777/20]

*645. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44787/20]

*646. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of capital project contracts final accounts that have exceeded the tender value by more than 20% in each of the years 2010 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44813/20]

*647. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44827/20]

*648. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44842/20]

*649. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action he will take to ensure the return of accommodation fees which were paid in good faith at the start of the academic year given that due to Covid-19 restrictions the majority of third-level colleges are carrying out lectures online and students are no longer availing of the student accommodation cannot attend college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [44845/20]

*650. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure that PhD candidates in third-level institutions who are also teaching classes as part of their stipend are paid adequately for their work (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44934/20]

*651. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to an anomaly in relation to the Covid-19 one off emergency grant of €250 in cases in which students who are in their final year have paid their fees in full and are not going to be able to spend a credit note as they are not attending in person; his plans to address this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44943/20]

*652. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to provide a support package for struggling families and students who have paid significant accommodation costs to private providers and cannot receive refunds (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [44958/20]

*653. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the rationale for excluding post-leaving certificate students from a recently announced €250 payment for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44965/20]

*654. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the €250 refund for college students will be applied to SOLAS and further education students. — Sean Sherlock. [44983/20]

*655. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the negotiations and time frame for Ireland to become a member of CERN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [45102/20]

*656. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter regarding refunds for campus accommodation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [45117/20]

*657. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the process by which a college application by a person (details supplied) can be appealed given that the university has advised the prospective student to appeal through the Teaching Council but the Teaching Council has advised that it does not have any remit with regard to the appeals process. — Emer Higgins. [1001/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students will be able to physically attend third-level institutions from 13 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1041/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the situation for those who have passed the screening process for the FIT tech apprenticeship programme; the reason many of these young persons have not been given access to the classroom-based modules of the course; and if he will consider whether they can be given this access. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1060/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of individual laptops purchased as part of the laptop scheme for third-level students announced in August 2020; the total cost of purchasing those laptops; the form of needs assessment carried out prior to purchase; if colleges or universities were consulted as part of the needs assessment; the specific colleges or universities; the number of laptops issued to each third-level institution; and the number of laptops issued to students per third-level institution in tabular form. — Seán Crowe. [1072/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a full report on the inclusion of Northern Ireland in the Erasmus plus scheme will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1097/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific guidance issued to ETBs ahead of the scheduled reopening of Youthreach programmes in January 2021. — Seán Crowe. [1150/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if on-campus facilities for third-level institutions such as libraries and study spaces can remain open during level 5 restrictions. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1155/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being considered to recognise the effect that high incidences of Covid-19 and new restrictions have had on third-level students and their ability to perform in exams and coursework

due in January 2021; and if he will work with third-level institutions to bring about policies to mitigate same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1156/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost in a full year if the student to staff ratio in institutes of technology decreased from 23:1 to 21:9. — Darren O'Rourke. [1201/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if practical classes at third-level are still going ahead in level 5 given the high incidence and risk of Covid-19. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1244/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending the deadlines for CAO and DARE applications in 2021 given the closure of schools and the inability of students to access some essential documents within the school premises for these applications. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1318/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the scheme to allow for the continued participation in Erasmus+ mobilities for eligible students of higher education institutions in Northern Ireland; when he expects the scheme to be open for application; the way in which eligibility will be determined; the higher education institutions in Northern Ireland that will be recognised for the purposes of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [1362/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the policy in place in terms of third-level students who are required to complete a work placement as a part of their studies but are unable to do so due to Covid-19 public health guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [1363/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students who are required to complete a work placement to obtain their qualifications but who cannot due to Covid-19 public health advice will have to repeat this work placement next year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [1364/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Youthreach centres will remain open during the new lockdown; and if not, if they will close in line with schools. — Louise O'Reilly. [1440/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with his Northern Irish counterpart in relation to third-level opportunities in the north-west region in the context of the new shared island fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1508/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of Youthreach under new public health restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [1556/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a review (details supplied); if the review was carried out; if it has, the stage of the review; if the review has been completed; when the details and the outcome of same will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [1610/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the grants available to a student (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1682/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if third-level students undertaking full-time level 5 courses in institutions which come under the remit of Education and Training Boards are eligible for the €250 payment announced in November 2020; if they are not currently eligible, if he will extend eligibility to this cohort in view of the fact that these students have also been required to move to online learning and manage the costs of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1683/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details in respect of his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1793/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the newly announced expansion of WIFI in 90 locations to aid online access for students in further and higher education institutions will be able to include secondary school students and provide access for them also; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1878/21]

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

*679. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons taken into wardship in 2019 and 2020 for brain injury, dementia, age-related illness, psychiatric illness and other reasons; the number of persons under 18 years of age taken into wardship in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44700/20]

*680. To ask the Minister for Justice if a temporary stamp is available for those with expiring Irish residence permits (details supplied) to ensure that no one is forced to emigrate during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44947/20]

*681. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department or State agencies under the aegis of her Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44790/20]

*682. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made in setting up a special expert forum on antisocial behaviours to consider the effectiveness of existing legislation and to propose new ways forward including the provision of new powers for An Garda Síochána and additional interventions to support parenting of offenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44799/20]

*683. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been refused leave to land at all ports of entry to the State since March 2020, by month in tabular form. — Joe O'Brien. [44828/20]

*684. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been remanded to the Irish Prison Service while awaiting removal from the State, not including persons awaiting extradition since March 2020, by month in tabular form. — Joe O'Brien. [44833/20]

*685. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of adult cautions issued per Garda division in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [44839/20]

*686. To ask the Minister for Justice the exact amount of additional ring-fenced funding across all relevant Departments to be provided to domestic violence services in budget 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [44878/20]

*687. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [44918/20]

*688. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to the Parole Act 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45027/20]

*689. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportations carried out between January and December 2020, by month in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [45039/20]

*690. To ask the Minister for Justice if there shall be no further extensions to the work being carried out by a judge into the death of a person (details supplied); and if the scoping inquiry will conclude on 29 January 2021. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45057/20]

*691. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of arrests and prosecutions that have been made in each of the past five years in relation to unregulated puppy farms and animal cruelty for each breed. — Peadar Tóibín. [45061/20]

*692. To ask the Minister for Justice if she read the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission report in respect of a person (details supplied); if she has engaged with or plans to engage with the person’s relatives; if she will clarify the appeals process in respect of GSOC reports and or the course of action persons may take in respect of GSOC reports that they are dissatisfied with; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45064/20]

*693. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay in conducting an inquest regarding a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [45066/20]

*694. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider the mental health and addiction challenges of those in prison considering the recent report from the Council of Europe Committee on the Prevention of Torture and with work ongoing to establish the terms of reference and the structure of a cross-agency taskforce; and if funding is currently being ring-fenced within the budget of her Department to fund future recommendations. — Martin Kenny. [45077/20]

*695. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has a protocol or checklist which is used for public consultations in relation to recent public consultations. — Martin Kenny. [45078/20]

*696. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has considered the introduction of a summary report for civil society organisations between the submissions stage and the publication of a strategy by her Department in relation to recent public consultations. — Martin Kenny. [45079/20]

*697. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason in view of numerous media reports, that the progressive policies long associated with Dóchas Women’s Prison were rolled back in 2019 and

brought into alignment with prisons for men, even though when Ireland voted along with 192 other nations to unanimously pass the Bangkok Rules at the United Nations in 2010, they committed to respecting and meeting the special characteristics and needs of women in the criminal justice system. — Martin Kenny. [45080/20]

*698. To ask the Minister for Justice the position in relation to residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45086/20]

*699. To ask the Minister for Justice the current average processing time for citizenship applications; if she will address concerns from applicants that there are currently long delays with citizenship applications being processed which results in their passports not being returned for a long time; if she will consider steps to improve the turnaround time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45132/20]

*700. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the recent deportation of a man in Dublin Airport; the current policy in relation to deportations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45152/20]

*701. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the memo of concern to the WHO regarding parent alienation (details supplied); her views on the concerns set out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45154/20]

*702. To ask the Minister for Justice if hate crime will be a stand-alone criminal offence under her new proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45161/20]

*703. To ask the Minister for Justice if all those who apply for family reunification receive acknowledgement of their application from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45166/20]

*704. To ask the Minister for Justice the family reunification rights of the IHAP refugees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45167/20]

*705. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of action 21.3 of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy to implement a fully functioning online system for reporting hate crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45172/20]

*706. To ask the Minister for Justice if an agreement has been reached between her Department and An Garda Síochána for the sharing of documents, papers and files in the matter of the 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings with the team of Operation Kenova; if Ireland will fully cooperate with Operation Kenova; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [45175/20]

*707. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on recommendation 36 of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice and Equality Report on Reform of the Family Law System; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45181/20]

*708. To ask the Minister for Justice if An Garda Síochána has agreed to hand over files that are relevant to the enquiries being conducted by Operation Kenova; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45182/20]

*709. To ask the Minister for Justice if restrictions or redactions have been imposed on any files that have been handed over by An Garda Síochána to Operation Kenova; if so, the basis for such restrictions or redactions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45183/20]

*710. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will waive a fee (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45198/20]

*711. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered fast-tracking citizenship applications of those applicants who worked on the frontlines during the Covid-19 crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1024/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Justice the cannabis substances and products, for example, edibles, concentrates and so on personal possession of which will be considered for application of an adult cautioned by An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1051/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that have been taken to ensure continuity of cooperation when it comes to policing on the island of Ireland following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1101/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of homicides committed in Ireland in each of the years 2015 to 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1102/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Justice if files have been handed over to the UK authorities in relation to investigations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [1165/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will seek an explanation from the Garda Commissioner for the reason all relevant Garda files into the Dublin-Monaghan bombings and the Glennane Gang have not been handed over to Operation Kenova; and if the necessary arrangements will be made for all relevant unredacted files to be handed to same without further delay. — Patrick Costello. [1166/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 525 of 20 October 2020, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda Commissioner. — Catherine Murphy. [1187/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of Criminal Justice (Repeal of Certain Provisions of the Firearms and Misuse of Drugs) Bill 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [1188/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be provided to replace the trucks currently in the Garda water unit. — Darren O’Rourke. [1213/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Justice if all Garda road policing unit officers are fully trained in checking tachographs for potential offences. — Darren O’Rourke. [1215/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a comprehensive report on all applications for Irish citizenship submitted since 1 January 2014 for each application under headings (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [1231/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Justice if a text alert system such as is operational in the UK for victims of domestic abuse is being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1282/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Justice the position of her Department in relation to deportations; if her attention has been drawn to the transfer order issues to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1285/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider extending the issues on which the Property Services Regulatory Authority can adjudicate, from issues of professional negligence or misconduct, to embrace also an Ombudsman's adjudication as applies for the financial service sector, since the consumer is similarly exposed. — Richard Bruton. [1360/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to concerns being expressed regarding the Covid-19 treatment and care of prisoners within the prison population including escalating patients to hospitals if and when it is necessary. — Louise O'Reilly. [1437/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Justice if additional funding will be made available to Garda recruits that have had their training period extended until 31 January 2021 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1479/21]

*727. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportations of persons seeking asylum per month in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1551/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Drogheda scoping report has been completed; the time-frame for when it will be available; if she has made preliminary decisions based on the recommendations as set out; and if she will outline any other relevant details in the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1648/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of bench warrants outstanding in the Limerick Garda division as of 31 December 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [1668/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda public service vehicle inspectors attached to Limerick Garda division as of 31 December 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [1669/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination for residency and naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1720/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding provided under the Garda youth diversion scheme in each the years 2018 to 2020 for organisations in County Louth and east County Meath; if there are plans within her Department to expand the scheme in the area in view of the very significant criminality that has occurred in Drogheda and hinterlands over the past 24 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1752/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to increase opening times and personnel in Garda stations located in Ardee, Collon and Dunleer, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1763/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Justice the details in respect of her Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1796/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Justice if a schedule of the entire number of firearms at the disposal of An Garda Síochána will be provided by the number of same by weapon type, manufacturer and or brand. — Catherine Murphy. [1808/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Justice the level of firearm training provided to armed Garda personnel in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of gardaí by grade or rank with firearms training; the type of weapon they are trained to carry and or use; the company engaged to provide training; the cost of training on an annual basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [1809/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Justice if a schedule will be provided of the number of direct impact munitions, sprays and tasers that An Garda Síochána has at its disposal in 2019 and 2020; and the number of officers trained to use these devices. — Catherine Murphy. [1810/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Justice the systems in place with the UK to replace the European arrest warrant scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1815/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times members of An Garda Síochána discharged a firearm during the course of their duty in 2019 and 2020; and the number of times persons sustained gunshot injuries in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [1922/21]

*740. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times members of An Garda Síochána used pepper spray in the course of their work in 2019 and 2020; and the breakdown of the use of pepper spray in 2020, by county. — Catherine Murphy. [1923/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times members of An Garda Síochána used tasers in the course of their work in 2019 and 2020; and the breakdown on the use of tasers in 2020, by county. — Catherine Murphy. [1924/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*742. To ask the Minister for Health if the taskforce on the Covid-19 vaccination will be requested to include persons with Down's syndrome in the group people aged 18-64 with certain medical conditions document by the Provisional Vaccine Allocation Group. — Emer Higgins. [44557/20]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health if he will continue to apply restrictions based in domestic legislation in contravention of EU trade law and the advice of the European Commission in view of the fact that EU hemp-derived products made from the entire plant with not more than 0.2% THC are protected under Articles 34 and 36 of TFEU and are not controlled within the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44723/20]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to the State in defending the 115 court cases brought since late 2018 by parents whose children did not receive an assessment of need in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44814/20]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to help ensure the pay restoration for employees in the remaining 250 organisations that employ section 39 workers and who have not received pay restoration to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44830/20]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the period of time under GDPR regulations a hospital must wait before passing the contact details for a patient whose bill remains unpaid to a debt collection agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [44907/20]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to reintroduce a motorised transport grant for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [45067/20]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to the provision of educational supplies during the last lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [1424/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that a number of oxygen generators purchased by University Hospital Galway in 2020 in response to the Covid-19 crisis have proven deficient and are not currently in use; if this matter is being investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [1448/21]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the reported use of controversial insulation material in the construction of the National Children's Hospital which was cited in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry in the UK; if he is satisfied that the material is safe in terms of the National Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1644/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to abolishing the nursing registration fee for 2021 (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [1972/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of a primary health centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44646/20]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to a person who has returned to Tralee, County Kerry who has underlying health conditions but cannot get a general practitioner to take them on as no general practitioner in the area is taking on new patients due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44650/20]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health if a commitment will be given that staff working in the integration, intervention services will not be redeployed when the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination commences. — Sorca Clarke. [44659/20]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will publish the timeline for disability services returning to 100%. — Sorca Clarke. [44660/20]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of disability services by county; the current capacity of each; and the plan to address the backlog of therapy sessions. — Sorca Clarke. [44661/20]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the deep brain stimulation service for Parkinson's disease in the Mater Hospital, Dublin. — Paul Donnelly. [44670/20]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) who recently interviewed for a grade 4 position within HSE CHO3, can have previous interviews taken into account for the position based on extenuating circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44681/20]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to restrict access to services or activities to persons who choose not to receive a Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44684/20]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if any employee of his Department or HSE employee above the minimum point of the grade VIII salary scale has declared an interest with regard to a company (details supplied); if such an employee has any role with regard to aeromedical services operated within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44688/20]

*761. 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. [44692/20]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with tariffs on prosthetics in a hard Brexit situation; his plans to address the increased cost of same; if costs will be met by the State; his plans to develop new supply chains within the EU; and his plans to bring the discretionary medical card for prosthetics in line with articles in the Lisbon Treaty and the UNCPRD. — Peadar Tóibín. [44694/20]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44695/20]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health if a successor to the National Sexual Health Strategy 2015-2020 is being developed; if so, the timelines for same; the way in which he plans to have interested stakeholders contribute to the formation of a new strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44701/20]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health if persons between 18 and 64 years of age with Friedrich ataxia will be included in the people aged 18-64 with certain medical conditions category for Covid-19 vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44702/20]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the progression of the 50-bed new St. Joseph's Hospital in Ardee, County Louth; if he will provide other relevant details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44704/20]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons with a disability who live in the family home or independently in the community including those with an intellectual disability are not listed as a priority cohort for the programme of vaccination for Covid-19 given that some persons in this cohort can find it difficult to understand social distance, maintain cough and hand hygiene

and some cannot tolerate wearing marks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44706/20]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the reason senior public health doctors have a different contract to their hospital-based colleagues with same qualifications and parity of recognition by the academic body and the statutory body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44712/20]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health if specialist doctors in public health medicine are equally qualified as those in hospital medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44713/20]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the relative cost of contact tracing centres (details supplied) to the 60 specialist public health doctors over the period of the Covid-19 pandemic; the party which is legally responsible for the management of all complex contact tracing such as all outbreaks in schools and workplaces and all prevention in vulnerable groups such as direct provision residents and the Travelling community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44714/20]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health if he ceased regulating hemp-derived products under domestic legislation which directly contravenes EU trade law in view of the fact that EU hemp-derived products made from the entire plant are protected under Articles 34 and 36 of TFEU and are not controlled within the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44720/20]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health the public health risk assessment conducted at a school (details supplied); the recommendation and control levels the public health team had outlined to the Department of Education following increased rates of Covid-19 transmission in the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44733/20]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health if respite will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44734/20]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider giving discretionary medical cards to amputees to cover the cost of artificial limbs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44737/20]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of public health nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44750/20]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that has been allocated or made available for the building of an extension to a facility (details supplied) which will provide an additional 60 beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44751/20]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of the national medicines agency as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44752/20]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the practice of general practitioners charging significant administration fees to email prescriptions to pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44753/20]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care psychologists and primary care staff that have been redeployed to assist with testing and tracing as a result of Covid-19; when it is likely they will resume their roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [44754/20]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 197 of 17 September 2020, if he has considered the contents and consulted with his officials on the matters raised; and his plans to engage with the correspondent. — Catherine Murphy. [44756/20]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of Covid-19 cases reported in December 2020 involving schoolchildren or close contacts of schoolchildren. — Peadar Tóibín. [44757/20]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of schools in the country currently experiencing outbreaks of Covid-19. — Peadar Tóibín. [44758/20]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 90 of 10 December 2020, if he will provide the correspondence referenced in the reply. — Peadar Tóibín. [44761/20]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be provided with a specialist wheelchair with a sit to stand function; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44767/20]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health the status of licensing and reimbursement of jorvesa used to treat eosinophilic oesophagitis. — Thomas Gould. [44769/20]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons residing in direct provision centres that have tested positive for Covid-19 in 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [44773/20]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 outbreaks experienced by direct provision centres to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [44774/20]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the number of direct provision centres currently experiencing outbreaks of Covid-19. — Peadar Tóibín. [44775/20]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate psychology services for children in the Headford and Lackagh primary care psychology service area of County Galway given that the position has been vacant since June 2019 and children in this region of County Galway are losing out on vital psychology assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44778/20]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [44788/20]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health the number of disabled persons in receipt of a personal assistance service in 2020; the hours received by each disabled person leading their own PAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44798/20]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date of the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [44800/20]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the number of capital project contracts final accounts that have exceeded the tender value by more than 20% in each of the years 2010 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44817/20]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it will take 18 months to get an appointment for a MRI scan in Sligo University Hospital for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [44819/20]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health when the general practitioner visit card will be extended to children under eight years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44820/20]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health if research is being conducted by his Department on the physical and mental impacts on those diagnosed and recovered from Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [44822/20]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44824/20]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health the plans his Department and the HSE have with regard to licensing the drug dupilumab for use by patients with severe eczema in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44840/20]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44843/20]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 200 of 5 December 2019 and 843 of 24 November 2020 regarding the 2015 HSE report into the orthodontic service, if he will address issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44853/20]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health the specific provision for persons with disabilities and their carers that has been made in the provisional vaccine allocation group plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44860/20]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health if patients have a right to travel to other EU countries to receive treatment with medicines that are not available on the HSE reimbursement list in Ireland but are available in public healthcare in other EU countries, such as gene or cell therapies indicated for certain rare diseases or types of cancer if these treatments are recommended by their medical practitioner in Ireland under the travel abroad scheme; the criteria, conditions and other considerations attached to this eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44865/20]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) who is waiting on an urgent MRI since September 2020 will have a MRI conducted in UHG; his views on whether treatment has been delayed by the lack of MRI facilities in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44871/20]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health the longest time that a child who is classified as semi-urgent, urgent and immediate are waiting for a MRI scan in UHG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44872/20]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the availability of MRI facilities at UHG; his views on the correct capacity; his plans to address the capacity shortfall and address the long waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44873/20]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE drugs group has met in December 2020; if not, if it is scheduled to meet; the drugs being considered for reimbursement in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44880/20]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement of onpattro; when the drug will be made available to eligible patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44881/20]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the existence of specific antiviral treatment for Covid-19 or any other treatment currently undergoing trials or in respect of which trials have been completed; if it is planned for this medicine to be procured under Ireland's participation in the European Commission Joint Procurement Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44886/20]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider lifting restrictions on live music at locations hosting weddings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [44893/20]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered utilising the drug ivermectin to combat the spread of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44895/20]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider giving a higher priority to the medically vulnerable aged under 65 years of age for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44896/20]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding vaccine passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44900/20]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health the status of progress for the recruitment of a third paediatric rheumatologist which was promised for 2019 in a context of children waiting up to three years to see a paediatric rheumatologist; the status of reducing waiting times for paediatric rheumatology and MRI scans for children with Down's syndrome associated arthritis to not more than 12 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44905/20]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health the additional measures that can be taken by his Department to assist or encourage maternity hospitals to allow expectant mothers such as the case of a person (details supplied) have a birth partner present and available before, during and after the birth of a child. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44908/20]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health if carers are included in the any of the higher-order sequencing Covid-19 vaccine allocation groups or if they are more generally considered as part of the aged 18 to 54 years who did not have access to the vaccine in prior phases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44910/20]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health the average incidence rates of Covid-19 cases by local electoral area from the onset of the pandemic until the current date in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [44911/20]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved pharmacist posts at each hospital including CHI; the number of posts filled by tenure, that is, permanent, temporary, agency and so on; the ratio of approved posts-to-patient and filled posts-to-patient; the length of time vacant posts or posts filled by non-permanent appointments have been unfilled in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44915/20]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be referred to the clinical genetics department of Crumlin Children's Hospital given that through human error on the part of their consultant the person was not added to the waiting list after their appointment in February 2020 and was only placed on the waiting list in December 2020. — Seán Crowe. [44917/20]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow persons with chronic arthritis to use swimming pools for their therapy during all levels of the Plan for Living with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44919/20]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the position of family carers in the vaccination allocation sequencing under the National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme; and if for the purposes of the of the roll-out of the vaccine programme, family carers fall under the category of healthcare workers or a particular grade of key workers. — Martin Browne. [44925/20]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were subsequently placed in healthcare facilities and the category of work undertaken by successful applicants to the Be on Call for Ireland scheme to date; the number that applied; the number interviewed by the consultants; the cost of the scheme to date; the details of the procurement process including the successful company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44927/20]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health the stage of the priority list at which persons with intellectual disabilities will be eligible for the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [44932/20]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health when rehabilitation and disability services will be re-established to a seven-year-old child (details supplied) in County Tipperary who suffered an acquired brain injury in 2019 due to stroke; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [44946/20]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44955/20]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to have a computerised patient record system that is integrated across all health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44959/20]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2020 in transporting patients record across health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44960/20]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health when a national director of mental health will be appointed; the remit of the director; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44961/20]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient and outpatient waiting list numbers and waiting times as presented in NTPF data by each group and hospital for each discipline and each speciality, separated by adults and children in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44962/20]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health if a dental appointment will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44963/20]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to situations in which dental practices are no longer providing treatments to patients under the medical card scheme; the action being taken to address the situation in view of the significant financial pressure this is placing on medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44966/20]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the CAMHS waiting list in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44967/20]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the status of pay restoration for section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44969/20]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths by suicide in 2020; the number in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44970/20]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44985/20]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [44992/20]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health if pay restoration applies to posts established by the drug and alcohol task forces and funded through the HSE with interim funding for the purpose of its costing exercise for pay restoration; if the HSE included all the posts and projects as section 39 funded (details supplied); if the HSE and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform are committed to providing the additional funding needed to pay for pay restoration; if not, if the HSE is expecting the projects to find the funding from elsewhere; and if pay restoration is part of the deal as described in the media recently. — Joan Collins. [44993/20]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health when respite services will resume in Killybegs Community Hospital, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44995/20]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be provided with respite for 24 and 25 December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44996/20]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will have urgent surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44997/20]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made on an appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [45008/20]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health when patients awaiting CervicalCheck and mammogram appointments will be accommodated (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45009/20]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to remove the pay and increments freeze from employees at St. Christopher's Services, Longford (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45010/20]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent annually on medical devices and products that are purchased from the UK; if arrangements are in place to continue to purchase such items and products; if his attention has been drawn to potential issues with such purchases that may arise due to Brexit; the consequences of these impacts for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [45011/20]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which homecare will be defined in any forthcoming legislation on regulating homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45012/20]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which it is planned to fund future homecare legislation; if he has completed costings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45013/20]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health if, as part of the fair deal scheme a family or person can choose which nursing home will be availed of; and if the family has the final say on this matter. — Robert Troy. [45018/20]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish a letter from his Department to the ECDC seeking assurances that processes are in place to ensure continued quality and consistency in the provision of advices; if a reply has been received to the letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45019/20]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the other EU and EEA member states that share the concerns of his Department regarding recent advices given by ECDC and EASA on testing and quarantining for air travellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45020/20]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45024/20]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for surgery will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45031/20]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [45032/20]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce SouthDoc services in the Listowel area of County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45041/20]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health the PTSD supports provided for members of the National Ambulance Service; if a review has been conducted into the effectiveness of same and whether there

is a need for further supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [45047/20]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health if a support and recovery workshop for persons with addiction, abuse and relationship problems can continue to operate under current Covid-19 restrictions; if so, if he will clarify the maximum number of persons who can attend such a workshop; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45048/20]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider including the HPV vaccine within the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45049/20]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that hundreds of ENT patients at Beaumont Hospital have had their appointments moved to a variety of different hospitals at short notice; and if the reason is, as alleged, that Beaumont does not have the capacity, facilities and staffing levels to carry out these scheduled appointments. — Louise O'Reilly. [45053/20]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence in relation to a child (details supplied); if the appointment will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45055/20]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health if discussions are expected regarding the existing roll-out plan for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if consideration has been given to prioritising other frontline workers such as teachers or essential retail workers who have worked throughout the pandemic. — Steven Matthews. [45058/20]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health if a homecare package will be reinstated as a matter of urgency in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45072/20]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that patients suspected of having cancer are facing waiting times of five months from initial specialist referral to the appointment for a biopsy such as in the case of a person (details supplied); the steps he is taking to reduce these waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45073/20]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a matter (details supplied) in relation to the student nurse allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45084/20]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to access to luxturna for persons with degenerative retinal disease will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45088/20]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health if a required appointment at the gynae clinic can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45091/20]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to offer reimbursement for luxturna which is essential for treatment of rare retinal disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45093/20]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health if the progressing disability services plan will include supports for those children who do not receive their therapy in the home but in a special school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45104/20]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health if continuity measures will be put in place under the progressing disability services plan to ensure those children who do receive their therapy and services outside of the home will be supported and allowed to continue to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45105/20]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health if assurances will be given that children outside of special school catchment areas will be able to transfer to the children's disability network teams associated with the school and to have their therapy within the school setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45106/20]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health if a homecare package can be reinstated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45107/20]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health if a gene therapy (details supplied) will receive recognition under the medical card and drug refund schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45109/20]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is entitled to seek medical treatment in another EU country and make a claim for reimbursement for the cost of treatment from the HSE under current Irish and EU law particularly Directive 2011/24/EU. — Michael Collins. [45111/20]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will subsequently be able to exercise their EU rights to seek treatment abroad when the UK ceases completely to adhere to EU regulations after 31 December 2020; and the basis on which a person is receiving a state pension from another EU member state and Ireland is construed as being their member state of affiliation under the terms of Directive 2011/24/EU. — Michael Collins. [45112/20]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health if prohibition in respect of access to cross-Border healthcare under 2011/24/EU applies equally to legally resident citizens in Ireland who receive a pension from another non-EEA country such as the USA, Australia and so on; if not, if it is only applicable to citizens receiving a state pension from the UK given that their state of affiliation will no longer be an EU member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [45113/20]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45114/20]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with ongoing symptoms of long Covid; if general practitioners, consultants and employers have been provided with guidelines in relation to dealing with long Covid patients; if he will consider setting up multidisciplinary clinics throughout the country as in the UK; the resources being deployed to deal with the persons who suffer from long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [45115/20]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health the services in place to allow persons to receive therapy and counselling on a face-to-face basis under the current restrictions. — Mark Ward. [45119/20]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be facilitated through the national treatment purchase fund for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45124/20]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reinstate the automatic exceptional extension of all medical cards for the rest of the Covid-19 emergency period as was in place for medical cards that were due to expire between March and August 2020 which were automatically extended for up to one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45133/20]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for orthopaedic appointments in University Hospital Galway; the measures being taken to reduce the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45134/20]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45135/20]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve detection, diagnosis and treatment of ovarian cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45139/20]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45141/20]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45142/20]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug luxturna will become widely available for persons suffering from degenerative retinal disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45145/20]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the public funding received by the youth mental health organisation jigsaw in 2019 and 2020, respectively. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45146/20]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the public funding spent on HSE youth and adolescent mental health services in 2019 and 2020, respectively. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45147/20]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health the status of action 15.1 of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy to update the National Sexual Health Strategy in 2020 to include the needs of the LGBTI+ community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45174/20]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been supply disruptions for medication for chemotherapy at Tullamore hospital (details supplied); if there is a risk of supply-related issues in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45176/20]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons with serious underlying conditions aged 18 to 64 are so far down the list to receive a vaccine. — Robert Troy. [45189/20]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recommencement of assessments for primary medical certificates. — Cathal Crowe. [45192/20]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health the inpatient and outpatient services available for persons suffering from an eating disorder; the budget allocated for these services over the past three years; the amount of the budget that is underspent or exceeded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45201/20]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds available for persons suffering from an eating disorder per hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45202/20]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of presentations to the HSE made by persons suffering from an eating disorder per hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45203/20]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider persons with disabilities living in group homes and congregated settings as a higher priority for the roll-out of vaccines under the Provisional Allocation Groups Plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45204/20]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider carers in group homes and those caring for persons with disabilities as a priority group for the roll-out of vaccines under the Provisional Allocation Groups Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45205/20]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider adding carers in the home who are caring for persons with disabilities as a priority group for the roll-out of vaccines under the Provisional Allocation Groups Plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45206/20]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider adding additional respite resources for carers in the home who are caring for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45207/20]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he plans to manage and communicate the scheduling of the roll-out of vaccines to all care settings such as nursing homes, congregated settings, group homes and hospitals for patients, staff and service users; his plans to issue timescales specific or non-specific; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45208/20]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which vitamin D is being used by the HSE to treat and or prevent Covid-19 in healthcare settings here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1002/21]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the ongoing observational studies which are currently evaluating the role of vitamin D in preventing and treating Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1003/21]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health the terms of reference given to the Food Safety Authority ahead of the publication of its vitamin D scientific recommendations for food-based dietary guidelines for older adults in Ireland; if this study was requested to look at vitamin D in the general population in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1004/21]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which different strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus are being identified and analysed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1007/21]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health the cooperation or synchronisation there has been on SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics with the Department of Health in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1008/21]

*903. 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. [1010/21]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the use of community centres as vaccination centres given their accessibility and availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1018/21]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health if special needs teachers seeing children with special educational needs will be included for very early vaccination; if carers caring for persons in their own home will be included in same; if primary and secondary teachers will be vaccinated as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1019/21]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health the reason University Hospital Limerick was not included in the first tranche of the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out given the consistently and worryingly high numbers attending the hospital. — Cathal Crowe. [1029/21]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health if it is planned for the Covid-19 vaccine to be administered seven days a week. — Cathal Crowe. [1030/21]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health if he has or is due to waive the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland registration fee for 2020-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [1033/21]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that have been undertaken by his Department on foot of the recommendations of the Report on Tackling Childhood Obesity published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children and Youth Affairs in November 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1043/21]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1045/21]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 vaccines will be rolled out in a timely and efficient manner; if adequate plans have been put in place for the training of sufficient personnel to administer these vaccines; when this training will be completed; when sufficient quantities of these vaccines will be available in Ireland to undertake a significant vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [1046/21]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health the publicly funded model of care for fertility treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1047/21]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health if fertility services can continue operating through level 5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1048/21]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health the amount allocated towards eating disorder treatment in the HSE in each of the past five years; the amount that was spent in each year; his views on the adequacy of the funding and the supports and treatments available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [1055/21]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Cross-Border Directive since 1 January 2021 in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1056/21]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health if addiction services have been transferred from Navan to Drogheda, County Louth; the reason for same; the number of staff and service users affected; the alternative site and service options that were considered and ruled out; the reason for same; if it is planned to return services to Navan; if so, the date for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1057/21]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant neurologists nationally; and the number there should be compared to international standards. — Chris Andrews. [1058/21]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health the standard length of time a patient is waiting to see a neurologist for a routine, non-urgent, for example, migraines or dizziness clinic appointment. — Chris Andrews. [1059/21]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which birthing partners are currently permitted to attend the birth of a child and related maternity appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1063/21]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that patients invited to attend an outpatient appointment with a neurologist (details supplied) at St. Vincent's University Hospital who have been given the option to attend, cancel or rebook in the past are now being informed that they have only one opportunity to rebook and then must take the subsequent appointment or be removed from the waiting list; his views on whether during the Covid-19 pandemic that those with underlying health conditions or legitimate concerns about the current level of infections who are keen to comply with public health advice should not be penalised by choosing to defer the appointment during the pandemic having spent several years on the waiting list in the first place; the reason for this change in hospital policy in relation to neurology outpatient appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [1073/21]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a news article (details supplied) in relation to reported Covid-19-related deaths at a hospital if a Covid-19 outbreak took place; if so, the number of residents infected; the number of transfers to hospital as a result; the number of deaths; if other relevant details will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1074/21]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of HSE funding allocated to the eating disorder treatment plan in each of the years 2018 to 2020; the actual spend on these treatments; the breakdown of this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1076/21]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of ambulance response times from time of call to arrival on scene in each of the years 2018 to 2020, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1077/21]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by his Department on the health element of Housing First initiatives in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1078/21]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure that nurses and midwives are not forced to pay the €100 retention fee with the NMBI in 2021 in recognition of their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1093/21]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Parliamentary Questions he received in 2020; the number that stated that the issue was a service matter for the HSE or another statutory body to respond to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1094/21]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health if an ambulance was called to a fur farm in County Kerry in December 2020; the reason for this call-out; if any workers at this or the other two fur farms have tested positive for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1095/21]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being undertaken to ensure Northern Ireland continues to have access to the European Health Insurance Card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1110/21]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the status of all Covid-19 vaccine authorisations currently being assessed by the European Medicines Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1111/21]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision on the reimbursement of dupilumab a drug to treat severe atopic eczema was reached at the December 2020 HSE drugs group meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1116/21]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 446 of 10 December 2020, the steps being taken to address the unacceptably long waiting time for speech and language assessments in Dublin 9 and 11 given the current waiting time for initial assessment in the area is 18 to 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1117/21]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the number of positive cases that have been uploaded their random IDs to the Covid tracker application on a monthly basis; the number of application users that were sent a close contact alert each month since the application went live; the number of active users each month; the steps being taken to increase the use of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1121/21]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date information on neonatal intensive care unit care in Irish hospitals as against best practice standards for space, equipment and staffing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1124/21]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health the number and staffing levels of diabetes community services attached to primary care centres. — Neasa Hourigan. [1125/21]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health the process for nomination to the Diabetes Working Group; when it was last appointed; the process implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1126/21]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date plans for capital investment in neonatal intensive care unit provision in Irish maternity and paediatric hospital departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1127/21]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address inadequate space for the provision of neonatal intensive care unit care in the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1128/21]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug dupilumab will be made available here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1133/21]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health if a vaccine certificate is part of his implementation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [1135/21]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health the number of student nurses currently rostered for work in each hospital setting as of 5 January 2021, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1146/21]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential facilities for persons with disabilities that are currently closed due to Covid-19 infections; and the number of residents affected by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [1148/21]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 infections of direct provision centre residents recorded; and the number of outbreaks recorded in direct provision centres. — Seán Crowe. [1151/21]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health the official title of the Covid-19 case management system that records daily cases; the date on which this system was activated; the amount spent on this system in both its development and since activation; the persons and bodies that have access to this system; the daily capacity for the corroboration of positive swabs to individual cases; the way in which a backlog of approximately 10,000 cases was allowed to occur; the steps he is taking to ensure that a backlog will not occur again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [1152/21]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health if addiction services have been transferred from Navan to Drogheda; if so, the reason for same; the number of staff and service users affected; the alternative site or service options that were considered and ruled out; the reason for same; if it is intended to return services to Navan; if so, the date for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [1153/21]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding letters being received by persons who attended private hospitals between 30 March and 30 June 2020 and who paid private health insurance excesses and have since received invoices from the private hospitals for the HSE statutory charge of €80; the normal procedure for members of the public to undertake in such instances; if members of the public who have private health insurance are expected to pay both an excess and HSE statutory charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1158/21]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered utilising members of the Defence Forces in the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccines due to their experience and expertise working on logistics in field hospitals on foreign missions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1159/21]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health when members of the Defence Forces will be vaccinated; if current plans can be expedited due to imminent foreign travel for some members; if the two-week quarantine for returning members of the Defence Forces has been considered in view of the time they must spend away from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [1160/21]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health the visiting procedures for HSE nursing homes in view of the new restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1161/21]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address an issue of funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1162/21]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that monies allocated for the development of eating disorder services are not averted to meet unfunded cost growth in other areas of the mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1163/21]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) can continue to operate its physio-led rehabilitation services as part of the clients' primary care plan during level 5 restrictions. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1172/21]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place to allow operations scheduled prior to December 2020 in hospitals in Northern Ireland for 2021 under the cross-Border initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [1181/21]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health the number of births in each Irish hospital in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1192/21]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting ten additional full-time staff nurses for intellectual disability in Cherry Orchard Hospital. — Catherine Murphy. [1193/21]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times to see a respiratory consultant at Portlaoise Regional Hospital; and the number of persons on the waiting list. — Catherine Murphy. [1194/21]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic appendectomies carried out in the hospitals across Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1195/21]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic cholecystectomies carried out in the hospitals across Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [1196/21]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be approved for the recruitment of an additional full-time consultant in vascular surgery and consultant surgeon with a special interest in upper gastrointestinal surgery for St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, Dublin 18. — Catherine Murphy. [1197/21]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the provision of public sexual health services in County Meath. — Darren O'Rourke. [1205/21]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time laboratory scientists employed in each hospital in the Ireland East Hospital Group as of 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2020, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [1206/21]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health if a hearing appointment will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1217/21]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health if he will refund the €100 Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland registration charge for 2021 in view of the work performed by front-line staff in hospitals during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1219/21]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health the status of family farms and the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1223/21]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health the additional mental health supports being made available during Covid-19 restrictions; the way in which communities are being reached if they do not have access to a mobile phone or internet for online counselling sessions; if there are measures for emergency in-person mental health support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1224/21]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health when the issuing of primary medical certificates will resume; the reason for delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1225/21]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to reports that funding for eating disorder treatments and programmes has been diverted by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [1237/21]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the Collins Report on student nurse pay in full. — Sean Sherlock. [1238/21]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that family carers and registered home helps will receive priority in the Covid-19 vaccine programme in view of their importance to care in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [1239/21]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an addiction clinic; and the reason the HSE would need to move the clinic during renovations. — Joan Collins. [1240/21]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list per CHO area for neuropsychological assessments in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [1241/21]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant neurologists employed by the HSE in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [1242/21]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health if taxi drivers will be given some priority in terms of the Covid-19 vaccination for their own safety and the safety of their passengers given that the NTA has deemed taxi drivers to be essential workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1250/21]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 539 of 17 December 2020, if the vaccination category of 18 to 64 year olds with underlying conditions will be subdivided; if so, the subdivisions; if those with intellectual disabilities will be included in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1253/21]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the services of a company and a person (details supplied) has cost his Department to date; the estimated cost for their role in the Covid-19 testing and tracing project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1254/21]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide for the reimbursement of medicinal cannabis oil products in accordance with the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) Act 2013 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1258/21]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with an address in Fingal waiting to see a consultant neurologist in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1260/21]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which neurological service referrals are prioritised in Beaumont Hospital to ensure the more urgent cases are assessed as quickly as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1261/21]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the waiting times for patients listed to see a consultant neurologist in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [1262/21]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons with serious underlying conditions from 18 to 64 years of age are so far down the list to receive a vaccine; and if this position will be reconsidered as the roll-out continues. — Robert Troy. [1263/21]

*980. 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. [1264/21]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to promised legislation to address the anomalies in the fair deal scheme with a view to making this vital support more accessible to families of small business owners and farm families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1266/21]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health if drive-through vaccination clinics are being considered for part of the vaccination programme for Covid-19, similar to the testing structure. — Sean Sherlock. [1271/21]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health the therapies and procedures curtailed in each hospital since 3 January 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [1272/21]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health if adults or children with intellectual disabilities who are in care settings will be offered vaccinations as a vulnerable group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1275/21]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health if student nurses will be offered vaccinations as a vulnerable group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1276/21]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for eating disorders has been diverted; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1277/21]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied) regarding an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1278/21]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health when the entire population will be vaccinated against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [1290/21]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with his counterpart in the UK in relation to the current Covid-19 surge and the impact of newly-detected variants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1295/21]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with his counterpart in Northern Ireland in relation to a co-ordinated approach to tackle Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1296/21]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with the European Commission in relation to the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1297/21]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with the European Medicines Agency in relation to their approval of Covid-19 vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1298/21]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health if those at high risk to Covid-19 aged between 18 to 64 who live in residential care facilities will be placed in a priority group for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1305/21]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which persons can volunteer their service to the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1306/21]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered engaging staff from a variety of sectors the speed up the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1307/21]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health if restrictions on travel from the place of residence under the new lockdown would prohibit parents of children with autism spectrum conditions including for travelling beyond general travel or distance restrictions from taking their children out to care for their general well-being and mental health; the extent to which the regulations may confine their ability to do this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1310/21]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health when the roll-out of the extension of the general practitioner visit card for children under six years of age will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1313/21]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a first appointment with an orthopaedic surgeon in Children's Health Ireland and other hospitals across the HSE in tabular form; the length of wait for each child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1335/21]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting on scoliosis surgery in Children's Health Ireland, Cappagh and the Mater in tabular form; the length of wait for each child and category of wait list including all categories, that is, active, to come in, suspended and planned procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1336/21]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the actions which will be taken to ensure four-month surgery targets are met for children with scoliosis during 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1337/21]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health when child specific wait lists, a recommendation of the 2017 report Waiting for Scoliosis Treatment, a Children's Rights Issue will be in place across the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1338/21]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals which count all those waiting on outpatient appointments as adults and which do not collect and report child specific wait lists to the NTPF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1339/21]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the assessment of the atopic eczema treatment known as dupilumab; and when the treatment will be available to eczema patients here. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1342/21]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently address concerns that the same insulation cladding that was found to have escalated the Grenfell fire in London is being used in the construction of the National Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1344/21]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislation giving effect to the nursing home support schemes will be brought before Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1345/21]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns or obstacles have been identified by his Department with respect to the introduction of aspects of the proposed reforms to the nursing home support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [1346/21]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the projected timeline of the Covid-19 vaccination plan. — Patrick Costello. [1347/21]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to providing the Covid-19 vaccination to teachers, SNAs and creche workers who are being asked to stay on the front line along with nursing home residents and workers on the front line of the health services. — Joan Collins. [1348/21]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the prioritisation of vaccination for the most vulnerable of older persons not currently in nursing homes; the timeframe for vaccination of this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [1350/21]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health if CBD medicinal cannabis will be made available under the drugs payment scheme. — Chris Andrews. [1365/21]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health if further details will be provided regarding the Covid-19 vaccination rollout; and if a company that is due to have employees vaccinated in phase 13 can pre-register with the HSE. — Robert Troy. [1367/21]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied) regarding job opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1379/21]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health if the situation regarding the closure of construction sites to stop the spread of Covid-19 will be clarified; the reason social housing and public infrastructure sites are being kept open (details supplied); and his views on whether all building sites should be closed to limit the transmission of the virus. — Joan Collins. [1380/21]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health if elderly residents in Ireland originally from the UK or other jurisdictions who are not registered with a general practitioner here will be able to access the Covid-19 vaccination; the way in which this group will be organised for vaccination by the HSE if they are not registered with a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1385/21]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical protocols observed that required the South/Southwest hospital group to provide vaccination to frontline staff in its Cork city-based elective only hospitals some with no Covid-19 patients, while deferring vaccination to frontline staff in the second largest acute hospital in the group University Hospital Waterford in addition to acute settings in University Hospital Kerry and South Tipperary General Hospital all with Covid-19 cases; the transparent equitable analysis the hospital group will be offering in a real time and ongoing basis to demonstrate fair allocation of vaccine resources and rollout among the hospital group concerns and HSE south community sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [1398/21]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health the remaining timeline and steps outstanding to a grant of build tender award given that the Tánaiste has confirmed that the main contractor tenders along with sub-contract tenders for mechanical and electrical works have been received by the capital procurements office regarding a build tender award of new cathlab at University Hospital Waterford; the completion date for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [1399/21]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health when nurses in general practitioner practices will receive the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1404/21]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health if nurses working in ICU will receive the Covid-19 vaccination in round one (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1405/21]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE drug group has met to date in January 2021; when the group will next meet; if the drug dupilumab will be approved for reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1444/21]

- *1020. To ask the Minister for Health if it is safe for persons aged under 16 years and women who are pregnant to receive a vaccine for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [1445/21]
- *1021. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a supplementary payment to student radiographers in view of plans to issue a payment and or grant to student nurses. — Patrick Costello. [1450/21]
- *1022. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to pay or provide travel and accommodation allowances to student radiographers to bring them in line with other trainee medics. — Cathal Crowe. [1451/21]
- *1023. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels by staff group for the new palliative care centre in University Hospital Waterford; if there will be specialists in paediatric palliative care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1453/21]
- *1024. To ask the Minister for Health if centres or premises have been secured in counties Laois and Offaly in relation to the roll-out of vaccinations. — Brian Stanley. [1463/21]
- *1025. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the possibility for paediasure in the powdered form to be added to the list for medical card holders (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [1464/21]
- *1026. To ask the Minister for Health if reflexology treatments can continue under level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1465/21]
- *1027. To ask the Minister for Health if staff have been designated for vaccines; the training carried out; and the timeframe for community vaccinations. — Brian Stanley. [1468/21]
- *1028. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the partial postponement of the primary school immunisation programme 2020/2021; and if this will be prioritised when sufficient staffing levels are available to accommodate this vaccination programme. — Steven Matthews. [1478/21]
- *1029. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is advising doctors to refer teachers for a Covid-19 test who show only one symptom of the virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1512/21]
- *1030. To ask the Minister for Health the actions his Department is taking to improve the track and trace operation in relation to Covid-19 in view of recent case numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1513/21]
- *1031. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider prioritising local suppliers when issuing tenders for a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [1514/21]
- *1032. To ask the Minister for Health the number of boarding out facilities for the elderly by county in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [1519/21]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health the stage of the vaccination process; if the staff and residents of boarding out facilities for the elderly will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1520/21]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on lists as both inpatients and outpatients for St. Luke's Hospital; the average wait time; the number waiting more than one, two, three and four years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1522/21]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health if persons who work in Covid-19 testing centres will be prioritised to receive vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1544/21]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 vaccination programme will be provided to those who work in education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1545/21]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health when the 23-bed intermediate care unit in Monaghan Hospital will be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1546/21]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health when the group home for persons with physical and sensory disabilities at Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1547/21]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices that operate within each county; the number within same that are currently accepting medical card patients in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1548/21]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health if the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive will continue to apply for new applicants from this State wishing to avail of treatment in Northern Ireland post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1549/21]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their much-required cataract operation at the Mater Hospital, Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1550/21]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding approved fire rating and retardant specifications to exterior cladding being fitted to the national children's hospital build; if the fire rated specifications of same will be published considering concerns regarding exterior cladding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [1603/21]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has been in any new discussions regarding possible new surge capacity requirements from the private hospitals network; the present surge plan in HSE run hospitals; if all private consultants will be awarded temporary work approvals from the HSE if private hospital capacity is utilised again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [1604/21]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an assessment in order that their family can apply for a special school. — Sean Sherlock. [1607/21]

- *1045. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths that occurred as a result of Covid-19 in nursing homes, direct provision and meat factories by county in November and December 2020, in tabular form; the age and nationality of each person concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1608/21]
- *1046. To ask the Minister for Health the restart date for dermatology services in St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1613/21]
- *1047. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the vaccine to be made available to residents and staff of services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1614/21]
- *1048. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the issues regarding the payment of allowances to student radiographers (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1615/21]
- *1049. To ask the Minister for Health if he will re-establish local testing centres in north Cork for Covid-19. — Sean Sherlock. [1619/21]
- *1050. To ask the Minister for Health if any contact tracers are currently working in open plan office; if so, his views on whether this is safe and best practice given the current number of Covid-19 cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [1630/21]
- *1051. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider issuing a statement to have all contact tracers work from home in line with current public health advice from the Chief Medical Office. — Gary Gannon. [1631/21]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Health where do HIQA inspectors fall in the definition of frontline workers; and if they will receive the vaccine with frontline staff in the current vaccination strategy. — Gary Gannon. [1637/21]
- *1053. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the assessment into the drug dupilumab which has been life-changing for many persons living with severe atopic eczema; when he expects this assessment to be completed; if he will ensure equitable access to dupilumab for eczema patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1642/21]
- *1054. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the decision of the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics to refuse reimbursement for life-changing gene therapy luxturna for inherited retinal diseases which are rare, serious and life limiting; his plans to support the treatment in view of the commitments made in the Programme for Government (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [1643/21]
- *1055. To ask the Minister for Health if he will prioritise the roll-out of vaccinations to secondary school teachers under the Covid-19 Vaccine Allocation Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [1649/21]
- *1056. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a wait time of three years for a person (details supplied) to obtain a cystoscopy examination at Nenagh Hospital. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1650/21]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the wait time in excess of 12 months for a person (details supplied) to get a hip replacement procedure at Croom Hospital, Limerick. — Maurice Quinlivan. [1651/21]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health the income disregards for blind welfare allowance applications taking into consideration the variations nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [1653/21]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient validation exercises dated 1 January to 30 November 2020, the reason for a zero return from the outpatients list in both Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda and Louth County Hospital Dundalk; if both hospitals have an alternate plan to manage and reduce outpatient lists; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1657/21]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to BreastCheck appointments being cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [1665/21]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding wait times for MRI scans at University Hospital Limerick; if funding will be secured for an additional MRI scanner for University Hospital, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [1667/21]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health if the cross-Border agreement is being extended for new patients or being implemented for those booked and waiting to be seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1673/21]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the October 2019 report of the HPSC Lyme Borreliosis Subcommittee; the action his Department has taken in the meantime to improve testing, diagnosis, treatment and management of Lyme disease on foot of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1679/21]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nasal spray child flu vaccines administered to date for each of the quantities due to expire on 13 and 14 January and 12 and 15 February 2021; the total cost of the vaccines; the number which have expired without being administered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [1680/21]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health when childcare workers can expect to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; if he will consider bringing forward the date for administering the vaccine for these workers given the service they provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [1684/21]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health if he will restore payment to 4 fourth year student radiographers for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [1685/21]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health if persons continue to test positive for Covid-19 for up to three months after an initial positive PCR test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1686/21]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health if the requirement of a negative PCR test in the previous 72 hours will be modified in respect of essential workers returning to Ireland who recently contracted

Covid-19 but have fully recovered, are no longer symptomatic and are no longer suspected to be infectious; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [1687/21]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to treating persons with eating disorders in each of the years 2016 to date; the amounts that have been diverted from this area in each of those years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1702/21]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons being treated for eating disorders in each of the years 2016 to date; the number that were discharged from that service each year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1703/21]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health if an application by a person (details supplied) for home help will be processed urgently; and if their home help hours will be awarded. — Chris Andrews. [1705/21]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a medical card; and when they can expect a decision on their case. — Chris Andrews. [1710/21]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health if the priority of the approximately 1300 cystic fibrosis patients under the provisional vaccination priority list will be re-examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1725/21]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding student radiographers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1730/21]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding vaccination priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1735/21]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding Covid-19 vaccinations in a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1742/21]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health the measures taken to allow nurses who do not have access to a personal computer or secure internet connections to pay their NMBI retention fees; the measures taken to give nurses without access to printers proof of payment, as required by hospitals; if he has considered his Department paying the fee in recognition of the efforts of nurses during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1743/21]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign led by student radiographers seeking greater supports similar to those provided to student nurses to reflect their ongoing care of the Covid-19 patients and frontline status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [1746/21]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a recruitment process (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1748/21]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider prioritising undertakers and their staff for Covid-19 vaccination given the importance of their work and their ongoing potential exposure

to Covid-19 and Covid-related illnesses at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [1753/21]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time of patients who present at accident and emergency departments in all of the acute hospitals nationwide by name of hospital, county and waiting time in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1754/21]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health if the current level of remuneration to dentists for medical card patients will be reviewed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [1759/21]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the recruitment process for vaccinators to administer the Covid-19 vaccination; the number of vaccinators currently in place; his plans to escalate the further recruitment of vaccinators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1761/21]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to raise awareness of the importance of properly disposing of face masks to reduce the spread of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [1766/21]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Health if he will classify general practitioners as front-line healthcare workers within the second vaccine allocation group under the Covid-19 vaccine allocation strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [1767/21]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Health if pharmacists and pharmacy staff will be considered frontline healthcare workers in the context of the Covid-19 vaccination programme and will be vaccinated at the beginning of the Covid-19 vaccine rollout; the schedule of vaccination for these workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1771/21]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Health if St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny will be given access to the upper floor of a hospital (details supplied) for the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Kathleen Funchion. [1772/21]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Health when a design team will be appointed for the new 125-bed ward which is needed for St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [1773/21]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be fast-tracked for a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [1774/21]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland to cover the cost of nurses annual retention fee in view of the work done by it during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1775/21]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 vaccine will be rolled out to members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will increase the priority given to the force in the text of the challenges facing it in its daily duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [1777/21]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding provided under the winter plan for mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1782/21]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that will be taken to ensure the HSE has the capacity to process primary medical certificates from 1 January 2020; the outcome of the meeting on 9 December 2020 between the Minister of State with responsibility for Disability at his Department and the Department of Justice and the Secretary General; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1783/21]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Health the details for his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1794/21]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Health the interaction he had with the EMA in relation to the approval process of a Covid-19 vaccine (details supplied); his understanding of the delay in the EU approval process versus that of the UK and the USA; and the likely approval date and subsequent roll-out plan for this particular vaccine in Ireland. — Dara Calleary. [1802/21]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Health if essential workers in Level 5 of the Covid-19 restrictions must be required to be physically present in their workplace in order to be deemed essential workers; if his attention has been drawn to contradictory Government advice in this regard (details supplied); if those deemed to be essential workers and who are instructed by their employers to work from home will be classed as essential workers for the purposes of childcare in level 5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1805/21]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list time for first and review assessments for speech and language assessment and speech and language therapy from 2016 to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [1812/21]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the services of a company (details supplied) has cost his Department to date; the amount it is projected to cost for its role in the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1813/21]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place to continue a scheme with Northern Ireland and Britain similar to the EU cross-border healthcare directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [1816/21]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider prioritising persons with cystic fibrosis in the planned vaccine rollout alongside the elderly and those in care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [1873/21]

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

*1101. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be provided for works at a pier (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45083/20]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which the horticultural sector can rely on an adequate supply of moss peat for the future given that such activity is largely carbon neutral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1902/21]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a beef genetic scheme for 2020 will be granted to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44648/20]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the role of his Department in prohibiting the marketing of hemp-derived agricultural food products in Ireland in view of the CJEU ruling of 19 November 2020 and statements by the European Commission on 2 and 3 December 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44721/20]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to lift the sanctions his Department imposed on the Irish hemp industry; if he will defend the rights of Irish hemp farmers and processors to market their agricultural product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44722/20]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a progress report on Coillte's plans for its sites in the Dublin mountains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44727/20]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department or State agencies under the aegis of his Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44779/20]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); the potential impact on the horticultural and nursery sector; the measures he is taking to mitigate the impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44848/20]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) will be permitted to not have to repay the premium and plantation grant for six acres of forestry that they had to take out after six years of growth in order to control the spread of tuberculosis on their land; if this will be considered as force majeure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44855/20]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a decision is likely to be made on proposed changes to regulations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44923/20]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider putting a strategic plan in place to protect the health of the Connemara pony into the future in view of the seriously concerning hoof wall separation disease statistics. — Cathal Crowe. [44956/20]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if further tranches of funding will be rolled out to animal welfare organisations in view of the fact that an organisation (details supplied) received just €2,000 in the most recent round of funding to support its work in 2021. — Cathal Crowe. [44975/20]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 15 December 2020, if his Department makes its various payments to the person whose name is on the herd number; if he will further clarify the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [45007/20]

- *1114. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the supports for fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45038/20]
- *1115. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the locations and operators of the 12 biogas plants approved to operate in Ireland; and the locations and operators of the two plants that are at an advanced stage and the plant that is at an early stage as outlined in Parliamentary Question Nos. 894 and 895 of 22 September 2020. — Ciarán Cannon. [45089/20]
- *1116. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on an appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45127/20]
- *1117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the animal welfare standards other countries must meet in order to receive live exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45153/20]
- *1118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an impact assessment has been conducted by his Department with respect to Irish feed industry following the imposition of duties on products listed in EU-US WTO Aircraft Dispute - Regulation 2020/1646; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45185/20]
- *1119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is putting in place to support the Irish feed industry following the imposition of an additional 15% duty on products listed on Annex 1 of EU-US WTO Aircraft Dispute - Regulation 2020/1646 and a 25% duty on those products listed on Annex II of the same regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45186/20]
- *1120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there was no consultation with the Irish feed industry or an organisation (details supplied) during the negotiation phase or the pre-implementation phase of EU-US WTO Aircraft Dispute - Regulation 2020/1646 when other EU member states did provide ample opportunity to discuss and review the proposed list, consult with industry and provide comment; the reason no notice period was provided for or requested by the Irish delegation when supporting this regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45187/20]
- *1121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will immediately engage with an organisation (details supplied) to address significant concerns that imposition of duties and tariffs following on from the implementation of EU-US WTO Aircraft Dispute - Regulation 2020/1646; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45188/20]
- *1122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if customs at Rosslare Port will be closed at any point during the workday; if so, the reason for such closures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [1026/21]
- *1123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the losses in the specific species the fishing fleet will have to give up (details supplied); the details of the decommissioning proposal given to him and the Cabinet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [1079/21]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the proposal by Bord na Móna to divert a large portion of peat previously allocated for the horticulture industry to retail factories in Ireland and the UK and Edenderry power factories; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this will be damaging to the horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1081/21]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a complementary redistributive income support for sustainability as recommended by the European Commission; the basis by which this support will be funded; the expected number of farmers that will benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1082/21]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to cap the upper limit of payments received by farmers from the Common Agricultural Policy in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1083/21]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the convergence that will take place for CAP payments in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1084/21]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has been informed of a worker at mink farms having tested positive Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1085/21]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will conduct an assessment of the Brexit-related impact on farm incomes; his plans to financially support those farmers who have been negatively impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1086/21]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the states to which Irish beef product is exported which stipulate a requirement for the 30-month rule; the dates from which this stipulation has been made in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1088/21]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the states to which Irish beef product is exported which stipulate a requirement for the four movement rule; the dates from which this stipulation has been made in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1089/21]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of calls that have been made to his Department's Brexit helpline for stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1112/21]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of calls that have been made to his Department's Brexit helpline for border control posts at Dublin Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1113/21]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of calls that have been made to his Department's Brexit helpline for border control posts at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1114/21]

- *1135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of calls that have been made to his Department's Brexit helpline for border control posts at Rosslare Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1115/21]
- *1136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tree felling licences awaiting assessment; the number of staff working on these applications; and the number of NIS requested. — Sean Sherlock. [1147/21]
- *1137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for aquaculture licences on hand at present; the number of these applied for in each of the past ten years; the average time for processing licence applications at present; the steps he will take to ensure all applications are dealt with expeditiously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1180/21]
- *1138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated full-year cost of purchasing four food detector dogs. — Darren O'Rourke. [1208/21]
- *1139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will progress a positive response to an appeal of a decision taken by his Department in relation to persons (details supplied); and if a reply will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [1228/21]
- *1140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 260 of 7 October 2020, the status of the application by the person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [1230/21]
- *1141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he is taking to combat animal abuse (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1235/21]
- *1142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds that were injured and died or were killed at tracks from 1 January 2020 to date; and the names of the greyhounds and the cause of each injury and death by greyhound track in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [1246/21]
- *1143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an appeal by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1247/21]
- *1144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a basic payment parcel appeal in respect of a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [1257/21]
- *1145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a full report on exports to Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1299/21]
- *1146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new requirements for pet passports for animals travelling between Ireland and Great Britain and vice versa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1301/21]
- *1147. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cases that have been pursued by his Department under SI 681/2019 Animal Health and Welfare (Sale or Supply

of Pet Animals) Regulations 2019 since its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1340/21]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to prevent the trafficking of animals and pets in and out of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1341/21]

*1149. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara céard iad na céimeanna atá i gceist aige a thógáil chun an stoc portán agus gliomach a chaomhnú timpeall an chósta de bharr an mhéid iascach atá a dhéanamh orthu; an bhfuil sé i gceist aige srian a chur ar iascach gliomach an t-am seo den bhliain amach ó na hoileáin chun an stoc a chaomhnú do na báid bheaga nach bhfuil in ann cur chun farraige go sabháilte an t-am seo den bhliain; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1369/21]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria used to give priority to 140 fishing boats to fish in UK waters from the 1 January 2021 over the 1900 Irish registered fishing boats; the reason these boats were chosen; if all fishing boats were considered equally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1474/21]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the mackerel quota cannot be divided fairly to all Irish fishing boats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1475/21]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason first preference was given to priority pelagic vessels tier 1 and tier 2 and vessels in relevant POs to fish in UK fishing waters given that POs only represent a minority of Irish fishing boats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [1476/21]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contingency measures he has put in place in the event that the UK enters into post-Brexit trade agreements with non-EU partners that will allow food product that may supplant Irish produce to enter the UK market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1523/21]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the operational curtailments that will be placed on marts during the new Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1524/21]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his engagements at EU level to ensure that additional beef imports do not enter the single market therefore depressing prices further post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1525/21]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Irish representatives will be on the EU-UK specialised trade committees that relate to the agri-food sector particularly the committee on sanitary and phytosanitary standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1527/21]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will publish the study by a company (details supplied) relating to the beef sector here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1528/21]

- *1158. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the beef producer organisations currently registered; the number of farmers affiliated to each organisation; the amount of beef produced in 2020 per each organisation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1529/21]
- *1159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the transposition of the EU Unfair Trading Practises Directive; if he plans to exclude additional unfair trading practise directives in domestic legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1530/21]
- *1160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of beef that was imported into Ireland for processing in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1531/21]
- *1161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of live cattle exports from Ireland in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1532/21]
- *1162. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of live cattle exports from Ireland to each destination country in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1533/21]
- *1163. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of Irish beef exported to China in each of the years 2015 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1534/21]
- *1164. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty beef farmers currently face in securing peat for cattle bedding; his efforts to resolve this difficulty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1535/21]
- *1165. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares nationwide that were newly planted for afforestation in each of the years 2001 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1536/21]
- *1166. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of trees that were planted for afforestation and the number therein of native broadleaf trees in each of the years 2001 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1537/21]
- *1167. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to increase the investment ceilings for the TAMS pig and poultry scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1539/21]
- *1168. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the Brexit fishing deal; the amount of quota that has been forfeited by each of the remaining EU members as part of the deal in absolute terms and as a proportion of their total EU fishing quota; the impact this will have on the Irish fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1558/21]
- *1169. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the objective basis or criteria by which boats were selected for the revised list sought by the European Union for permission to access and fish in UK waters; the processes that were followed in drawing up this list; if these

consultations involved bodies outside of his Department; the timeframe involved in this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1559/21]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the producer and other groups that were consulted when the revised list was drawn up to be submitted by the EU for permission to fish in UK waters; the consideration that was given to boats that are not members of producer groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1560/21]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if compensation will be given to boats who traditionally fished in UK waters and have not been given this permission since 1 January 2021 in view of their serious loss of income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1561/21]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the pre 1 January 2021 percentage of EU fishing waters that were made up of Irish fishing waters around our coast in tabular form; the percentage of EU fishing waters post Brexit that are now made up of Irish fishing waters around our coast; the effect this will have on our fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1562/21]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the percentage of the EU catch of fish allocated to Ireland by way of quota or otherwise in 2020, in tabular form; the percentage that will now be available to Ireland in 2021, post Brexit; the estimated volume and value in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1563/21]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will be seeking an immediate review of the EU common fisheries policy, post Brexit, to better reflect the percentage of each remaining member states contribution to the EU fishing waters and to address the historic wrong done to Ireland in the CFP policy to date, particularly as an island nation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1564/21]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, in view of the changes brought about by Brexit, he plans designating extra ports for landing fish from boats registered outside the EU to facilitate boats owned by Irish fishermen north and south but registered in Northern Ireland land at ports other than Killybegs and Castletownbere, which are the only ports designated for this purpose at this point in time; if he has considered the risk of not having extra ports designated in the context of smaller boats having to steam numerous hours at sea to land at a designated port; the analysis that has been done on the possible carbon footprint saving on designating extra ports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1565/21]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if boats registered in Northern Ireland are categorised as non-EU boats in relation to the requirement for non-EU boats to land fish at designated ports; if he will outline his reply in the context of the Good Friday Agreement/Northern Ireland Protocol in terms of citizenship rights of persons living on this island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1566/21]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of registered boats in the Irish fishing register; the number of these also registered with a producer group; the method by which consultation is carried out with the boats owners not registered with a producer group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1567/21]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of boats recommended by his Department for permission to fish for prawns in the revised list sought by the EU for this purpose by port of origin; the total number of Irish registered boats that traditionally fished for prawns in UK waters, broken down on the same basis; the method by which they were selected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1568/21]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Brexit has brought about changes in the Voisinage fishing arrangement that existed up to now between Ireland and Northern Ireland due to Brexit; the details of these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1569/21]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1606/21]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal under GLAS by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [1693/21]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage of beef per month imported from EU member states in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1723/21]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a reply will be issued to a person (details supplied) who has been in contact with the records branch of his Department for information on a right of way which is needed for the purchase of property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1736/21]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding awarded to animal welfare charities in 2020, by county, name and amount of funding in tabular form; if further tranches of funding will be made available considering the major decline in fundraising due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1760/21]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details for his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1788/21]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of beef carcasses under 30 months that have been exported worldwide in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [1806/21]

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

*1187. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of the Covid-19 stability scheme funding that went to disability organisations. — Joan Collins. [44999/20]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports available to community organisations to support them through the Covid-19 crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1065/21]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dog attacks on sheep flocks by county in 2020; the number of sheep attacked by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [1087/21]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she is taking to prevent unlawful puppy farming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1341/21]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department will consider granting an exceptional extension regarding the Leader programme in which projects approved by the end of 2020 but ultimately may not go ahead allowing the funding to be used for other 2020 projects that missed out. — Sorca Clarke. [44658/20]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44686/20]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of occasions on which the Interdepartmental Committee for the Development of the Islands met in 2020; the dates of the meetings in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44696/20]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department or State agencies under the aegis of her Department have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied); if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44792/20]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of puppy farms registered in each of the past five years; the number of dog wardens employed by each local authority; the amount spent by her Department in increasing the level of public knowledge on individual's responsibilities in relation to puppy farm regulations; the number of persons fined who are breeding and selling puppies who have not adhered to the regulations to date; the actions her Department is taking to ensure that the proportion of dog licences in the State is lifted from 20% to 100%; and if her Department has worked on the centralisation of microchip databases. — Peadar Tóibín. [45130/20]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the post of Director of Legal Affairs and Registration at the Charities Regulator will be filled on a permanent basis. — Catherine Murphy. [1191/21]

*1197. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén uair atá sé i gceist aici go mbeidh deis ag ionadaithe ó Phobal Inis Meáin scrúdu a dhéanamh ar an obair atá déanta ar riachtanais na hoibre ar Ché an Chalaidh Mhóir in Inis Meáin ag comhairleoirí i gCorcaigh, cibé acu go fisiciúil nó go fíorúil, de bharr na práinne a bhaineann le dul ar aghaidh le hobair phleanála ar an gCé seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1368/21]

*1198. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén dul chun cinn atá déanta go dtí seo maidir le forbairt na cé in Inis Oírr; an bhfuil cás gnó maidir leis an gcé curtha chuig an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe agus, más amhlaidh go bhfuil, cathain a cuireadh ar aghaidh é; cad iad na staidéir a chaithfear a dhéanamh fós sula mbeidh tairiscintí á lorg don togra; cén staid ag a bhfuil na staidéir sin agus cén uair a mheastar go mbeidh siad ar fáil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1661/21]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of the measures from within her Department to enforce and reduce the illicit puppy farms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1758/21]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details for her Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specifically Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1798/21]