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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach the main policy initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020; and his main priorities for 2021. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2184/21]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach the number of those employed in the private sector by domestic sector and the multinational sector by average productivity of workers in these sectors in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or the years for which the earliest and latest such data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [2605/21]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons employed in the private sector broken down by domestic sector and the multinational sector by average wage levels for these sectors adjusted for inflation in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or the years for which the earliest and latest such data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [2606/21]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons employed in the FDI multinational sector from 1990 to 2020 or the years for which the earliest and latest such data is available by services and manufacturing within that sector; and the percentage that each constitutes of total FDI multinational employment and the private sector in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [2607/21]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach the value of gross FDI inflows from 1990 to 2020, by manufacturing and services; and the percentage of these inflows that is classed as pass-through FDI in each of these years in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [2608/21]

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

*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of proposals (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [2289/21]

*7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of inspections carried out by the Workplace Relations Commission on Irish-flagged fishing vessels from January 2020 to December 2020; the number of prosecutions subsequently initiated by the Workplace Relations Commission as a result of these inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2316/21]

*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of undocumented fishers discovered on board vessels during inspections on Irish-flagged fishing vessels from January to December 2020 within the scope of the inspection powers of the Workplace Relations Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2317/21]

*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if concerns emerged about matters that fall within the scope of the Marine Survey Office in the course of Workplace Relation Commission inspections of Irish flagged fishing vessels from January to December 2020; the number of referrals made by the Workplace Relations Commission to the Marine Survey Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2318/21]

*10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will carry out a risk assessment analysis on the legal, regulatory, economic and environmental implications of Ireland signing up to the remaining elements of CETA including the Investor Court System; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2332/21]

*11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2398/21]

*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the role the Health and Safety Authority has in risk assessing construction sites in advance of level 5 lockdowns; the monitoring of compliance with level 5 restrictions it conducts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [2430/21]

*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter in relation to Brexit customs issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2463/21]

*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has a role in monitoring retail food prices; and if so, if any discernible increase has been measured due to Brexit. — Joe O'Brien. [2466/21]

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will clarify the situation in relation to the definition of essential and non-essential workplaces and services during the Covid-19 crisis and level 5 restrictions and specifically the definition that applies to the construction sites of companies such as a company (details supplied); the specific definition applied to FDI firms and construction work; if the HSA has the authority to close down a workplace or retail outlet that is deemed to be non-essential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2506/21]

*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a report on the activity of the Enterprise Ireland office in Lyon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2523/21]

*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he expects exports to the EU to increase in 2021 in view of trade diversification post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2524/21]

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps being taken to maximise Irish exports to the EU single market post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2525/21]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the markets and industries which are the focus of Irish trade diversification post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2526/21]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Irish industries that will benefit most from increased trade into the EU single market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2527/21]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which exports to the UK are expected to fall in 2021 as compared to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2528/21]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason there is now a public health risk in allowing customers to collect goods from non-essential retailers given that it was not a risk in the last level 5 lockdown in view of the fact this ban will have a disproportionately negative effect on smaller family-run retailers; if consideration will be given to reversing the ban on non-essential retailers operating a click and collect or call and collect services in order to help them survive the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2537/21]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many businesses selling both essential and non-essential items have not sealed off sections of their premises which sell non-essential items allowing customers to browse these areas; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2591/21]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the impact of Covid-19 induced economic disruption on both the domestic and multinational sectors; and his views on whether domestic sector and employment within it will be disproportionately impacted by the economic dynamics of the crisis. — Mairéad Farrell. [2609/21]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will publish the report on working from home. — Thomas Gould. [2615/21]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps taken by his Department to ensure that the service of persons out of formal work due to closure of schools and childcare facilities and who are now be in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment will be protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [2617/21]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is engaged in the design of a contingency plan to ensure that workers can access their redundancy if they so wish and which does not put businesses in financial precarity to replace the redundancy moratorium which has been extended to 31 March 2021; if his Department has engaged with workers and the trade union movement regarding the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [2619/21]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason children’s and babies’ clothes are not included in essential retail categories during level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2681/21]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the critical shortage of qualified drivers of heavy goods vehicles; the plans in place to deal with this issue; if he will give consideration to increasing the level of non-EU work permits to assist in dealing with this skills deficit in a vital supply chain sector for the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [2692/21]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons that have applied for a micro finance loan through Micro Finance Ireland and the LEOs in each of the past five years; the number of persons that have received a loan in each of the past five years; the average length of time for the processing of each loan from first engagement of the customer to the delivery of the loan; the number of steps necessary for businesses to take to achieve a loan; the rate of interest; and the reason he reduced the cap on loans from €50,000 to €25,000 in the middle of an economic crisis. — Peadar Tóibín. [2695/21]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review the legislation with regard to employers who had to cease trading and let their staff go due to Covid-19, repaying statutory redundancy payments paid to their former employees given that these employers have already paid their portion of the employee social insurance contribution over the years and the fact that the closure of their respective businesses was due to the pandemic and they are not in a financial position to make these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [2792/21]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the plans that have been made for Irish companies and Irish exports to replace UK exports to the continental EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2820/21]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consult with his Ministerial colleagues given the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consider the introduction of legislation to amend electricity standing charges to support businesses, particularly in the hospitality sector that are currently closed or operating at a very low level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2948/21]

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

*34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when e fibre broadband will be rolled out in Lacken, Multyfarnham, County Westmeath specifically at a location (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2217/21]

*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider expanding the applicable criteria of the better energy warmer home scheme to recipients of the invalidity pension considering the long-term nature of the payment and the associated incapacities of the applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2249/21]

*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the duration of the draft net season with regard to the Owenea and Owentocker rivers on the Loughros Mór Estuary tidal waters; the duties payable in respect of a special local draft net licence; the allocation of surplus between the rod and line and draft net fishery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2328/21]

*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will increase funding to environmental organisations in view of the biodiversity and climate crisis; the reforms he will carry out to streamline access to funding for environmental organisations; when funding from Budget 2021 will be granted to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2330/21]

*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2020 will be published and introduced in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2366/21]

*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2399/21]

*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the provision of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2451/21]

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the issuing of brown tags in Waterville, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2467/21]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason Dalystown, Mullingar, County Westmeath is not included in the e-fibre roll-out for 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [2481/21]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter in relation to a salmon licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2482/21]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fixed high-speed broadband will be provided to persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2488/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the long delays and considerable frustration being encountered by residents of new homes in order to secure an Eircode; if he will ensure that a necessary exemption during level 5 restrictions is included in a statutory instrument to provide those who have responsibility for carrying out property inspections to assign Eircodes to carry out this essential work at the highest level of restrictions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [2536/21]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for the disparity in pension increases and general increases in pay of retired established civil servants who served in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs up to 1 January 1984 (details supplied); his views on whether this is inequitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2610/21]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the tender process will be re-examined for the warmer homes scheme with the aim of bolstering experienced local social enterprise (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2651/21]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department will assist in the provision of compensation to the peat harvesting contractors; and if he will meet with the industry including the Just Transition Commissioner to allow them make recommendations

for fair and equitable just transition which adequately compensates and offers financial incentives to provide alternatives for this industry. — Barry Cowen. [2683/21]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will review correspondence regarding a grant for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2711/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property (details supplied) will be connected to fibre broadband in view of the fact that other houses in the area are connected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2753/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when broadband will be available at a property (details supplied); the steps that person can take to accelerate the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2759/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which broadband service is available to an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2827/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the potential impact which the deposit and return scheme will have on the cost of collecting domestic recycling bins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2871/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to the decision of An Post as the holder of the title to the General Post Office, Dublin 1 to move its corporate headquarters to another location later in 2021, when the planned refurbishment of the building will commence; and if efforts will be made to locate the missing flagstones on which Pearse stood accompanied by Clarke and Connolly to read the Proclamation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2883/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the next round of Climate Fund funding will be announced; if NBS projects will be considered under this round; the amount of funding that will be provided in this round; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2898/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when it is planned to introduce a deposit and return scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium cans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2902/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to legislate for a ban on oil and gas exploration licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2915/21]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the establishment of a national retrofitting delivery body to be set up by end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2916/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Energy and Climate Plan for 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2918/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consult with his Ministerial colleagues given the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consider the introduction of legislation to amend electricity standing charges to support businesses particularly in the hospitality sector that are currently closed or operating at a very low level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2949/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the anti-dumping initiative outturn data from each local authority for the four years of the scheme in terms of tonnage of waste removed in clean-ups, numbers of clean-ups, bulky goods collections and volumes collected, enforcement and education measures; the budget estimate for the 2021 initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2957/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to increase on-the-spot litter fines; his plans to address data protection concerns with regard to the use of CCTV for litter enforcement; if he will review the provisions with regard to the confiscation of vehicles used by fly-tippers in view of the fact that this provision has not been utilised by local authority enforcement officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2958/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the impact that the National Broadband Plan will have on Ireland's carbon emissions' profile; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2967/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the impact that data centres will have on electricity demand in Ireland over the next decade and the policy interventions planned as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2968/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the clean air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2969/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the discussions he has had with stakeholders regarding the future use of the west Offaly power station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2970/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the discussions he has had with stakeholders regarding the future use of Lough Ree power station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2971/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if online CPC courses for HGV drivers are being offered in view of level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2201/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport when Ireland will have its own Merchant Navy Record Training Book for Ireland's Merchant Navy engineering cadets, deck officer cadets and electrical cadets. — Thomas Gould. [2224/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Ireland relies on the UK's Merchant Navy Training Board to set the standard of training for Merchant Navy engineering cadets, deck officer

cadets and electrical cadets and rating trainings namely by virtue of a UK-made training record book for each discipline. — Thomas Gould. [2225/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the legal speed limit for powered wheelchairs; his plans to legislate in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2245/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place to limit or curtail travel from South Africa given the strain of Covid-19 detected there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2252/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the renewal of car insurance in circumstances in which drivers' licences are delayed or are unable to be renewed. — Pa Daly. [2264/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the total planned investment in heavy and light rail in the current National Development Plan; the major projects involved; the estimated cost and completion date of each; if he will be proposing extra rail investment in the forthcoming review of the NDP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2295/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of referrals made to the Marine Survey Office by the Workplace Relations Commission arising from inspection the latter made on Irish-flagged fishing vessels from January to December 2020; the status and outcomes of each referral made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2319/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to an outstanding protected disclosure (details supplied) made to his office in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2324/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the increase in road deaths in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2345/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of weeks of expected salt supplies for road-gritting that each local authority has at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2349/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2353/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport when the all-Ireland strategic rail review will commence; when he expects to receive the findings of the review; when he will be in a position to make a decision on the future of the Western Rail Corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2370/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driver licence will issue to a person (details supplied) who has exchanged their UK driver licence for an Irish licence and who requires a physical licence for their employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2377/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2411/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to put in place an all-island strategic rail review; if the review will include the Western Rail Corridor phases 2 and 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2453/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter in relation to Brexit customs issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2464/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has organised plans to address the lack of access to toilets, hand washing facilities and shelter for driving instructors at national test centres who are still working under level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2477/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the lack of access to toilets, hand washing facilities and shelter for driving instructors at national test centres who are still working under level 5 restrictions; the action he will take to rectify this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2478/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport the action being taken to clear the growing backlog of driver theory tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2487/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if the family of essential workers will be considered for driver tests currently given that they are necessary to transport essential workers to and from work. — Thomas Gould. [2535/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be allocated for a bus shelter at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2547/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he had with the RSA to ensure that frontline and essential workers can access driving tests in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2548/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the decision not to impose mandatory quarantine or isolation for travellers coming to Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [2557/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there is no mandatory test in Ireland for travellers from the UK or South Africa. — Peadar Tóibín. [2559/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who have completed a PCR test at each airport and port here in each of the past five months. — Peadar Tóibín. [2561/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that have arrived here since 9 January 2021 via sea and airports whose journey originated in the UK or South Africa; his plans to further expand on advisories in relation to passengers arriving here from other states other than those mentioned; and his plans regarding inbound travel via sea and airports to Ireland over the St. Patrick’s Day period. — Catherine Murphy. [2125/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport when the National Transport Authority plans to roll-out new bus stop signage and timetable information in counties Limerick and Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [2577/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will implement a mandatory requirement for a negative PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure upon entry to Ireland as per the EU traffic lights approach to travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2584/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered extending the NCT test date for those who are elderly or medically vulnerable to allow them to stay at home as per level 5 guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2585/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport the penalty for those who do not show a negative PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure upon entry to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2586/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered making an emergency provision for the hiring of bus drivers to fill the gaps caused by the Covid-19 pandemic in night-time and weekend bus services in order that they can continue uninterrupted for essential workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2655/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2656/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport the average wait time for a motor tax disc to be processed and sent to vehicle owners in Dublin following payment. — Paul McAuliffe. [2746/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff working in the motor tax office in Dublin during the current level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2747/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a plan to reduce the frequency of Dublin Bus services Monday to Friday to Saturday times. — Paul Murphy. [2748/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the loss of air connectivity by Ireland in the wake of Covid-19; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that services are being transferred abroad (details supplied); and the measures he will take to address the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [2770/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the terms of the IAA 1996 superannuation scheme were amended in 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2795/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason members of the IAA 1996 superannuation scheme were not informed and given mandatory notice of the amendment to the scheme in 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2796/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the 2012 amendment to the IAA 1996 superannuation scheme did not reflect the 2010 collective agreement of members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2797/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department rescinded the 2012 amendment to the IAA 1996 superannuation scheme which was initially intended to be temporary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2798/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the pension increases guaranteed under section 41(5) of the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993 have not been awarded to retired Irish Aviation Authority workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2799/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport if the board of the Irish Aviation Authority had the authority to not award pension increases guaranteed under section 41(5) of the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993 to retired workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2800/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport if the board of the Irish Aviation Authority had the authority to instruct trustees to make no provision for future pension increases guaranteed under section 41(5) of the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993 to retired workers when determining the fund liability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2801/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons now awaiting a driver test in each test centre in County Cork; the expected time to wait before a test can be guaranteed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2811/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport the traffic management plan in place for Rosslare and adjacent villages, for example, Kilrane due to extensive increased traffic due to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [2833/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for the requirement for a public services card to renew a driving licence online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2838/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport the provisions in place for persons seeking to renew their driver licence online who are under 70 years of age and do not have a public services card; if he will consider putting an option for a postal service in place owing to the current public health restrictions in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2837/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport when approval will be provided for National Transport Authority funding and approval (details supplied) for Fingal County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2856/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to temporarily suspend the requirement to have a medical certificate for the renewal of a C and E licence or alternatively if he plans to extend the duration of these licences in view of the pressure on general practitioners at present due to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2858/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the extension of learner permits (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2881/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of waiting list numbers for theory tests by test centre in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [2933/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NDLS will contact a person (details supplied) in order to resolve outstanding issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2942/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to issues in a residential area (details supplied); and if he will raise the matter with the RSA and request it to remove any designation of this quiet residential area as an official and unofficial testing zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2943/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport given the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and in particular with the advent of the B117 variant he will advise the actions he is taking to support taxi drivers; and if he will consider establishing a working group in his Department to liaise with stakeholders and set out a scheme to allow drivers over 65 years of age exit the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2950/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve the standard of urban cycle lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2964/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to reduce the emissions' profile of the public transport fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2965/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*125. To ask the Minister for Finance the flat rate of VAT applicable to service providers such as breeders, trainers and kennel owners in the greyhound sector. — Bríd Smith. [2846/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Finance if the flat rate system of VAT could be applied within the greyhound sector if greyhounds were not classified as farm animals. — Bríd Smith. [2847/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Finance if the limit is applied to the turnover of a flat rate service provider in the greyhound sector which would require a service provider to register for VAT. — Bríd Smith. [2848/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of flat rate VAT being claimed by service providers in the greyhound sector. — Bríd Smith. [2849/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Finance if training, breeding and rehoming are classified as professional services which attract a VAT rate of 23%; and if not, if they are classified as agricultural services to which the flat rate of VAT of 5.2% is applied. — Bríd Smith. [2850/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to instruct banks to allow mortgage approved customers begin to draw down their mortgages despite their employer being on the employment wage subsidy scheme and in view of the fact that the employment wage subsidy scheme is likely to last until the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [2209/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered requesting that the Revenue Commissioners examine the finances of an organisation (details supplied) following its move from the UK to Waterford to ensure it is compliant with all rules of this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2211/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will amend the way in which it taxes benefit-in-kind for company cars for 2021 due to the fact that Covid-19 restrictions are preventing companies and employees from travelling for business and the mileage in company

cars will be greatly reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [2215/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Finance the arrangements for the application of margin schemes for VAT post-Brexit and in particular for second-hand goods. — Dara Calleary. [2230/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Finance if the terms of the Covid restrictions support scheme can be amended to take into consideration seasonal companies such as a company (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [2255/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to an anomaly with the Covid restrictions support scheme whereby seasonal business owners with fluctuating income are losing out due to the requirement to compare the same week in two consecutive years with each other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2256/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to adopting a mortgage lending model similar to Denmark in which borrowers are offered 0% interest up to 20 years; and if a case may be made to the European Central Bank to implement this model in response to the Covid-19 crisis. — Cathal Crowe. [2261/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Finance if there has been a decision whether those who are seeking to avail of the help-to-buy scheme and who have been on the temporary wage subsidy scheme will need to fully comply with the requirement to have all tax liabilities for 2020 given the circumstances which applied in 2020; if all previous tax liabilities have been met; if an outstanding tax liability can be deducted from the tax rebate received using the help-to-buy scheme or in the case of a couple with a tax liability for 2020 of €3,000, for example, if they would have to have it paid first before qualifying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2280/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Finance if primary medical certificate applications can be processed by the HSE from 1 January 2021 as provided for in the Finance Act 2020; and if his Department has advised the HSE in writing of this legislative measure. — Kieran O'Donnell. [2286/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to provide supports to supplier businesses which are ineligible to avail of the Covid restrictions support scheme but are typically reliant on other business which are now closed for custom for example dry cleaners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [2322/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Finance if banks are classified as essential services; if they are to remain open to the public during the current lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2339/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Finance when figures will be available for 2019 and 2020 showing the number of persons that have benefited from the special assignee relief programme; the cost of the scheme in each year; the average benefit per person in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2350/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Finance if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2400/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will facilitate the applications for primary medical certificates to be processed and approved by general practitioners in order to deal with applications during the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2427/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter in relation to Brexit customs issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2465/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Covid-19 concessionary arrangements in place for the treatment of company cars via benefit-in-kind have been extended into 2021; and if so, the arrangements for same. — Dara Calleary. [2469/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter in relation to VRT (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2485/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Finance if clarity will be provided on the benefit-in-kind treatment for tax purposes for company cars for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [2516/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Finance when his Department expects a reply from the Office of the Attorney General with regard to primary medical certificates currently on hold pending same. — Robert Troy. [2534/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Finance the procedure for applicants applying for mortgage breaks; if the applicant has to refill the forms; if an applicant is entitled to receive another mortgage break; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [2538/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects a reply from the Office of the Attorney General with regard to primary medical certificates currently on hold pending same (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2549/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will revoke the capital gains tax exemption provided to religious orders to ensure the sale of property and lands are subject to the tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2589/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance if the interim measure on the reduction in benefit-in-kind rates on company cars will be extended into 2021. — Michael Ring. [2631/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the funding allocated to the living cities initiative annually by 50%. — Denise Mitchell. [2646/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason persons (details supplied) do not qualify for the first-time buyers help-to buy-scheme; if other grants are available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2682/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance if clarity will be provided regarding the margin schemes for VAT purposes following the end of the Brexit transitional period in particular for Irish businesses importing second hand moveable goods for a sector (details supplied); if they will be able to continue with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2698/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Revenue Commissioners has refused to issue companies registered in Ireland with A1s for their posted worker employees with Northern Ireland addresses from 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2763/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the legislative or policy basis on which the Revenue Commissioners will no longer provide A1s to posted workers with a Northern Ireland address working for an Irish company. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2764/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that a company (details supplied) operated the temporary wage subsidy scheme correctly; if the national employer unit at the Revenue Commissioners has been contacted by employees of the company regarding its operation of the scheme; if so, the number of occasions; the investigations that have been carried out in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2769/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to increase the allowance for the disabled passenger scheme in line with the increase in rates of VRT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2781/21]

*160. 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. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2812/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff employed to deal with customs checks at ports and airports in January 2020 and January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2835/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the position of a primary medical certificate application by a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary; when an assessment on this application will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2877/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a list of all tax expenditures related to housing construction and development supports in 2019. — Neasa Hourigan. [2885/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is provision for the hotel industry during the Covid-19 pandemic in relation to annual standing charges (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [2947/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider establishing a national scheme or introducing legislation to protect consumer deposits below a certain threshold from negative interest rates given recent reports that credit unions are being compelled to consider charging fees or negative interest rates to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2956/21]

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

*166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he is satisfied that the agreed top-level appointments code of practice of the Commission for Public Servant Appointments was followed in the recent advertisement for the role of Secretary-General of the Department of Health. — Matt Shanahan. [2182/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the secretary general of his Department or a person who reports to the secretary general is part of the Top-Level Appointments Committee that undertook the competition for the role of secretary general of the Department of Health. — Matt Shanahan. [2183/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will respond to a query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [2189/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost of the new Public Service Stability Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2285/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2406/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the process by which circulars introduced by his Department since 2011 without statutory instruments and without having been laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas have legal validity in view of the provisions of section 4 of the Ministers and Secretaries Act 2011 which requires for the governance of the Civil Service to operate by way of Ministerial statutory regulation. — Mairéad Farrell. [2422/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacancies on the board of SIPO; the length of time of each vacancy; the number of investigations being undertaken by SIPO currently; the length of the longest investigation in operation; the average length of an investigation by SIPO; the number of staff in SIPO in each of the past five years; and the funding for SIPO in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [2713/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a person that has surpassed 40 years' service in the HSE and has contributed to a public service pension during that time, is required to continue making pension contributions from their salary; if these pensions contributions will be taken into account for the purposes of calculating their pension amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2755/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role he sees for reform throughout the public service as a means of improving cost effectiveness and efficiency in the next four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2859/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he expects reform to play a part in the delivery of public services in County Kildare throughout the next four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2860/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects to be in a position to approve infrastructural projects throughout the country over the next four years

with particular reference to those areas deemed to be deficient in infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2861/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects to be in a position to approve infrastructural projects throughout County Kildare over the next four years with particular reference to those areas deemed to be deficient in infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2862/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which public expenditure policy and reform has directly benefited the taxpayer over the past five years; the expected impact in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2863/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects reform in respect of procurement to take place in the next four years with consequent positive benefit for the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2864/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the ongoing progress in respect of FEMPI restoration; when the process is likely to be completed in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2865/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if, in the context of the emergency response to Covid-19, he is in a position to invoke reforms or provisions of a temporary nature to facilitate the delivery of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2866/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he expects to be in a position to approve infrastructural expenditure proposals and a capital programme for various projects submitted by Kildare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2867/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the degree to which controls exercised by his Department continue to contribute in a meaningful way to national guidelines in respect of pay and conditions throughout the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2869/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he continues to remain in contact with each Department to ensure supervision in respect of public expenditure and reform with a view to ensuring the best outcome for the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2870/21]

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

*185. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if employees of her Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2410/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2563/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of applications for the previous two rounds of the sports capital program that were granted funding that did not draw down the grants fully. — Chris Andrews. [2614/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the specific supports that have been made available to the self-catering sector by his Department including all agencies under the direction of his Department in response to the severe fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic on the self-catering sector; the number of self-catering developments who have benefited from these supports by county in tabular form including the total amounts drawn down for each county; the plans being developed to further support this important section of the tourism offering; when these new supports will be rolled out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [2707/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding streams available for the provision of a tourist office for a popular tourist area of Clogherhead, County Louth. — Imelda Munster. [2767/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports that will be made available to the hospitality sector in circumstances in which it is the case that utility bills continue to increase despite lockdown of the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2905/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consult with her Ministerial colleagues given the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consider the introduction of legislation to amend electricity standing charges to support businesses particularly in the hospitality sector that are currently closed or operating at a very low level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2951/21]

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

*192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the plans to merge the Valuation Office, Ordnance Survey Ireland and the Property Registration Authority into a single entity to be known as Tailte Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2191/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes introduced through the repair and leasing scheme; and the amount of funding allocated across each local authority in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form. — Richard Bruton. [2208/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the provision of a social housing passport to enable persons to move between local authorities without losing their time on the housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2216/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make a decision in regard to a case (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [2263/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless persons that have died in Dublin during 2020; and the breakdown of deaths per month. — Peadar Tóibín. [2290/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless persons that have died in the Dublin region to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [2291/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his position with respect to the planning regulators opposition to an out-of-town shopping centre in County Cork as set out in a letter to Cork County Council in December 2020; and if the letter will be published on his Department's website. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2299/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on extending postal votes to those who on polling day are in later stages of pregnancy or have recently given birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2301/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on extending voting rights in local and European elections to 16- and 17- year olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2302/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on extending eligibility to vote in elections to Dáil Éireann to persons resident here who are not Irish citizens extending eligibility to vote in elections to the European Parliament to persons resident here who are not citizens of an EU Member State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2303/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when details in relation to the level and types of staffing, resources and funding will be provided for the new wildlife crime unit will be determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2331/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will standardise the HAP system to allow inter-county HAP transfers between all counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2340/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the proposed wind energy development guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2352/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the restriction on all future commercial co-living development announced by his Department on 23 November 2020 comes into force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2371/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2404/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide a sufficiently resourced structure at risk team for listed buildings that require urgent repairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2421/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the recent graduate recruitment campaign run by the Local Government Management Agency was open to applicants with graduate degrees including the higher diploma, postgraduate diploma and master's degrees; if applicants presenting such qualifications were deemed to have met the stated academic requirement; the rationale used to determine if the academic requirement was met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2440/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or an agency under his remit recognises a difference between BA Hons and higher diplomas for recruitment purposes to local authorities despite their similar NFQ level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2441/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have provided information on the number of construction sites they have given approval to remain open during the current level 5 restrictions; if so, the number of sites by local authority area; if he has received complaints regarding non-compliance; if so, the number of same; the persons or bodies that made the complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [2446/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the launch of an affordable housing scheme. — Robert Troy. [2470/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his plans to progress the legislative underpinning for a joint urban area plan for Drogheda between Louth and Meath County Councils in order for the urban area of Drogheda to develop in line with National Development Plan 2018-2027 objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2475/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the proposed affordable housing scheme including but not limited to criteria (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2492/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a timeframe for the publication of the revised wind energy development guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2508/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider suspending planning applications, appeals and submissions during the current phase of the Covid-19 pandemic given the difficulties persons have contacting and interacting with various Departments and personnel during level five restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2575/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the cost of the mortgage protection insurance for Rebuilding Ireland home loans differ by local authority; if so, the various rates in tabular form; if provision will be made to source alternative insurance outside the schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2580/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to proceed with the election of a mayor in Limerick in May 2021. — Denise Mitchell. [2649/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his plans to increase the provision of affordable housing; if he will consider increasing income thresholds for buyers in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2663/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the progress by the LDA on developing social and affordable housing on lands at Shanganagh Castle, Shankill, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2664/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social and affordable housing developments under construction across the four Dublin local authorities; the number of units, location and expected completion date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2665/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if construction can continue on individual domestic building sites during the current ban on construction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2671/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he has taken to ensure adequate services are provided for those self-isolating or quarantining to avail of essential items such as food and medicines who do not have a support network available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2677/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will decide on the funding of the Drogheda northern port access route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2706/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the functions of the National Building Control Office; the number of staff assigned to same; the division of responsibilities for staff; and if any other relevant information will be provided. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2715/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of building control officers in each local authority; the number of same represented as full-time equivalents; the number of inspections of residential homes under construction in numbers and as a percentage of the overall number of residential units in that administrative area; and the cost of the building control function in each local authority area in each of the years 2014 to 2020 and to date 2021, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2716/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the construction industry register; the status of legislation to place the register on a statutory footing; the time frame for the introduction of the legislation at second stage in Dáil Éireann; if a report on the voluntary register will be provided including the number of persons and organisations registered; the number of complaints received annually since the register was established; and the number of complaints in which the finding was against the construction professional or organisation in each year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2717/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a report will be provided on the Traveller accommodation budget spend by each local authority in 2020, by new accommodation, refurbishment of existing accommodation and site improvements to meet Covid-19 public health advice; and if any of the funding was spent of mainstream or general needs housing for Travellers. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2718/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of Call for Housing 2020; the number of properties offered for sale; the number purchased; and the number occupied by house size and local authority area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2719/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the expert group report on marine protective areas will be published and made available; when the associated public consultation process will commence; the reason for the delay to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2720/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the figures for the Q4 social housing output; and if he will provide a report on the total social housing output for 2020, by categories (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [2721/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the detail of the working group established to examine the issue of latent defects including the membership of the group; the terms of reference of the group; the number of times the group has met; and if the group will be making a call for submissions from interested parties and members of the public. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2722/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of each of the recommendations of the Expert Group on Travellers Accommodation; and the status of the implementation of each of the recommendations by the group in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2723/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing developments currently in the new one stage approval process; and the number of units of accommodation in these schemes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2724/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the costs for each year since 2016 for the design, hosting, branding and other media and communication related costs arising from the Rebuilding Ireland plan, including the website, social media account (details supplied), events, publications and other related matters. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2725/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish the public sector benchmarking exercise used in the first bundle of the social housing PPPs. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2726/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times the homeless working group established by the Minister has met; the dates on which it has met; the outcomes of those meetings in terms of specific actions; if he will publish all minutes and other related documents from these meetings since it was established; and if he will publicise all future minutes and related documents for future meetings as they occur on his Department's website. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2727/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the National Architecture Policy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2739/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2740/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times the housing delivery group has met; the dates on which it has met; the members of the group; the specific outcomes of the group in terms of actions; if he will publish all minutes and documents arising from this group on the Departments website for meetings that have happened to date and any future meetings. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2742/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to expand housing first; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2776/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has undertaken a review of the Rebuilding Ireland home loan to ascertain the reason for the high number of rejections of applications; if there is any analysis undertaken by his Department of the high rate of refusals; if so, the findings of the review or analysis carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2777/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of expenditure on the site services fund in 2019 and 2020; the way in which this level of expenditure compares to VAT receipts for housing units constructed with the assistance of this fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2778/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for serviced sites funding; the locations and number of units in each application; the number of applications approved; the price range agreed with each local authority for the sale of these homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2779/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the funding for phase two of the energy efficiency retrofitting programme will be released to Dublin City Council; the amount requested by Dublin City Council; and the amount that will be made available to Dublin City Council. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2809/21]

*245. 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2814/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of proposed natural heritage areas across the country; when they were initially registered for inclusion; when he plans to designate them as natural heritage areas; if they have already been assessed or monitored since becoming natural heritage areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2894/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to meet the 30% land and sea protections announced as part of the HAC initiative; if the commitment will be legislated for; when the commitment will be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2895/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans in place to develop management plans for the six national parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2896/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a club (details supplied) released all hares captured for the purposes of coursing as requested by him in October 2020; if the club currently has captured hares; the number of hares under the control of the club; if they are required to release them due to the limitations on coursing under Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2897/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding required to build the Arklow wastewater treatment plant; the funding sources identified by Government to enable the build; the funding that has already been allocated to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2899/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a review of the protection of natural heritage including hedgerows, native woodland and wetlands is being carried out; if not, when this will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2901/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly on biodiversity will commence; the efforts made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2920/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of district conservation officers, wildlife inspectors, conservation rangers and ecologists that were recruited for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in each of the past three years in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [2926/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated annual cost if the budget for housing adaptation grants for older persons and persons with disability was increased by 5%. — Sorca Clarke. [2927/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the recent damage to Coliemore Harbour which has rendered the harbour virtually unusable (details supplied); the actions his Department and the National Monument Service have taken in conjunction with the local authority to repair the damage caused in August 2020; if he will provide a schedule for the repairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2954/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2955/21]

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

*257. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the full details in 2019 ODA Annual Report of ODA disbursements usually included as annexes in previous reports are to be published by his Department. — Patrick Costello. [2267/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2369/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when he will respond to correspondence sent to him by an organisation (details supplied) on 23 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2376/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2401/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the preferred date of the Government to hold a Border poll; if both united Ireland referendums will be held on the same date; if the 26 county poll will be held first; and if so, the date for same. — Chris Andrews. [2420/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the elements of the Stormont House Agreement that have been implemented; the elements that remain to be implemented; the impediments to the implementation of the Stormont House Agreement in its entirety; and if a truth and reconciliation commission was considered for Northern Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [2494/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a report on the activity of the Consulate General of Ireland in Frankfurt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2517/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the plans in place to increase Ireland's diplomatic presence within EU institutions post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2518/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are plans to increase Ireland's diplomatic presence within EU member states post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2519/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if additional civil servants will be seconded to EU institutions post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2520/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the new EU jobs strategy can be expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2521/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on new plans to require a negative PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2588/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline Ireland's priorities in respect of the United Nations Security Council for the next two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2821/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of his contacts with the UK and Scottish authorities regarding an incident in early January 2021 involving an Irish fishing vessel at Rockall; the position of the Government regarding claims in respect of a 12-mile exclusion zone around Rockall; if he has been in contact with the European Commission regarding these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2822/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*271. To ask the Minister for Defence if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2396/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons currently in receipt of Defence Forces pensions from officer ranks and from enlisted ranks, respectively; and the number that are considered disability pensions or partial disability pensions. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2514/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Defence when the Minister of State with responsibility for Defence (details supplied) was appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2708/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to increase the age limit for recruitment to the Defence Forces' direct entry radio and radar technician scheme; if any exemptions are considered for those with the requisite qualifications and experience who are above the age criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [2761/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Permanent Defence Forces personnel ordinarily based at Aiken Barracks, Dundalk. — Sorca Clarke. [2924/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Defence if funding will be provided for the upgrade of former USAC block at Dun Mhaoliosa, County Galway; when works will commence; and the estimated completion timeframe and estimated cost of such works. — Sorca Clarke. [2925/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to expand the role of the Air Corps air ambulance service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2960/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Defence his future plans for Custume Barracks, Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2961/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*279. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to meet with persons (details supplied) as requested in order to find a way to prevent their children losing out on essential special education supports during the current level 5 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2187/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Education the analysis her Department has carried out into the feasibility of allowing special schools and classes to reopen during the current level 5 restrictions; the analysis her Department has carried out into the effects of the previous school closures on children with special education needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2188/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 428 of 1 December 2019, if a final decision has been made in relation to the emergency works appeal for a school (details supplied) following the unfortunate matter of being unable to decant to its new premises as expected in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2190/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the junior cycle exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [2192/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the unfairness and imbalance in relation to students who have missed so much school, have no access to proper broadband and are finding it difficult to settle into schooling through no fault of their own. — Robert Troy. [2195/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 402 of 17 December 2020, the status of the implementation of the public health recommendation that post-primary school transport services operate using 50% of passenger capacity; the analysis her Department has carried out into the cost of extending the 50% capacity model to the primary school transport scheme; the analysis her Department has carried out into the cost of extending the 50% capacity model to all children with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2197/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education the status of boarding schools given the general closure of schools announced until the end of January 2021 as a consequence of the pandemic. — Paul Murphy. [2221/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for additional school accommodation by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2244/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education the assistance which can be provided to a person (details supplied) with a query regarding incremental progression; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2251/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review correspondence (details supplied); the actions her Department is taking in relation to the matter; the details of these practices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2254/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to make additional funding available to cover postage costs for DEIS schools to post educational materials to their students to assist them in studying from home during the current school closures in view of the fact that a Departmental report found that children in DEIS schools were the group that engaged least online; the details of analysis carried out by her Department into the cost of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2258/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement she has had with the Minister for the Environment, Climate Action and Communications with regard to providing free postage to DEIS schools to allow them to send educational materials and packages to their students during the current school closures due to Covid-19 restrictions particularly in view of the fact that a Departmental report found that children in DEIS schools were the group who engaged the least online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2260/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the appointment of a home-based teacher to meet the special educational needs of a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [2269/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education the supports or grants available to primary and secondary school students or their parents to purchase laptops to help with home schooling during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2274/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education when those students who chose to sit leaving certificate 2020 written examinations will receive their results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2312/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education her plans in relation to the operation of the junior certificate 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [2321/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the securing of a site at a school (details supplied) and existing extension plans; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2333/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider meeting with the new Archbishop of Dublin regarding changes made to the sibling first school admissions policy by the school patron and the effects this is having on school admissions in County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2334/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the supports being provided to special needs and DEIS schools following the decision to prohibit physical access to students from 11 January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2362/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education if the National Educational Psychological Service is sufficiently resourced to provide educational psychological support to all primary and post-primary schools; her plans to recruit staff to NEPS to deal with the increase in psychological distress being caused to students as a result of Covid-19-related restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2364/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure the safe return of special schools and classes as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2393/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education if employees of her Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2397/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to implement the Summer Programme previously known as July Provision as a matter of urgency for children with disabilities in view of recent Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2432/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to open special needs schools during the Covid-19 lockdown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2445/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the leaving certificate examination in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2447/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to facilitate special needs students who are attending mainstream schools during the Covid-19 restrictions. — Seán Canney. [2448/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education the additional supports that have been provided to children of junior and senior infant level to ensure they are supported through remote learning and their social development is protected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2480/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to make up the three days of lost schooling that were added onto the end of the most recent school holiday; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2490/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education the guidance being given to parents by her Department to help them with home schooling during the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [2491/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) in County Tipperary for additional special education teacher hours given the hours it currently has do not suffice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2515/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education if a deadline will be set for a decision on whether the leaving certificate oral and practical exams are to proceed given the spread of Covid-19 infection and the possibility that schools will remain closed beyond 31 January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2530/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education if funding to schools will be increased to ensure full PPE provision given the need to stop the spread of Covid-19 infection now and into the future and taking account of the concerns of teachers, students and their families regarding the safe functioning and reopening of schools in particular in special education settings; if she will review the procedures for contact tracing in schools to give schools the deciding role in identifying close contacts of persons who attended with confirmed Covid-19 infection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2531/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give leaving certificate students the option of predicted grades or of sitting the written exams given the spread of Covid-19 infection and the possibility that schools will remain closed longer than 31 January 2021; if she will set a date to announce these options along with the relevant details; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2532/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will respond to the concerns outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2540/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education if guidance is available to leaving certificate music students who intend to sing for their practical examination given current Departmental guidelines which state that singing is not allowed in a school setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [2553/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education the level of financial support being given to schools by her Department to support teachers who are hosting classes online. — Denise Mitchell. [2645/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education when a primary school (details supplied) which has two ASD classes ready to reopen will be permitted to reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2679/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education her engagement with a union (details supplied) prior to her announcement on 6 January 2021 that leaving certificate students were to return for three days a week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2680/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the building project to provide improved accommodation for a school (details supplied) in county Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2738/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to pay or to provide travel and accommodation allowances to student teachers who are required to complete teaching placement in allocated schools; if she will take into account that many of these students are currently living in their parental home with vulnerable, sick or elderly parents who are cocooning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2744/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to extending the January 2021 deadline for the leaving certificate design and communication graphic project in view of the fact that the majority of the project work has to be done in schools due to the software requirements and the need for teachers to sign off on the work. — Seán Crowe. [2754/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education if she is prioritising school reopenings for students with additional educational needs in mainstream schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2788/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a common framework that her Department advises schools to work from for online teaching of leaving certificate students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2789/21]

*322. 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. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2818/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to reopening special schools given children with special needs require a suite of options available to them to support their needs (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2873/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to reopening special schools given children with special needs require a suite of options available to them to support their needs (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2874/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education the contingency planning in place since the Covid-19 pandemic began in relation to education provision in circumstances in which schools are closed; the scenarios used to plan for various situations affecting education provision during lockdown particularly in relation to remote learning plans; the interaction her Department has had in developing remote learning plans; the level of communication her Department has had with boards of management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2907/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education the actions parents can take in the event that they do not have computer, printing and other facilities available to carry out remote learning; if schools are being resourced to provide additional supplies and facilities to families that require same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2911/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education the provision that has been made to ensure that students with disabilities in mainstream and special schools can access online learning while schools are closed. — Gary Gannon. [2936/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education the provision in place to provide the necessary additional assistive technologies to enable students with disabilities to access the curriculum remotely. — Gary Gannon. [2937/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to providing emergency funding and or advice to schools to allow them reach out to pupils at risk given reports of an increase in suicide rates among young persons during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2945/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that there is a leaving certificate examination in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2962/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to support teachers in delivering the required syllabus through remote learning due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2963/21]

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

*332. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons can claim the pandemic unemployment payment or a portion of the payment; if not, if another payment can be introduced for working parents who are classified as essential workers but cannot work from home and must leave work or reduce their hours of work in order to provide essential childcare while schools are closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [2198/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a worker accepts a voluntary redundancy from their employer as a result of the downturn due to the Covid crisis, if the worker is entitled to claim the pandemic unemployment payment. — Bríd Smith. [2202/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a worker is made redundant by their employer as a result of the Covid-19 crisis, if that worker is entitled to claim the pandemic unemployment payment or if they must claim the jobseeker's benefit, allowance payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2203/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to change the age criteria for jobseeker's and pandemic unemployment payments that is only payable to persons between 18 and 66 years of age. — Gino Kenny. [2241/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the jobseeker's age criteria of 18 to 66 years of age is unfairly discriminating persons under 18 and over 66 years of age who were working paying tax and PRSI during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Gino Kenny. [2242/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [2265/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will introduce an electronic payment system for those claiming the contributory and non-contributory State pension during Covid-19 to help reduce the risk of contracting the virus by removing their need to withdraw their pension weekly from their local post office. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2300/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if steps are being taken to ensure that children who relied on access to school meals can still avail of such supports during level 5 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2363/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if employees of her Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2408/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce a Covid-19 support payment for essential workers who have to take time off work due to childcare issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2429/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for rent supplement in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2486/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of comprehensive reviews of the welfare support claims of staff of a company (details supplied) currently being undertaken by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2501/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a new review of the welfare support claims of the staff of a company (details supplied) is currently being undertaken by her Department. — Louise O'Reilly. [2502/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the reinstatement of physically signing on for social protection payments such as pensions at a time of such high transmission rates of Covid-19; her views on whether this presents an unnecessarily high risk particularly to older claimants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [2510/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and when they can expect a decision on their case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [2539/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive arrears of the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2568/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for PPS numbers by persons (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [2569/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider changing the calculation used for State pension (contributory) in relation to homecaring periods in order that it is the same as the non-homecaring periods yearly average calculation which would result in increased pension payment for former carers many of whom received little or no payment for their valuable work. — Seán Canney. [2583/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social welfare supports available in the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [2685/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans being put in place to support small businesses that are not eligible for the Covid restrictions support scheme or the restart grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2697/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of childcare professionals who have applied for the pandemic unemployment payment since 1 January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2703/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she received a request from a charity (details supplied) for a double fuel allowance to be paid for a two week period over the next few weeks; if the request will receive a response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2730/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for PPS numbers will be processed for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2760/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the list of payments which qualify for fuel allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [2836/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of invalidity pension applications received by her Department in 2020; the number of applications that were approved; the number of applications refused; and the number of applications still ongoing. — Sorca Clarke. [2929/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending pandemic unemployment payment eligibility to anyone who is off work to care for an elderly or sick relative during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2944/21]

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

*358. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a physical copy of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission Report is being given to each known survivor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3181/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of authorities, persons, Ministers and Departments that had access to the final report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation prior to 10 January 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [2292/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times since he took office that he has spoken to or corresponded with his predecessor (details supplied) in relation to the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation and issues related. — Peadar Tóibín. [2293/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if teachers are officially recognised as essential workers for access to childcare purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2335/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the extension to parental leave as a result of Budget 2021; if he will bring forward the start date of such leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2336/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he will take to ensure a full investigation into the leak of the Mother and Baby Homes Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2337/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he will be consulting with the Collaborative Forum on the Mother and Baby and Bethany Homes Commission of Investigation Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2338/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if childcare services have been requested to remain closed beyond 31 January 2021, if providers will be requested to continue the suspension of fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2354/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2395/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children availing of ECCE in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [2456/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that childcare providers are requesting full payment from parents of children that are essential workers even if one parent is an essential worker and the other currently not working therefore not in need of childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [2457/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions a provider of childcare services should take when it has one non-ECCE child which means under the rules it must remain open in cases in which the provider is also a parent of a school aged child who requires supervision; if the premises is allowed to close to allow the provider to provide care to their own child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2489/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if matters raised by a childcare facility (details supplied) in correspondence will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2542/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that childcare providers are charging parents for childcare due to parents' jobs being referenced in the list of essential workers even when this work is being carried out at home and children are not availing of childcare; his views on whether this is appropriate; if advice will be given to childcare providers and parents in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [2600/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if emergency funding will be provided for childcare providers who are severely negatively impacted by very low occupancy, particularly those who are not supported significantly by State funding to augment the employment wage subsidy scheme such as SAC providers and those who benefit from the universal payment on the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [2601/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered the sustainability of funding for childcare providers after 31 January 2021, given that he has advised that Government is legally prevented from providing scheme funding after that date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [2602/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a copy of a report will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2604/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of early years and preschool settings that have closed their services permanently from March 2020 to date. — Denise Mitchell. [2644/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of social workers employed by Tusla from July 2020 to date. — Denise Mitchell. [2647/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of cases deemed to be high priority by Tusla that are awaiting the allocation of a social worker. — Denise Mitchell. [2648/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can provide clarity regarding the online presentation he provided to survivors of Mother and Baby Homes on 12 January 2021; the process through which survivors could ask questions; if these questions were submitted live during the presentation; if not, if they were submitted by email in advance of the presentation; and if the microphones of survivors on the call were kept muted throughout the presentation. — Peadar Tóibín. [2783/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the support services established in view of the publication of the Final Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes available to those who are deaf or hard of hearing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2802/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost in 2021 if the affordable childcare scheme universal subsidy increased by 50c per hour to €1.50 per hour having regard to 2019 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2807/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the adoption of legislation in relation to mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2887/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when hard copies of the Commission on the Investigation into Mother and Baby and Bethany Homes Report

will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2888/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will be engaging with survivors again once they have reviewed the Commission's Report into mother and baby homes; the mechanism by which engagement will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2889/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of calls made by survivors of mother and baby homes to support services including mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2890/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a redress scheme for survivors of mother and baby homes will be put in place; the steps his Department will take; the position regarding the overall strategic action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2891/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional resources put in place to deal with GDPR requests related to survivors of mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2892/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline of the appointment for an archivist in relation to mother and baby homes; the steps his Department is taking to facilitate this appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2893/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional supports being provided to assist women and children facing domestic abuse under the current lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2900/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if essential workers who decide not to put their children into childcare in order to reduce movement during the current level 5 restrictions are compelled to pay for that childcare service regardless of whether they use the service or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2903/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the financial supports available for teachers who must teach online in a live capacity to students resulting in the need to put their children into childcare but childcare costs are now more than their income due to the fact that their own children are no longer in school due to school closures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2904/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the White Paper on direct provision will likely be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2908/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the transfer of families and unaccompanied children from Moira Camp, Greece to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2909/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding a Tusla adoption file issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2932/21]

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

*394. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an issue (details supplied) in relation to music classes will be reviewed; if clarity will be provided regarding these classes for education purposes under the current level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2643/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason SOLAS will not permit courses to be taken online for those in the building industry to renew or receive their licence to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2236/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when all the students who paid for private rented accommodation while attending third-level education from March to June 2020 will be reimbursed (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [2284/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a pledge by a union (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [2379/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on working with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to develop a publicly financed student accommodation building strategy and charter for student tenant rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2380/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on developing a publicly financed student accommodation building strategy and charter for student tenant rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2382/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2402/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, for employment purposes, there is a recognised difference between BA Hons and higher diplomas; his views on whether they should be treated as equivalent given they are both level 8 degrees under the NFQ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2428/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider reducing the 800 hour practice placement requirement given that the Covid-19 pandemic has made it more difficult for social care and other students to secure unpaid practice placements in social care and other appropriate settings; if he will consider a partial refund of fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [2611/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the SUSI arrangements in relation to orphans to allow them attend higher education programmes in private colleges in which some specialist programmes may not be listed on CAO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2661/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will introduce a partial refund of fees to students whose courses are 100% online and the requirement for placement of 800 hours be reduced for college courses during the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [2701/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if third-level students who did not qualify for free fees will receive a refund of their student contribution fees in view of the fact that the majority of students have been forced to move to online learning since the start of the academic year due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2745/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action he is taking to increase apprenticeships and expand the base of skilled construction workers to ensure that there will be a sufficient construction workforce to meet the need to construct at least 33,000 homes per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [2780/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the location of each Science Foundation Ireland research centre; the amount of funding allocated to each such centre in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2808/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will introduce a mechanism for fourth year student nurses not in receipt of SUSI to receive the €250 refund in view of the fact that they will not be on campus in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2875/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if third-level institutions will provide rent refunds to students in on-campus accommodation whose courses are now being delivered online for the 2020-2021 academic year; if he has had discussions with the third-level institutions on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2876/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide information and clarity on a timeline and programme of engagement with personnel from the GMIT Mayo campus on the Independent Working Group Report. — Alan Dillon. [2882/21]

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

*411. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to launch an independent inquiry into a shooting of a person (details supplied) in which the current policing procedures would be reviewed to ascertain whether they are fit for purpose with regard to minorities and persons with mental health issues; if additional safeguarding measures are required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2207/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will sanction the issuing of a work permit for a person (details supplied) given that it is not possible to supply documentation as requested by her Department. — Brendan Howlin. [2222/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the winding down of the direct provision system; and the progress that has been made to create new pathways for undocumented persons and those seeking citizenship. — Cathal Crowe. [2259/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Justice when the short stay visa process will reopen (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [2270/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the coroner has not been called into the site of the burials at the Tuam mother and baby home; if the coroner will now be called in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2281/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the decision by the Immigrant Investor Evaluation Committee to deny an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2360/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Justice if employees of her Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2405/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will bring forward reforms of the Properties Services (Regulation) Act 2011 to allow the Property Services Regulation Authority expand its remit to allow the body to investigate not only improper conduct but in addition, poor service provision; if estate agents will be prohibited from having conflicts of interest in cases in which they can act for both sellers and buyers in related house property transactions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2511/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2529/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Justice the supports available for community CCTV; if funding is available from her Department for the maintenance and or replacement of cameras involved in community policing; her plans to extend and support such schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [2566/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Justice if an inquiry into the operation of spy cops in Ireland will be initiated in view of the revelation that UK so-called spy cops infiltrated Irish political and civil rights groups and in further view of the Undercover Policing Inquiry in the UK which held its opening statement and first evidence hearings from 2 November to 19 November 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2595/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a post-nuptial citizenship certificate application by persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2621/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Justice the protections in place for victims who have barring orders but which are due to expire during the current lockdown; if there are regulations within the current

public health guidelines regarding the possible return of a spouse to the family home during the level 5 restrictions; and if these have been conveyed to An Garda Síochána. — Louise O'Reilly. [2630/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Justice if all pensionable allowances for prison officers have been calculated since 2008 in accordance with the average of the best three consecutive years in the past ten years provision of the Department of Finance circular 10/2008 for the purpose of calculating an officer's pension at retirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [2640/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Justice if new citizenship applications are being accepted and processed at present; if a photocopy of a passport will be accepted in the case of delayed processing until the application process has started and passport verification requested given persons applying who need their passport for essential travel cannot need to have their passport returned in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2678/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding online betting companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2710/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a visa in the case persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2728/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent to date in relation to major refurbishment works being carried out at Limerick prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2731/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new marked and unmarked Garda vehicles that were allocated to Garda National Technical Bureau in 2019 and 2020; the number of vehicles withdrawn during the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2732/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be made available in 2021 to purchase additional Garda command and control vehicles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2733/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to each divisional protective services unit as of 11 January 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2734/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full year cost if 1,000 additional gardaí were recruited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2735/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Justice the transport budget for the Irish Prison Service in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2736/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost to recruit six additional full-time analyst at higher executive officer level for the Garda cybercrime unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [2737/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Justice if a review will be undertaken into the refusal of a visa in the case of a person (details supplied) who has been offered employment and has supplied further documentation as necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2749/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed in order to regulate the position of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2751/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Justice the position in relation to the application for Irish citizenship by naturalisation by a person (details supplied) which has been with her Department since March 2019; when a decision will be made in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [2803/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Justice the person or body with responsibility for monitoring and enforcing the testing requirements for departing and arriving passengers through airports and ports here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2853/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure in the case of a person who does not present a negative pre-departure test upon arrival into Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2854/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Justice if an analysis has been carried out on the effects of letters consistently being sent to persons facing deportation outlining their requirement to present themselves to their local Garda station is having on their mental health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2917/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the temporary replacement of citizenship ceremonies in which applicants will be able to sign an affidavit declaring loyalty to the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [2922/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested and successfully prosecuted for driving while disqualified in each of the past three years in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [2928/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider a campaign including information at Garda stations and advertising in local media to notify the public and stakeholders regarding the new Covid regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2952/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in the Dublin Metropolitan Region annually on 1 January in each of the years 2016 to 2021, by rank and station in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2953/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to review the current legislation on the theft of dogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2959/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*446. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland has decided to partake in the RescEU stockpile of medical equipment; if so, the breakdown of supplies received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2186/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health when dupilumab will be available under the GMS and DPS schemes for patients with moderate to severe eczema; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [2199/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health if carers of vulnerable persons in the home are scheduled yet to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [2200/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to differences in the pay and conditions for contact tracing staff located in centres in Galway relative to those centres based in Dublin, Cork and Limerick, particularly in relation in the working of 12 hour shifts three days in a row, the difference in pay between clinical and non-clinical contact tracers, various breaches of the CPSA codes of best practice in public service appointments and the alleged failure to adhere to the HSA return to work protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [2204/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reimbursed for an emergency dental procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2214/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the position of dentists, pharmacists and similar healthcare professionals in prioritisation in the Covid-19 vaccine allocation groups given they are patient facing but are not being addressed as part of the first group of patient facing healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2218/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a primary care centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2219/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the vaccine roll-out to cover the private dentistry profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2226/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health if he will communicate the need for the provision of sanitiser and or hand detergent at the entrance to stores to remain in place (details supplied); the steps he will take to mandate this practice be provided at open retail stores, garage forecourts and convenience stores; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2228/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of a community covid assessment hub for Galway; the time-frame for the opening of such a hub; if there are delays; if so, the cause of these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [2229/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health if a centre (details supplied) will be considered for mass vaccinations. — Sean Sherlock. [2231/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to a review of the current contact tracing guidelines for schools in cases in which a pupil who tests positive for Covid-19 and

the parents of the pupil are informed of same by the HSE but there is no legal obligation on the parents to advise the school (details supplied); if the current guidelines will be changed regarding this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2232/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to reviewing the current waiting time in cases in which a parent with a Covid-19 positive child consents to public health sharing this information with the principal of their child's school given there is often a 16 to 24 hour time lag (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2233/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health if a review will be carried out on transparency regarding Covid-19 positive pupils in a school setting (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2234/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the spend on private ambulances by hospital in each month in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2235/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the future of Sruthan House, Dundalk, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2237/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the roll-out of the vaccine to the staff in the Ireland East Hospital Group; the order in which the hospitals will be scheduled; the order in which the staff will be vaccinated by staff discipline and dates for each hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2238/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the scheduled roll-out of the vaccine to the staff in St. Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire in the week ending 8 January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2239/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the use of a company (details supplied) in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; the details of the tendering process for the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2240/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering or formulating plans to outlaw animal testing; if he is considering or formulating plans to encourage and fund the use of non-animal testing technology and alternatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2243/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has exact restrictions on speed limits on powered wheelchairs which it provides or reimburses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2246/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health if he will communicate a definitive guideline as to the stage of the Covid-19 Vaccine Allocation Programme home carers for the elderly and persons with disabilities will be offered the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2247/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health if he will communicate a definitive guideline as to the stage of the Covid-19 Vaccine Allocation Programme dental nurses working in private practice will be offered the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [2248/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health the position on the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccines for the coming months given recent announcements. — Robert Troy. [2250/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to restrict and control travel from the UK and South Africa to prevent further spread of the Covid-19 strains found there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2253/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding vaccine roll-out. — Brendan Griffin. [2271/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that County Donegal will receive a sufficient share of the national vaccine supply particularly given that County Donegal has the highest percentage of elderly patients being cared for outside of long-term facilities and the high infection levels in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [2272/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place for a person (details supplied) who needs a form signed by their doctor to have their driver licence renewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2273/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider capping fees charged by general practitioners for face-to-face and over the phone consultations for public and private patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [2276/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working toward for the implementation of a unique health identifier system which was originally promised to be rolled out in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2277/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health if the training of emergency medical technicians and paramedics is being delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions applying to the prometric system; the rationale behind these restrictions; the number of students who have been affected; his plans to address these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2278/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health the process for vaccination for essential workers; if bank staff working in branches are included as essential workers for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2282/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the vaccination roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [2283/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health the position in which National Ambulance Service staff fall in the provisional allocation groups for the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2288/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved filled and vacant consultant posts by discipline speciality and sub-speciality at University Hospital Limerick; the basis on which, that is, permanent, locum or temporary agency they are filled in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [2294/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the priority of carers in terms of ranking status in receiving vaccines (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2296/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of persons (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [2297/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE secured sufficient supply of liquid oxygen and bottled oxygen to ensure that hospitals continue to have adequate reserves of same to cover increases in long-term ventilated patients gas requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [2298/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health staff he estimates will be required to administer the Covid-19 vaccination; the number that will come from the existing health service; the number that will be newly recruited; the number that will come from the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2304/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health the contingencies he will make to replace staff in the health service that are transferred to work in the Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2305/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in the health service that have been trained to give vaccination injections since March 2020; his plans to increase this training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2306/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the contacts and plans he has made with the private health sector in the provision of the Covid-19 vaccinations; if he will publish details including the costs of any contracts with the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2307/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health if teachers will be included in Group 6 in the Vaccination Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2309/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health if dentists will be included in the Covid-19 vaccination programme during the same period as other healthcare practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2313/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a pandemic-related payment that in 2020 was awarded to fourth year radiography students is no longer being offered to current students (details supplied); his plans to reinstate this payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [2315/21]

*491. 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. — Niamh Smyth. [2325/21]

*492. 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. [2326/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRSA cases reported to the HSE in each hospital in 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2341/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health if routine Covid-19 testing of staff in primary healthcare centres is taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2346/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists employed in each area of CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2347/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting assessment by occupational therapists in each area of CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2348/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that all persons that want to avail of the Covid-19 vaccine can do so; when the roll-out to the general population will commence; the position regarding the ability of the HSE to deliver 70% population cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2351/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health if port workers who are considered frontline workers should receive the Covid-19 vaccine in the initial phases of the roll-out to ensure that ports remain operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2365/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2372/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 919 of 29 September 2020, when he expects to bring legislative changes in respect of the nursing homes support scheme before Dáil Éireann that will cap contributions based on farm and business assets at three years in circumstances in which a family successor commits to working the productive asset. — Holly Cairns. [2384/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health if photographers can attend weddings; if live music is permitted under level 5, 4, 3, and 2 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2385/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccines administered as of 13 January 2021; the number of persons vaccinated aged 65 years and older who live in long-term care facilities; the number of frontline healthcare workers vaccinated; the number of non-frontline healthcare workers vaccinated; the number of persons aged 70 and older vaccinated; the number of administrators and managers in his Department and the HSE who are vaccinated in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2387/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 vaccines were administered to HSE administrators and managers who do not have direct contact with patients ahead of frontline healthcare workers; if so, the number; the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2388/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccines rendered unusable including those damaged in transport, stored incorrectly or damaged due to mishandling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2389/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health if persons living in direct provision camps are included in the category 9, people aged 18-64 living or working in crowded settings of the provisional vaccine allocated groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2390/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health if all student occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, radiology students will be paid for the work they do in hospital and healthcare settings as part of mandatory placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2391/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health if undocumented persons living in Ireland will be able to access the Covid-19 vaccine; if it can be assured that they will not be reported to the immigration authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2392/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2403/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the recruitment process of a consultant at a hospital (details supplied); if there is a target timeline by which to complete the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2412/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an offer of consultant resources at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2413/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the prioritisation of vulnerable adults with certain medical conditions, for example, Down's syndrome or cystic fibrosis as priority number seven on the vaccine roll-out plan; if there will be an opportunity for these adults be reprioritised under any circumstance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [2414/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for funding the life-changing gene therapy voretigene neparvovec also known as luxturna; if his attention has been drawn to studies which reveal early administration of this medicine leads to greater life-enhancing benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2415/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reopening of SouthDoc Blackpool. — Thomas Gould. [2417/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that a number of private companies under HSE contracts are administering the home testing kits SARS-co-rapid antigen test in order to circumvent self-isolation periods for staff; if guidelines have been issued for such testing; if the efficacy of this testing process been established; the criteria and or training for the administration of the tests; if it is deemed acceptable to use the testing kits in places of employment to eliminate isolation periods in which persons have been identified as close contacts or are showing symptoms of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [2423/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health if he will organise for the NPHET Vulnerable People Subgroup to be immediately reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2424/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the way persons with disabilities are represented on advisory groups relating to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2425/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to employ additional staff to administer the Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2431/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide for the provision of the Covid-19 vaccine to persons with disabilities who are under 65 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2433/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for persons who are accessing day services and are cared for by home carers over 65 years of age to be vaccinated for Covid-19; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2434/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide for the provision of the Covid-19 vaccine to staff of section 38 and 39 organisations. — Neasa Hourigan. [2435/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reinstate the NPHET sub-group for vulnerable persons to interact with groups and persons who represent those with disabilities in the planning for Covid-19. — Neasa Hourigan. [2436/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons trained to date to administer the Covid-19 vaccination; the projected number of persons required to administer the vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2439/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health the status regarding the place of family carers within the prioritisation strategy for the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [2442/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue a full programme showing the number of persons that will receive the Covid-19 vaccine each month in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2443/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to make use of the Army or Army Reserve forces to assist in the delivery and administration of the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2444/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health the advice he has taken regarding the issue of ventilation of indoor commercial spaces and the spread of Covid-19; if he will seek such advice with a view to engaging with various sectors given that it is now known this virus is airborne and is likely to be in circulation for some time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [2450/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who presented with eating disorders to community health care teams relating to referrals in each of the years 2018 to 2020; the gender, age profile and county of residence of each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2452/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health if he has sought advice from NPHET on the issue of ventilation given that Covid-19 is now understood to be airborne; the reason specific strategies such as the installation of CO2 sensors and advice on good ventilation are not part of the routine advice to households and commercial establishments; and if he has not sought this advice, if he will do so. — Catherine Murphy. [2454/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for each discipline, speciality and sub-speciality for each hospital; the number waiting according to the same monthly categories issued by the NTPF on the basis of the December 2020 waiting list figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2455/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the reason home carers who do not fall into other priority categories in the provisional vaccine groups are not prioritised given that the knock-on impacts for the health service are clear if they become a positive test case. — Steven Matthews. [2468/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the construction works which are deemed essential given the apparent grey area between essential and non-essential construction which is being exploited on many sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [2471/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider requesting optical retailers to open only for emergency services on an appointment only basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [2472/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health if the assessment of need of a person (details supplied) will be prioritised following cancellation of the assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2476/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Physical Activity Plan in view of the fact that the plan ran from 2016 to 2020; if the plan will be continued; if not, if a new plan will be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2495/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review of the National Physical Activity Plan in view of the fact that the plan ran from 2016 to 2020; the way in which the measures were implemented; the remaining outstanding measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2496/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Physical Activity Plan implementation group; if it continues to oversee the progress of the Plan; if and the frequency with which the group has met from the start of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2497/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Physical Activity Plan 2019 summary progress report; when it will be completed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2498/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health the research that has been or is being undertaken in relation to the impact of Covid-19 on the health of children in relation to diet and physical activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2499/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health when general practitioners in north County Dublin will be included in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will respond to concerns raised by general practitioners in the area that their priority on the roll-out list is not commensurate with their need and the level of danger they face from Covid-19 in their work. — Louise O'Reilly. [2503/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence in relation to the vaccine roll-out for healthcare workers (details supplied); if he will provide clarity on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2504/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation in relation to the definition of essential and non-essential workplaces and services during the Covid-19 crisis and level 5 restrictions and specifically the definition that applies to the construction sites of companies such as a company (details supplied); the definition that applies to FDI firms and construction work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [2505/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence in relation to the vaccine roll-out for childcare workers (details supplied); if he will provide clarity on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2507/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health if furniture delivery workers who must enter the homes of persons to deliver furniture are essential workers under level 5 restrictions. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [2513/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to vaccinate all hospital in patients who are not Covid-19 infected but who are at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2522/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the reason fourth year student radiographers who were paid for a number of weeks in 2020 for their work during the Covid-19 pandemic are not being paid now when hospitals are busier than ever; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [2533/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric rheumatologists who were employed in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2543/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the HSE has advertised for the post of paediatric rheumatologist since January 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [2544/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to provide PPE to pharmacists as per a commitment made in summer 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [2545/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health when services for persons with disabilities will resume; the timeline his Department is working towards; if staff in these services have returned to their original roles following redeployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2546/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for an assessment of need in each CHO; the length of time they have been waiting from 2016 to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2550/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to the need for supports for student radiographers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [2551/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health if SNAs will be prioritised in the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out programme. — Robert Troy. [2552/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to increase the number of listings for mental health professionals qualified in the treatment of eating disorders in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2554/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that for the third year in a row much of the funding allocated for the treatment of eating disorders under the model of care for eating disorders has been diverted elsewhere by the HSE; the steps he has taken to help ensure the funding allocated to the treatment of eating disorders is not diverted once more in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2555/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health if he received advice from the ECDC or any other European Union agency verbally, by letter or electronically not to impose travel restrictions or mandatory self-isolation or mandatory quarantine since February 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [2558/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have travelled to Ireland by air and by sea for each of the past five months; the number who filled a passenger locator form in each of the past five months; the number who completed a passenger locator form that were contacted within 14 days for each of the past five months; and the number who travelled here who can be confirmed were adhering 100% to self-isolation in each of the past five months. — Peadar Tóibín. [2560/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a statutory scheme to support persons to live in their own homes; his plans to provide equitable access to high-quality, regulated homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2564/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a mechanism for persons with polycystic ovary syndrome who are prescribed a drug (details supplied) to access that drug affordably; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the condition is not recognised under the long-term illness scheme; if his attention has been drawn to the prohibitive cost of the drug for treatment of the condition; his plans to make changes in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [2565/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health if parents can have their child privately assessed if they are on lengthy waiting lists for the public assessment; if so, the way in which they are reimbursed (details supplied); and if other services such as speech therapy and so on that can be availed of privately if children are on public lists but cannot avail of these services due to lengthy waiting lists. — Joan Collins. [2567/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Children's Hospital site will be closed with immediate effect until 31 January 2020 and then be reviewed given the virulent Covid-19 infection rate and the need to halt the rate of infection (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [2573/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health if a mass vaccination site will be established in Drogheda, County Louth as part of the national vaccination roll-out in view of its significant urban population and the fact that it is the largest town in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2574/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to offering paid contracts to fourth year student radiographers for their work in 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic as was the case for the previous academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [2576/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to shorten the waiting list for children of additional needs to be assessed for supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2578/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to countries that do not have the availability of PCR tests for passengers to take prior to travel to ensure they are in line with current guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2587/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that student radiographers on placement are not in receipt of any pay or allowances; the steps he is taking in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2590/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health if a list will be provided of the persons that constitute the key workers group who are sixth in the Covid-19 Vaccine Implementation Plan sequence. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2592/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available for families within the CHO2 area in County Mayo for speech generated devices used by children who are non-verbal; if so, the available funding; the number of applications received for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [2596/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has a record of animal testing laboratories which are located in Ireland; and if so, if this information will be provided. — Paul Murphy. [2597/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the funding being allocated towards finding non-animal testing methods; and if his Department is actively encouraging third-level institutions to apply for such funding. — Paul Murphy. [2598/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health if the details of experiments will be disclosed in relation to animals listed as having a severe level of suffering during experimentation as listed in the latest HPRR report. — Paul Murphy. [2599/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the prioritisation of vaccination for staff in early years settings which are open while schools and ECCE remain closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [2603/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans making an order activating the provisions in the existing Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 in relation to the unit pricing for alcohol in view of the success of similar legislation in Scotland which has a land border with England; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2612/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health if teachers have been included in provisional vaccination category six as key workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [2613/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health when it is planned to approve a drug (details supplied) which would be life changing for many persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2616/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); when he expects the nursing home to be vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2620/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if airline staff are exempt from certain Covid-19 regulations, for example, testing and self-isolation due to travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2622/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health if airline staff who are resident here but working in the United Kingdom are exempt from Covid-19 PCR testing when returning here from a shift in a UK airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2623/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some airline staff will not be able to fully abide by Covid-19 restrictions such as awaiting test results and restriction of movement due to the nature of their work; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2624/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if airline staff are exempt from getting a Covid-19 test to enter here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2625/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if airline staff are exempt from Covid-19 regulations regarding self-quarantining due to travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2626/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health if airline staff traveling to the UK for work are entitled to free Covid-19 testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2627/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if airline staff can be tested using a Covid-19 lamp as opposed to a PCR test which can take up to 48 hours for a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2628/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if airline staff are exempt from testing and self-quarantining following receipt of a Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2629/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reinstate the NPHEt vulnerable person's subgroup to ensure ongoing consultation and collaboration with those in the disability and other sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2633/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a one off tax-free flat payment to all frontline healthcare staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2634/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider offering the Covid-19 vaccinations specifically to teachers, SNAs and all healthcare personnel who are working with special needs students on a face-to-face basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [2635/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the vaccination schedule for long-term care facilities in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [2636/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health when persons (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [2637/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if funeral cemetery workers are classified as key workers under the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out plan and as such fall into the sixth category on the vaccine allocation groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2638/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health when general practitioners can expect to receive the Covid-19 vaccine under the vaccine roll-out plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2639/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide clarity on these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2641/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 569 of 15 December 2020, the status of the January HSE drugs group meeting at which two applications for dupilumab were reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [2642/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the schedule for vaccinating frontline workers such as general practitioners and pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [2650/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which birthing partners are currently permitted to attend the post-birth of a child and related maternity appointments as a visitor in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2652/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will address the concerns in relation to the shortage of professionals in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2654/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider including a daily update on the progress of Covid-19 vaccine inoculations via the Covid tracker app; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2657/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider providing a single point of contact online for updates and data on the progress of Covid-19 vaccine inoculations, the current vaccine allocation sequencing schedule and the ready estimator of when persons can generally expect to receive their inoculation based on supply estimates and the current vaccine allocation sequence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2658/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health if social care staff of all section 38 and 39 organisations will be included in the priority group two of the Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2659/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health if persons over 65 years of age working as home helps will be included in the priority group two of the Covid-19 vaccination programme similar to other frontline healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2660/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health if the five-kilometre travel restrictions apply to non-essential travel on water, for example, sailing or rowing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2672/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health when vaccines for special education service users and service providers will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2673/21]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health his views on making permanent the pilot service offering free at home test kits for STI screening to Dublin, Cork and Kerry; if the service will be extended to the entire country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2674/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if adequate signage and directions are being provided for the Covid-19 swab centre at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2675/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health the system in place for members of the public to report breaches of Covid guidelines in relation to Covid-19 positive patients who have been notified of their positive test result continuing to work and shop and so on or persons who have returned from abroad and are not adhering to quarantine rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2676/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the scheduled works to the EPU and isolation unit at Mullingar General Hospital. — Barry Cowen. [2684/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include special education staff in line with healthcare workers for prioritised vaccination. — Robert Troy. [2686/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to reprioritising persons with Down's syndrome in the vaccination strategy and implementation plan given their lower life expectancy in particular persons in care homes aged 40 years of age plus. — Paul McAuliffe. [2687/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the position of essential workers providing massage therapy for pain management; and if they can operate under the current Covid-19 lockdown. — Brian Stanley. [2688/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health when general practitioners in County Clare can expect to be vaccinated against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2689/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Bantry Hospital, County Cork was in position to vaccinate general practitioners in surrounding communities against Covid-19 but the same arrangements have not been put in place in the UL Hospitals Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2690/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the reason members of Dáil Éireann are not receiving responses to emails or phone calls to his office for the past two weeks; and if he will provide a contact number for members to receive replies to queries during the current restrictions. — Brian Stanley. [2691/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for vaccination plans within nursing homes and residential settings in which the facility has a positive Covid-19 case or cases in its staff and or residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2694/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that student nurses are included with other frontline health workers as a priority group to receive the Covid-19 vaccine given student nurses are an essential part of the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [2696/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 627 of 1 December 2020, the status of developments regarding the creation of consultant level roles in public health medicine; when it will be possible for public health doctors to apply to become consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [2699/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [2700/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the position persons with disabilities are placed in the scheduled roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination programme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2702/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health when the intellectual disability sector will be scheduled for Covid-19 vaccination; the timeline for the vaccination of residents and staff in institutional congregated settings in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2704/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the national Covid-19 vaccination programme has sufficient flexibility to allow for fast-tracked vaccination of vulnerable nursing home residents, staff and others in areas with very high rates of infection such as County Louth; if this approach is under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [2705/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 952 of 24 November 2020, the way in which the funding and staff as outlined in the reply are being overseen and supervised to ensure that the care needs are being met appropriately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2714/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners will be prioritised to receive the Covid-19 vaccination; the timeframe for all general practitioners to receive the vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [2729/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to have an orderly resumption of all-day services for persons with a disability in County Tipperary in view of the current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2743/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health when patients who are being cared for in their homes with the support of home help seven days a week will be scheduled for Covid-19 vaccination; if they will be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2750/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health if special measures are in place during the lockdown for children with special needs to be allowed to go further than the 5 km travel restriction to access safe

public spaces, for example, beaches, parks in cases in which there are no safe walking or exercising spaces within that 5 km radius; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2752/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons recruited in County Donegal to work in Covid-19 testing centres; if there are any vacancies for such positions within the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2756/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health if changes to circulars 064-2020 and 074-2020 for HSE health workers special sick pay leave who tested positive for Covid-19 in 2020 and 2021 affects entitlement to sick pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2757/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE health workers who tested positive for Covid-19 in 2020 are entitled to special sick pay for the entirety of their sick leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [2758/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health if persons that can certify that they have received the full Covid-19 vaccination will need to comply with the regulations in relation to restricting their movements when entering the State from abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [2765/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 729 of 6 October 2020, if he will confirm the PCT cycle thresholds in relation to the range of assays used by the HSE.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [2766/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for students doing placements in the healthcare system to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2768/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that will be put in place for student nurses who have had their placements cancelled due to Covid-19 but have been informed they cannot move on to the next year of their studies until they complete their placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [2771/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the case of student nurses who have paid for accommodation while they are on placements who have been informed that their placements have been cancelled due to Covid-19 and are unable to obtain a refund. — Chris Andrews. [2772/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the temporary assistance payment scheme that has been drawn down to date; the geographical distribution of the funding; the number of nursing homes that have received funding; and the number of private versus public nursing homes that have received funds. — Peadar Tóibín. [2773/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests carried out in nursing homes in each month since March 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [2774/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a financial return for his Department from the transfer of the lands at the former Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum to the Land Development Agency; if funds from this transfer will be ring-fenced for investment in mental health services

as envisioned under Vision for Change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2775/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to instances in which staff in nursing homes are struggling to care for patients and are seeking assistance from members of the public or the HSE in feeding and providing drinks to patients. — Peadar Tóibín. [2782/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the previously mentioned gambling addiction support services funded by the HSE; the funding streams they are supported under; and the way in which similar services can apply for this funding. — Thomas Gould. [2784/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation (details supplied) is facing imminent closure without support; if consideration will be given to supporting this vital service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [2787/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if he will identify the proposed roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccines to mental health services personnel and institutions given the incidents of a number of outbreaks and the potential for the need to deal with the situation in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2793/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take action to resolve any or all of the ongoing disputes personnel at certain levels throughout the mental health services given the Covid-19 emergency that currently exists and the need to address the impact of Covid-19 on the mental health services in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2794/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalents in the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics in 2019 and 2020; the budget allocation for same in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2804/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of providing an additional 250 intensive homecare packages for persons with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2805/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times by CHO areas for suprapubic catheter surgery to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [2806/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the Cork North Lee area that have been impacted by the redeployment of disability clinicians to address the assessment of need backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2810/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an assessment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2815/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the level of services to be provided at SouthDoc Blackpool under the proposed reopening of 18 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [2816/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanism being put in place to make contact with over 70s in order that they can receive their vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2817/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing vacancies in Wexford General Hospital; the length of these vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [2828/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health when Wexford General Hospital staff will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [2829/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that were placed on the waiting list for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in 2020 in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [2830/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels in a service (details supplied) in County Wexford; the staffing vacancies in the service by occupation; when vacant positions will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [2831/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff that will be assigned to the 48-bed acute medical unit that will be constructed at Mallow General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [2834/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health when a retirement home for retired clergy (details supplied) can expect to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2840/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department requested the Food Safety Authority of Ireland to fast-track its recommendations on vitamin D supplementation in older adults due to emerging evidence linking low vitamin D levels with increased Covid-19 infection and severity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2842/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department asked as to whether vitamin D supplementation in adults rather than just older adults is being considered as advisable in the context of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [2843/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health if the staff in a general practitioner surgery are considered to be front-line staff; and if they will be prioritised in the Covid-19 vaccine roll out. — Steven Matthews. [2844/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the discussions that have been held with Northern Ireland in relation to the possibility of a joint zero-Covid-19 strategy between the two jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2852/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the due diligence or background checks that were carried out prior to placing a €14 million order for ventilators with a company (details supplied); the person or body that approved the deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [2855/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in regard to the provision of the necessary funding for the next phase of the Naas General Hospital development plan; when the

project was submitted for his approval; his expectations in respect of a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2868/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the position of a primary medical certificate application for a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary; when an assessment on this application will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [2878/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if arrangements will be made to ship and distribute a vaccine (details supplied) around the country in advance of approval in order that it is ready to go once the dosage is confirmed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [2879/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health if arrangements are in place to extract the maximum safe dosages from each vial of a vaccine (details supplied) given that it now appears five rather than four doses can be obtained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [2880/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if access to services such as education, welfare and so on will be restricted for those who choose not to be vaccinated against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [2884/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if transmissibility has been factored into modelling the progression of Covid-19 during and after vaccination has been carried out in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2906/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the analysis her Department has carried out to date regarding the health effects that consumption of sugar and high caffeine drinks have on children in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2910/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding pay for student radiographers during the current lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2912/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if a resolution has been sought regarding the sourcing and dissemination of personal protective equipment for dental practitioners to enable them to take on and retain patients with medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2913/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts made by his Department to date to tackle outstanding issues in relation to the CAMHS service including addressing waiting lists, lack of investment and recruitment issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2914/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland has purchased additional doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines which other countries did not want as has been done by Germany, France and Denmark; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [2921/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of graduate nurses and midwives in 2019 and 2020 who have been provided full-time permanent contracts. — Sorca Clarke. [2930/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of job vacancies at Mullingar Regional Hospital by Department, job title and the length of time each position has been vacant. — Sorca Clarke. [2931/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to introduce a cap on the maximum daily charge for car parking in hospitals for both patients and visitors which is included within the Programme for Government. — Gary Gannon. [2934/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health if healthcare workers within sections 38 and 39 organisations will be included in the second priority group for the vaccination, that is, healthcare workers, supporting those working with persons with disabilities and thus supporting individuals with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [2938/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish the National Public Health Emergency Team Covid-19 sub-group for vulnerable persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [2939/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to providing emergency funding to NGOs providing support to persons at risk of suicide given reports of an increase in suicide rates during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2941/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to providing emergency funding to NGOs who provide outreach and mental health services to young persons given reports of an increase in suicide rates among young persons during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2946/21]

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

*676. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body responsible for payment for works carried out under the hen harrier scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [2194/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when farmers in tranche seven of the hen harrier scheme will receive payment; if payments have been released for tranche seven; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2205/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans in relation to the 5% reduction in stock in the BEAM scheme in view of the fact that many farmers were unable to sell stock due to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns, travel restrictions and the inability of many farmers to sell stock online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2212/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to upgrade the new Departmental website given that farmers and planners are finding it extremely difficult to navigate and to find forms, for example, nitrates recording forms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2213/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a shortage of soya products is impacting on animal feed supplies; the measures adopted by his Department to support farmers affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2310/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce measures to support agricultural and veterinary students to secure placement on farms during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [2311/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the forestry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [2320/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will agree to increased monitoring of inshore fisheries as an interim measure and until the State's appeal is heard in the High Court in June 2021; if he will provide extra funding and resources for such monitoring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [2329/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the opening date for the REPS II scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2342/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to improve the viability of male calves from the dairy herd in locally based production systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2343/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to review the 30-month rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [2344/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns that the Irish foodservices industry was not consulted as part of the process leading to the publication of a report (details supplied) on the current in-spec bonus criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2355/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason transfer pricing does not appear to have been factored into a report (details supplied) on the value of the beef carcass; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2356/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the remuneration being provided to a company (details supplied) for transparency studies on the Irish beef industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2357/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the measures being taken to address the challenges facing the forestry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2358/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the engagement he and his Department have had with farmer representative organisations following the decision to issue herd test history statements and reports to all cattle herd owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2359/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is policy to expand market opportunities and increased competition for the beef sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [2361/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of mink farms in Ireland; the schedule for culling; the entity which will carry out the culling; the means by which

culling will be supervised; the way in which the carcasses will be disposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2378/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if employees of his Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2394/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the changes in fisheries policy and its impact on Irish fishermen as a result of the Brexit deal; the communication there has been to ensure fishermen are kept up to date on these new policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [2416/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the time-frame for the implementation of changes to fishing policy and its impact on Irish fishermen as a result of the Brexit deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [2419/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application for a PCS number by a person (details supplied). — Peter Fitzpatrick. [2426/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to maximise Irish food exports to the single market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2458/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if planned post-Brexit diversification of food exports includes increasing exports to EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2459/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the countries that are the main focus of Irish food exports and trade diversification post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2460/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he foresees room for growth in Irish food exports to the continental EU post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2461/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of animals currently being tested on nationwide; the type of tests taking place; the steps he is taking to move away from the practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [2593/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress regarding the upgrading of Dinish Pier, Castletownbere, County Cork; the reason construction has stalled; and the expected completion date. — Holly Cairns. [2666/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of felling, afforestation and forest roads licences issued monthly between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2020, inclusive in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [2667/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the significant backlog of forest licensing approvals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2668/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of tree planting rates and numbers conducted through afforestation by licence under the Forestry Act 2014, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [2669/21]

*707. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the current organic beef stocking rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2670/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers with suckler cows who take all or some of their progeny to slaughter excluding beef cows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [2790/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans that have been made for Irish companies and Irish exports to replace UK exports to the continental EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [2819/21]

*710. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria put in place to register the 140 vessels allowed to fish in UK waters since 31 January 2020 with the European Commission; the number that were selected; when the remaining vessels can expect to be registered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2823/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding available in EU Commission contingency supports and market disturbance funding for the fisheries sector to mitigate against the impact of Covid-19 and Brexit; the amount of funding he plans to apply for to deliver for the Irish fishing sector; the way in which he plans to distribute this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2824/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress his Department has made since he has become Minister towards the establishment of a producer organisation for smaller Irish fishing vessels in the inshore fleet given that it is a commitment in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2825/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the strategic investments his Department plans to make in harbour infrastructure to attract increased landings into Ireland of sustainably caught fish in Irish waters, driving the development of the seafood processing sector and the blue economy in coastal communities as per the commitment in the Programme for Government; if he will set out these planned investments in tabular form containing locations, timeline and monetary commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [2826/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff employed by his Department to deal with customs checks at ports and airports in January 2020 and January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2839/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will facilitate the Educational Training Board Network to facilitate agriculture courses for farmers in areas such as derogation of nitrates. — Emer Higgins. [2841/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for classifying greyhounds as farm animals. — Bríd Smith. [2845/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a detailed impact analysis will be provided of the damaging impact of the EU-UK Brexit deal on the fishing sector here; the initiatives he will take to support Ireland's fishing sector; if he plans to establish a task force; if so, the terms of reference and membership of the task force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [2851/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will waive any penalties on farmers not reaching the 5% nitrate reduction under the BEAM scheme in view of the fact that the suckler herd has reduced by a figure greater than 5%; if he will engage with the EU Commission on this stipulation in view of the impact of Covid-19 restrictions on reaching this target at farm level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2872/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is necessary for farm inspections to take place during level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [2923/21]

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

*720. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will respond to concerns raised in correspondence by an organisation (details supplied) in respect of the town and village renewal scheme; if he will seek the best advice for the organisation going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2210/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will urgently re-examine the criteria for CLÁR funding applicants in which successful school based projects must give equal access to a facility to the rest of the community (details supplied); and if the matter will be rectified. — Robert Troy. [2368/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if employees of her Department have received Covid-19 vaccines due to their role in the Department; if so, the rationale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [2407/21]

*723. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén plé a bhí ag a Roinn leis na soláthraithe seirbhíse farantóireachta atá ar conradh ag a Roinn chun seirbhís paisinéirí a chur ar fáil do na hoileáin, leis na húdaráis áitiúla iomchuí, leis an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara agus leis An nGarda Síochána chun a chinntiú go bhfuil siad ag cloí go hiomlán leis na rialacháin agus leis an gcomhairle sláinte poiblí i dtaobh Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [2418/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has investigated the possibility of amending the criteria of the Covid-19 Stability Fund to ensure that community and voluntary organisations that may not be in a position to open their premises due to the current level 5 restrictions can still avail of the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [2512/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider allowing community organisations such as a facility (details supplied) access the Covid-19 stability fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [2662/21]