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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the set criteria for the continuation of large construction projects in the exporting and FDI sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [1985/21]

*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding that has been drawn down by banks (details supplied) under the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme established in 2020 to support small and medium sized businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2143/21]

*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Health and Safety Authority on-site inspections carried out in 2020, in tabular form by month and sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [1936/21]

*4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a company operating a State contract is refusing its employees access to the company sick pay scheme if they are in receipt of the enhanced illness benefit scheme; if his attention has been further drawn to a provision in the enhanced illness scheme which would mandate that requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1986/21]

*5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available for staff who are not essential workers but are not permitted to work remotely during level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2012/21]

*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is a current action plan for jobs; if there is data to target and measure new jobs by county rather than regions; if same is possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2035/21]

*7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if additional details will be provided on the capital projects outlined in a strategy (details supplied) in County Mayo; the likely timelines involved for the proposed projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2077/21]

*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2082/21]

*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which retailers of electrical goods are considered to be essential services under level 5 of Covid-19; his response to concerns being expressed by some that a significant number of non-essential items are being sold in such stores; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that UK electrical retail chains currently open for business here have closed their outlets in Northern Ireland owing to Covid-19 and that some employees of such stores believe a similar approach should be taken here. — Michael Moynihan. [2096/21]

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

*10. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if local authorities have a legal basis to use CCTV under the Waste Management and or Litter Pollution Acts as a tool in combatting the scourge of illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [1978/21]

*11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a house (details supplied) will be connected to fibre broadband given the infrastructure is there and that it is the only house not connected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [1967/21]

*12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the cessation of turf cutting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1997/21]

*13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when broadband will be available at a property (details supplied); the steps the person can take to accelerate the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2008/21]

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*16. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 237 of 10 November 2020, if, in view of the fact that the turlough is now 1.75 metres higher than on 6 January 2020, he will request Geological Survey Ireland using the data collected to date to produce an updated flood risk map for Funshinagh, County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2052/21]

*17. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2083/21]

*18. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the ESB will be suspending in-home visits that are not urgent for the duration of level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2118/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*19. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports his Department will make available for the ailing aviation maintenance, repair and operations industry. — Cathal Crowe. [43821/20]

*20. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration is being given to make Cork Port a freeport as part of the response to Brexit; if engagement is taking place to have a vehicular ferry service in place from Cork for exporting and importing directly to and from Europe as part of Brexit mitigation plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38327/20]

*21. To ask the Minister for Transport To ask the Minister for Transport the extra preparations he plans to make to facilitate persons and materials travelling through Cork Airport and the Port of Cork in in light of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38328/20]

*22. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 279 of 10 November 2020, the number of US troops and the quantity of weapons and munitions that passed through Shannon Airport per month in November and December 2020; the details of any reviews carried out by his Department into the practice of providing exemptions under the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Orders 1973 and 1989; the details of the unit within his Department which is responsible for the provision of exemptions under the 1973 and 1989 orders, including the number of employees in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1938/21]

*23. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to reintroduce temporary changes to the driver licence renewal system to facilitate over 70s, such as a person (details supplied) who are currently unable to supply a medical certificate as their doctors are only dealing with medical emergencies and Covid-19 cases; and the specific steps applicants may take to overcome this difficulty. — Seán Crowe. [1954/21]

*24. To ask the Minister for Transport the emergency measures he plans to introduce in order that senior citizens and others can safely renew their driving licence during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Seán Crowe. [1955/21]

*25. To ask the Minister for Transport the changes he has agreed at a local or European level for applicants to obtain a new or first-time Irish driver licence during the Covid-19 lockdown in view of the ongoing challenges facing those looking to renew or receive a new or first-time drivers licence in physically presenting for the test or with the form. — Seán Crowe. [1956/21]

*26. To ask the Minister for Transport if matters raised by a person (details supplied) in correspondence will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1964/21]

*27. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the suspension of the requirement for a medical report when reviewing a driver licence to allow the most vulnerable to stay home and protect themselves from Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1980/21]

*28. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to ensure over 70s can renew their driver licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1988/21]

*29. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene in the dispute between Iarnród Éireann and the residents of an area (details supplied) and request Iarnród Éireann to engage with the residents to resolve this issue. — Chris Andrews. [1993/21]

*30. To ask the Minister for Transport if there has been a delay in the administering of tax books for cars; and if this has affected tax renewals. — Mark Ward. [2018/21]

*31. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in the context of the need to stop the spread of Covid-19 infection, he will immediately instruct the RSA to close the NCT test centres as was done from 28 March to 8 June 2020 and similarly extend the validity of NCT certs by four months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2037/21]

*32. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to make legal the use of electric scooters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2070/21]

*33. To ask the Minister for Transport the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2095/21]

*34. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers arriving into Ireland on a weekly basis since 7 December 2020, by country of departure including seaports and airports in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [2112/21]

*35. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he continues to monitor progress towards decarbonisation of the transport sector; the extent to which the progress here is line with that in other jurisdictions throughout Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2168/21]

*36. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which the air passenger and cargo transport sectors can be facilitated notwithstanding the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2169/21]

*37. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects progress to take place in the public transport sector in the next four years with particular reference to the commuter belt in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2170/21]

*38. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects to encourage increased capacity on the commuter rail sector in north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2171/21]

*39. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he plans to take in the short-term to improve the frequency and capacity of the rail sector affecting commuters throughout north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2172/21]

*40. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he can encourage the electrification of the commuter rail sector affecting County Kildare with particular reference to the need, in the course of the current review, to extend the service to facilitate development in the future and to avail of lower costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2173/21]

*41. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he continues to monitor the throughput of passengers at the various stations on the Maynooth line; the extent to which demand has grown;

his plans to accommodate the demand in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2174/21]

*42. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he plans to alleviate overcrowding on commuter trains serving north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2175/21]

*43. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects parking facilities to be provided in conjunction with upgrading the Maynooth and Sallins rail services with particular reference to the need to ensure that commuters can park with ease without creating further congestion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2176/21]

*44. To ask the Minister for Transport when noise reduction improvements will be completed on the M4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2179/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects traffic capacity improvements to take place on the M4 with particular reference to those areas currently regularly affected by congestion at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2180/21]

*46. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he recognises the need to ensure that improvements in the road and rail traffic sector are likely to entail benefits at least fifty years into the future rather than merely addressing current problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2181/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*47. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a forecast of the lockdown levels that will apply from January to June 2021 given that businesses have to forecast whether or not they will experience a drop in turnover of 30% from January to June 2021 in order to qualify for the employment wage subsidy scheme; if he is unable to provide this forecast, if he will modify the qualifying criteria for the scheme that will apply for essential retail businesses to a monthly forecast in reduction in turnover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1989/21]

*48. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will allow essential retail businesses to retrospectively apply for the employment wage subsidy scheme if their turnover drops by more than 30% between January and June 2021, even though the business owner had not forecast such a drop in turnover due to the fact that they are unable to accurately forecast lockdown levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [1990/21]

*49. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of early years education services in Ireland currently availing of the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2075/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to address the backlog in processing applications for the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [40438/20]

*51. To ask the Minister for Finance the analysis his Department has carried out into the cost of including outdoor activity businesses in the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [1937/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if matters raised by a person (details supplied) in correspondence in respect of benefit-in-kind concerns will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [1946/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for Finance the way new companies can determine their eligibility of wage subsidy scheme if they were not in operation one year ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1961/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for Finance his engagement with the banks on business loans which many closed businesses will find difficult to repay at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1963/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to amend the law in relation to benefit-in-kind for having a company car for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the Government's requests and restrictions limiting travel which, unless the law is amended, will put a large financial burden on those who have the use of a company car; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2041/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the situation for retailers who import used vehicles from the UK subjected to a new 10% tariff (details supplied); if he has considered the impact of this new tariff on the livelihoods of persons involved in used car retail throughout Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2055/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions being taken by his Department in conjunction with the Central Bank to ensure that those who are currently in receipt of an employment wage subsidy scheme payment can get mortgage approval or draw down a mortgage which has previously been approved. — Robert Troy. [2056/21]

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2084/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance if the pandemic unemployment payment is taxable; if so, the taxes that apply; the way in which it is planned to levy any taxes due for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2098/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance if the construction of a 1,700 square foot extension and the complete renovation of a derelict 1,000 square foot house constitutes a new build or self-build for the purposes of the help to buy scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2115/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans in changing tax rules regarding benefit-in-kind for those who have a company car given the current circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [2134/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of talks he has held with a group (details supplied) in relation to the future of a bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2140/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to legislate to ban digital-only payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2141/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the €3.20 non-taxable rate to a more sustainable and fairer rate given that Ireland is returning to level 5 restrictions and employers will be reliant once more on home working and workers will be using more heat and lighting to do their work from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2144/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will re-introduce the Covid-19 BIK concession for employer-provided vehicles wherein an employer allows private use of a vehicle (details supplied) which lapsed on 31 December 2020 in view of the current restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2145/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he remains satisfied that the steps taken to date to offset the impact of Brexit remains sufficiently robust to ensure Ireland's economic future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2156/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the financial services sector here has been affected by Brexit negatively or positively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2157/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding Ireland's economic performance notwithstanding the impact of Brexit and or Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2158/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance the particular issues that have arisen in recent times with specific impact on Ireland's economy; the adequacy of the steps taken to respond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2159/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance if he remains satisfied that lending institutions remain sympathetic to difficulties faced by borrowers with particular reference to their ability to meet repayments in the current climate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2160/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent of action pending or likely to bring mortgage interest in Ireland into line with the rates applicable throughout the Eurozone and the European Union in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2161/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the persons or bodies to which the most benefit accrues from the higher interest rates charged by lending institutions to home buyers; the way in which lenders in other European jurisdictions seem to be in a position to manage with lower interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2162/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that will be taken to ensure that lending policy does not contribute to house price inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2163/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for regulations that the Central Bank might apply to the lending institutions to encourage them to assist first-time house buyers and to deter profiteering in the housing market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2164/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he expects Covid-19-related payments to continue into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2165/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for the continuation of Covid-19-related payments into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2166/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the possibility of the application of interest rates currently available to home borrowers throughout Europe to apply here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2167/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance the details relating to his Department for outsourcing to consultancies of specific Covid-19-related work, services or advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2185/21]

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

*79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the process by which a new salary point was agreed for a five-year period for the next secretary general of the Department of Health; his role in this matter and the approvals given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2149/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will reopen the voluntary homeowners relocation scheme for those with primary residential properties which have been flooded due to turloughs and rising ground water in addition to those flooded in 2015 and 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2048/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review the cost-benefit analysis for flood relief works to incorporate turlough flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2049/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to address the serious flooding currently threatening homes and farm buildings due to the overflow of the former turlough at Lough Funshinagh, County Roscommon which is now effectively a continually rising lake with no outlet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2050/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of voluntary home relocations that have been completed to date; the total cost of the completed relocations; if the amount has been incorporated into the CBA for flood mitigation works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2066/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2090/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants on the secretary general grade; the number on the grade that are in receipt of additional emoluments from the public purse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2101/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants recruited through the Top Level Appointments Committee that are in receipt of additional pension rights; the extent of the public liability in respect of such rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2102/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the stage at which his attention was drawn to the fact that the existing secretary general of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform would be interested in the position of Secretary General of the Department of Health; if, in advance of appointing them to the interim position, he requested that if they were appointed to the role on a permanent basis that they might waive the salary increase and increase to their pension arising therefrom in the public interest given their role as head of the Civil Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2103/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the increase in salary of 50% proposed in respect of the Secretary General of the Department of Health will not apply to any other Department including his own when a successor to the secretary general is appointed and that assistant secretary and lower grades of the Department of Health will also not be the subject of grade elevation now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2104/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the precise costs including pension accrual benefits to the State of the three categories of persons being appointed to the role after the existing competition, that is, a person with no prior public service, a person who joined the civil service for the first time after 2013 and a person with the same salary and pension entitlements as the new acting secretary general of the Department of Health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2105/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will confirm that the new secretary general of the Department of Health will be paid an annual salary of €292,000, significantly in excess of the top scale of Secretary General I (PPC) of €211,742; the reason this derogation from the rules was sought; and if there are comparable roles within the public service paying an annual salary in excess of the top pay scale. — Mairéad Farrell. [2126/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the circumstances by which a decision was taken to introduce a new salary point for a new secretary general in the Department of Health; the person or body which initiated this issue; the Ministers or Departments involved in this decision; the specific rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2150/21]

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

*92. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the live events scheme will open for applications; if festivals that have been rescheduled will be eligible to apply for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2032/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will appoint a golf representative to the board of Sport Ireland (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2059/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the main policy initiatives undertaken by her Department since 27 June 2020; and her main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2094/21]

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

*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that street parking will be free for healthcare workers for the duration of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1983/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual expenditure and the number of properties remediated annually under the pyrite resolution scheme in each of the years 2014 to 2020; and the budget allocation and anticipated number of properties to be remediated in 2021, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1944/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost to the State arising from the issue of defects and remediation at a location (details supplied); the breakdown of the cost of remediation of the apartments; the number of apartments remediated; the cost of emergency accommodation; the cost of legal fees incurred by Government and Dublin City Council; the other area of costs not included in this list; and the amount recouped by the State from the sale of the remediated apartments at the location. — Eoin Ó Broin. [1949/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request local authorities to reintroduce free parking for healthcare workers during the current level 5 restrictions as was seen by Dublin City Council during the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1982/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the designation of Lough Funshinagh, County Roscommon as a SAC in view of the fact that the former turlough is now effectively a continually rising lake with no outlet which has decimated the typical turlough flora of the site; the steps which the NPWS is taking to maintain the natural hydrological regime necessary to support the natural structure and functioning of the habitat in line with the site conservation objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2053/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action taken with respect to the 20 local authority housing estates that were the subject of the IFHS collective complaint against the Irish State to the European Committee of Social Rights in from 2014; and his plans to address the Committee of Ministers’ findings that the Irish State was in breach of Article 16 of the European Social Charter with respect to the substandard quality of accommodation for a substantial number of local authority tenants and the failure of the State to address these standards in a timely manner. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2058/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2088/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding a dealing application by a person (details supplied); if the matter can be expedited as it is delaying the sale of a property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [2099/21]

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

*103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the individual cost of each Get Brexit Ready communication campaign since they were introduced in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2036/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1968/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if this case has been raised with the Bahrain authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [1969/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to a report entitled *Trafficking from the Fringes of Europe to the Middle East* published by human rights organisations; if so, the action he plans to take on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [1971/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the response to the actions of Scottish fishery protection vessels intercepting Irish vessels going to fish at Rockall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2022/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised the case of a person (details supplied) in Bahrain either multilaterally or bilaterally with Bahraini Government officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2023/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he accepts that the Organisation of American States submitted a false report, in relation to the recent election in Bolivia and that the report has been proven by subsequent events and by a number of independent observers to have been false; if he will request that the OAS outline the reason it produced a false report; if he will review Ireland's commitment to the OAS in view of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2024/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who it is alleged has been detained without due process and tortured by the government of Bahrain; if he and his colleagues in the EU Foreign Affairs Council have raised this with Bahraini officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [2039/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2085/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the additional staff that will be deployed to the Irish Permanent Mission to the UN by grade during Ireland's term on the Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2129/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to open a new Irish Consulate General Office in Dubrovnik, Croatia; if he is considering opening Irish Consulate General offices in other locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2130/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*114. To ask the Minister for Defence the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2080/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Defence if a new recruitment drive for aircraft maintenance technicians for the Air Corps will be launched in quarter 1 of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2133/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*116. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that will be taken in the future to improve school bus transport given the current costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2177/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to a new structure governing school transport given the difficulties that have arisen over recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2178/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for funding of an ASD unit at a school (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [1925/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education if the lack of ASD units in Ballymun, Dublin will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1943/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider providing free postage to DEIS schools to allow the schools to send educational materials out to their pupils during this period of remote learning given that some students may not have access to digital devices. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [1945/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in place to support special needs students during level 5 lockdown. — Emer Higgins. [1957/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education the amount in minor grant scheme funding allocated to each county; and the number of primary, secondary and special schools that benefited from the scheme in 2020, in tabular form. — Richard Bruton. [1960/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education if negotiations will be continued with teachers and parents to provide education services for example the July provision for children who attend mainstream autism classes and special schools. — Joan Collins. [1965/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education if the oral examinations are expected to proceed as normal for leaving certificate language subject students for the 2020-2021 academic year; if there are contingency plans in place should the exams not proceed as planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2011/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education the additional supports that will be provided to children of special education schools to ensure they do not regress for the duration of level 5 restrictions and school closures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2014/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Education the capital projects her Department will fund in County Louth over the years 2021 to 2025. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2016/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Education the supports mainstream schools are obliged to provide for students with additional learning needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2025/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education the plans now in place to allow for the leaving certificate examinations to proceed safely in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2030/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the purchase of the adjacent field at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2033/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Education if she will have a virtual meeting in January 2021 with the management and parents representatives of a special school (details supplied) that caters for pupils with severe and profound disabilities as they have requested regarding prioritising the reopening of the school as a matter of extreme urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2068/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure on campus education is available as soon as possible for children with disabilities and those attending special schools and classes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2069/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Education the main policy initiatives undertaken by her Department since 27 June 2020; and her main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2081/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the permanent building for a school (details supplied); if the contract will be awarded as planned and construction commenced in Q1 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2116/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address concerns regarding the reopening of special education classes in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2117/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been made on a section 29 appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2135/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken to support parents who are classified as essential workers following the announcement of the closure of schools in January 2021, for example, situations in which both parents are essential workers and need support; the plans in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [2138/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been made on a section 29 appeals by persons (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2147/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education if additional supports will be provided for children with special education needs as requested in correspondence from parents (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2148/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education if a deadline will be committed to by which a decision and communication will be made regarding the method by which the leaving certificate examinations will take place in 2021. — Gary Gannon. [2154/21]

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

*140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether sufficient measures are in place to ensure that workers in the private sector working in essential service jobs can self-isolate if required to do so without significant loss of earnings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1987/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered reinstating fortnightly payment of some social welfare payments in view of the reintroduction of level 5 restrictions. — Paul McAuliffe. [1951/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied) in respect of their application for an invalidity benefit; and when they can expect a decision on their case. — Chris Andrews. [1962/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any employees on community employment schemes are considered essential workers; if so, the relevant schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1981/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for a PPS number will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2006/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if fortnightly collection of social welfare payments will resume at post offices under current level 5 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2007/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the pandemic unemployment payment. — Robert Troy. [2013/21]

*147. 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. [2020/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the main policy initiatives undertaken by her Department since 27 June 2020; and her main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2092/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a PPS number. — Gary Gannon. [2152/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the review of the gateway scheme has been completed and published; and if the link to the publication will be provided. — Gary Gannon. [2153/21]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the households and persons permitted to avail of childcare in crèches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2028/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his engagement with the Minister for Health with regard to the provision of childcare for frontline workers during the level 5 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2042/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review the resources which are available to early year service providers prior to reopening in terms of cleaning and sanitising facilities and equipment (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2045/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2079/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if plans are in place to compensate the time lost for children in the ECCE scheme due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [2131/21]

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

*156. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a centre (details supplied) will continue to operate under the current restrictions of the Plan for Living with Covid-19. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2015/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the terms of reference approved by the HEA and a company (details supplied) for the mid-term review report at GMIT County Mayo campus; the progress on the implementation of the working group’s recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2071/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the independent report by a company (details supplied) on the GMIT Mayo Campus working group’s plan will be presented to the HEAs finance and governance committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2072/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2086/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide information and clarity regarding the prospects of third-level students of studying

abroad in the 2021-2022 academic year given the current Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2155/21]

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

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans and views regarding each of the recommendations of the Expert Group Report to Review the Law of Torts and the Current Systems for the Management of Clinical Negligence Claims relevant to her Department and those bodies under the aegis of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1976/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Justice the protections in place to prevent a parent leaving the country with a young child born here who has dual citizenship without the permission of the other parent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1991/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is an increase in cars being seized by An Garda Síochána due to lack of tax renewals. — Mark Ward. [2019/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Justice the main policy initiatives undertaken by her Department since 27 June 2020; and her main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2089/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that have been taken to create new pathways for long-term undocumented persons here as agreed in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2097/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Justice if non-documented residents in Ireland will receive assurances they will not be deported if they present to their local immigration office to regulate their status as suggested by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2100/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the Irish nationality and citizenship (amendment) Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2121/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and percentage of the Garda fleet within the Limerick division that are aged less than one year old, between one to three, three to six, six to 10 and over 10 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2127/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider legislation to ensure that all semi-State companies working with the trade union movement adopt a workplace domestic violence policy; if she will examine the way many State companies have adopted such a policy as part of the audit recently announced into sexual and domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2142/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the supports in place or being considered to support radiography students through their placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1979/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of passenger locator forms completed by inbound air and sea port travellers from 11 December 2020 to date in 2021; the number of follow-up checks made by officials in respect of these forms; and the number of incomplete or non-answers documented in respect of same over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [2060/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health when the intellectual disability sector will be scheduled for vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2146/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and hospital staff currently not working due to illness or the fact that they are a close contact of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 in each hospital (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [1926/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health when prison officers will start to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; if they will be included in the priority list for roll-out of the vaccine; when prisoners receive the vaccine; and the overall plan for the roll out of vaccines across prisons. — Louise O'Reilly. [1928/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the psychological supports available to heart failure patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1929/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of the statutory homecare scheme; when it will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [1930/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home residents here; and the most up-to-date number that have received the Covid-19 vaccine. — Louise O'Reilly. [1931/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the priority list for administration of the Covid-19 vaccine in hospitals, inclusive of all staff not just medical and healthcare staff by grade, group and category. — Louise O'Reilly. [1932/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a national database for the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; the person or body who developed the database; the way in which the database operates; the way in which information is input into the database; and if it is interactive and communicated centrally at a national level. — Louise O'Reilly. [1933/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccinations that have been delivered to date; and when there will be full vaccination coverage. — Louise O'Reilly. [1934/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the priority list for administration of the Covid-19 vaccine across the health service, inclusive of all staff not just medical and healthcare staff by grade, group and category in which general practitioners and practice nurses fit in; and if he will respond to concerns raised by general practitioners that their priority on the roll-out list is not consummate with their need and the level of danger they face from Covid-19 in their work. — Louise O'Reilly. [1935/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health if patients with cystic fibrosis will receive the Covid-19 vaccines; if they will be a prioritised group bearing in mind their vulnerability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [1939/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health if patients with underlying health conditions will be escalated for receipt of the Covid-19 vaccination given their vulnerabilities and susceptibility to the effects of Covid-19. — Louise O'Reilly. [1941/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health if a date for surgery will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [1947/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the Covid-19 vaccination programme for general practitioners nationwide (details supplied); if general practitioner representative bodies have been consulted in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [1948/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health if healthcare staff at private hospitals that are taking in patients referred from the public system will be regarded as front-line health workers and receive the vaccine at the beginning of the Covid-19 vaccination schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [1950/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will work with the HSE to approve a medical internship for a sixth-year medical student (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [1953/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health if residents and staff in a nursing home convent (details supplied) will be prioritised in the Covid-19 vaccination programme roll-out given that they have not appeared on the prioritisation list. — Louise O'Reilly. [1958/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operational primary care centres by county; the year each came into operation since 2011; and the number of primary care centres in development by county in tabular form. — Richard Bruton. [1959/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have applied to become a community swabber; the number that have been selected to community swab; the number that have been employed through this recruitment process and are actively swabbing at present; and the number that have been employed and are yet to commence. — Peadar Tóibín. [1966/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health if home help and homecare workers will receive the Covid-19 vaccine at level 2 for front-line healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [1970/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [1973/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and views regarding each of the recommendations of the Expert Group Report to Review the Law of Torts and the Current Systems for the Management of Clinical Negligence Claims relevant to his Department and those bodies under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [1975/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to remunerating student radiographers for their placements in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [1977/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding mandatory face mask use in banks and other financial institutions; and if the mandatory wearing of facemasks has been considered in circumstances in which all relevant security measures are taken into account to reflect the concerns of front-line branch workers. — Steven Matthews. [1984/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to restore gastroenterologist services at Ennis General Hospital following the resignation of the previous gastroenterologist in October 2020 given that patients due to be seen in Ennis are left indefinitely on a waiting list. — Cathal Crowe. [1992/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health when appropriate treatment and attention will be made available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [1994/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if persons who are working in cancer support centres can be prioritised for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1995/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health if residents and staff of a facility (details supplied) can be prioritised for the Covid-19 vaccine given the recent outbreak of Covid-19 in the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [1996/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a large volume of dental practices are no longer treating persons under the medical card scheme; if funding will be made available to compensate medical card holders who have been put in financial distress as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1998/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal is on the waiting list for a spinal operation; when they will receive a date for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2000/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if organ transplant patients will be prioritised in the Covid-19 vaccine roll out; if so, when this will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2001/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be facilitated with an appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2002/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health if the dental department, St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny was fully operational providing both routine and emergency dental treatment in-house in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2003/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who received routine and emergency dental treatment in the dental department, St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny in 2019 and 2020, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2004/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients referred from the dental department, St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny to dental clinics here and abroad for both routine and emergency

treatment in 2019 and 2020, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2005/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health if family carers will be included in the Covid-19 vaccination priority list; if family members living with family carers will be prioritised for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2021/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated time frame of the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine by the groups identified in the Vaccine Implementation Plan in tabular form; the steps he is taking to accelerate the delivery of the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2026/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the group in the Covid-19 Vaccine Implementation Plan sequence childcare workers are included in. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2027/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health if students with additional education needs and staff in special schools and classes can be prioritised for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2029/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the time frame for the vaccination programme for residential care settings; the full list of services to be vaccinated specifically a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [2034/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending the €100 weekly grant payment to student nurses working during Covid-19 to radiography students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2038/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration being given to making a therapy (details supplied) available to those for whom this therapy is the best hope of their retaining vision; the stage the process is at; the estimated number of persons in Ireland that would benefit from the therapy each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2043/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a project (details supplied) aimed at suicide prevention; the supports that can be provided to it to aid in its work; and if he will visit the area and engage directly with the team to ensure its success. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2044/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no self-harm protocol in St. James's Hospital, Dublin in relation to patients presenting with self-harm injuries at the emergency department; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2046/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 583 of 17 December 2020, if he will furnish a reply and outline the resources to be made available for the development of the ambulatory care hubs; the location of the first phase of hubs; the reason level 2 hospital sites were not considered for such hubs in view of the fact that many are already dealing with large numbers of older persons and those with chronic illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2051/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health if resources will be provided to increase the roll-out of the Covid vaccination programme from the current five to seven days per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2054/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the Farrelly Commission will report; his plans to publicise the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [2057/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health when pharmacists will be vaccinated under the vaccination schedule. — Sean Sherlock. [2063/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 vaccine priority that will be given to carers given their particular circumstances in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [2073/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health if, in the interest of public health fairness and transparency, strict protocols and booking plans are being applied to the administration of the Covid-19 vaccine in order that priority need next-on-list guarantees the dose, as opposed to presence on the day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [2074/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health if dentists and their staff will be considered front-line 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. [2076/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2087/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the impact Covid-19 has had on the planned statutory homecare scheme; the revised estimated timeline for roll out of the scheme; the steps he will take to ensure its roll out as early as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2106/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for homecare; the number of patients in delayed discharge from hospital due to the fact they are awaiting a homecare placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2107/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the expected completion date for the transfer of shares from a group (details supplied) to a company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2108/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of Brexit on the cross-Border Healthcare Directive for patients seeking treatment in Northern Ireland or the UK; the changes to the scheme if applicable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2109/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has responsibility for the payment of rent for its building at Miesian Plaza, Dublin 2; the steps he is taking to recoup the rent overpayment of €10 million; if his officials have met with the landlord regarding the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2110/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the feasibility studies for the proposed site for a new primary care centre in Finglas, Dublin 11; if the HSE has tendered for the services of a design team to progress the project; the projected timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2111/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health the level of compliance in filling out the passenger locator forms on a weekly basis from 7 December 2020; the number of forms which were correctly and incorrectly completed on a weekly basis, respectively; and the number of persons that refused to fill out the form on a weekly basis in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [2113/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health the number of follow-up calls made to incoming passengers on a weekly basis since 7 December 2020; and the number of calls which were successfully answered on a weekly basis in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [2114/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential addiction-related stabilisation, step down recovery beds in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2119/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available for the recruitment of an additional full-time consultant orthopaedic surgeon for Croom Orthopaedic Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2120/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 333 of 16 December 2020, the status of the proposed reimbursement of dupilumab for the treatment of atopic eczema; if the HSE Drugs Group January 2021 meeting has taken place to date; if so, if a decision on reimbursement was taken at the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2128/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the additional measures that will be implemented to restrict travel into this State during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2136/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health if the present restrictions on travel within this State are applicable to persons who are ordinarily resident outside the jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2137/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health if banks and credit unions will be added to the list of workplaces in which the wearing of face coverings is compulsory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2139/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the six month delay in commencing the recruitment process for a secretary general in his Department particularly in the middle of a pandemic; the circumstances which led to the recent appointment of an interim secretary general when there was an acting secretary already in post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2149/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health if essential workers (details supplied) will be prioritised along with other front-line workers in the vaccine roll out programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [2151/21]

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

*240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [1940/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when outstanding GLAS payments will be made to a farmer (details supplied) in County Galway; if the delay in payments is as a result of a problem with his Department's IT system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [1942/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will permit local gardeners to provide commercial gardening services during the current Covid-19 level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [1952/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason coursing events which had been allowed take place during the run-up to Christmas 2020 due to its inclusion on an approved list of permitted sports are no longer permitted. — Willie O'Dea. [1974/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2031/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 332 of 8 October 2020 and 438 of 16 April 2019, when he plans to introduce a voluntary farm building relocation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2047/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address the concerns of farmers with land within the catchment of Lough Funshinagh, County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2067/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2078/21]

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

*248. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the new policy on the islands will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2061/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the new policy on rural development will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [2062/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the islands report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [1999/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason the local improvement scheme for 2021 requires that one of the applicants is a farmer at a time when a

smaller proportion of the rural population is engaged in farming and that many rural dwellers live on roads that have never been taken in charge by the local authority in their area; the reason if two or more landholders have land adjacent to an existing non-council road and there is at least one house on this section of road is not eligible for the scheme; the consultations she has had with local authority and members of Dáil Éireann in rural Ireland on this stipulation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2040/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the main policy initiatives undertaken by her Department since 27 June 2020; and her main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2091/21]