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

*1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the most relevant and current position of the Government and his Department on statutory redundancy during this and additionally all ongoing Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3112/21]

*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of plans for an IDA site (details supplied) in 2021; if he will confirm if planning has been secured for the developments; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [2975/21]

*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will engage with the Companies Registration Office to resolve the issue of levying late fees to the original date for filing despite providing leeway for companies to file up until October 2020 (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [3036/21]

*4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the total number of applications for the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland Covid-19 working capital loan scheme; the number of successful applications; the value of same; the number of unsuccessful applications; the value of same; the number of ineligible applications; and the breakdown of same by county and lending institution in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [3043/21]

*5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a Covid-19-related support payment in respect of rent will be available to a company (details supplied) which is currently meeting 50% of its rent requirements but due to lockdown cannot fund the balance; if, given the importance of the fact that it caters for children up to eight years of age, consideration will be given to their particular situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3110/21]

*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress being made on examining an alternative to a scheme (details supplied) given that a growing number of businesses in the entertainment, tourism and hospitality support sectors in County Mayo urgently require assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3132/21]

*7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for mandatory human rights due diligence legislation as recommended by a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [3157/21]

*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if information will be provided to small businesses importing goods from the UK (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [3208/21]

*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to issues with the new online CRO system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [3315/21]

*10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if supports will be available to assist non-essential retail businesses that closed as a result of recent restrictions when they reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3380/21]

*11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to include baby and nursery shops in the list of essential retail given the fact that many expectant parents and new parents are not in a position to order the necessary goods online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3458/21]

*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures in place to ensure remote working wherever possible; the body responsible for the oversight of compliance by employers with the advice on remote working; the steps an employee can take in the case in which they believe they can conduct their work remotely but their employer has required them to attend the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3465/21]

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

*13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date on which the home of a person (details supplied) will be connected to high-speed broadband under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2982/21]

*14. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the transposition of the EU Electronic Communications Code; if the directive will be transposed prior to a temporary derogation that is currently subject to a rapid agreement at trilogue on a final text; his views on the concerns expressed by persons (details supplied) in regard to a lack of derogation and its consequences on the production and circulation of child sexual abuse material; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3024/21]

*15. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a fibre broadband service will be provided to an area (details supplied) as part of the current roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3071/21]

*16. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 103 of 14 October 2020, if a new strategy statement for An Post has been finalised. — Eoghan Murphy. [3109/21]

*17. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to introduce a public service obligation and associated funding to support the post office network in view of its importance to communities throughout Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3171/21]

*18. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when surveys for the National Broadband Plan are expected to be carried out in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3172/21]

*19. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property (details supplied) will be able to avail of fibre broadband. — Robert Troy. [3173/21]

*20. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a direct contact will be provided for Members of Dáil Éireann to access information regarding the provision of broadband (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [3246/21]

*21. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a home (details supplied) and the adjoining properties have not been included in the intervention area (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that these premises are not included on the NBI build despite the problem being brought to the attention of his Department in advance of the mapping exercise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3257/21]

*22. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 204 of 14 January 2021, if the working group between an association (details supplied) met with the Data Protection Commission on the issue; if not, when engagement is scheduled to take place; when a resolution will be reached; the circumstances under which local authorities presently provide CCTV to assist in monitoring sites for illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [3289/21]

*23. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if broadband will be provided to a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3321/21]

*24. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are recruitment plans (details supplied) for the Western Region during 2021; if so, the locations in which those positions will be based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3328/21]

*25. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the State funded retrofitting grants available in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3338/21]

*26. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total funding provided by SEAI in retrofitting grants in 2019 and 2020 by the total funding provided in each local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3339/21]

*27. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if equality impact assessments have been conducted on retrofitting schemes; if so, the findings of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3340/21]

*28. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons on waiting lists for each SEAI grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3341/21]

*29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a school (details supplied) has completed its evaluation of the warmth and well-being pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3409/21]

*30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 16 of 14 January 2021, if the rainfall data over the past decade is a more accurate indicator of future rainfall in view of projections of more significant rainfall particularly in the west of Ireland due to climatic changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3432/21]

*31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the uptake of SEAI grants particularly in relation to persons on lower incomes due to the high cost of energy efficiency works which are not covered by existing grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1582/21]

*32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which high-speed broadband will be provided to areas not covered under the National Broadband Plan and in which commercial operators are reluctant or refuse to extend existing lines even by a few metres to other homes and businesses in need of high-speed broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [1583/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*33. To ask the Minister for Transport the amounts paid by his Department in 2019 or 2020 to any company or organisation for the production of a document (details supplied) including funds paid to any relevant sub-contractor; and the dates of payment of each document. — Dara Calleary. [3018/21]

*34. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of meetings held between the former Minister for Transport, Departmental officials and a consultancy organisation in relation to preparing a report (details supplied) in 2019 and in 2020; the date of each meeting; the names of the officials that attended in tabular form; and if a copy of any Departmental notes, minutes or briefing in advance of or following each meeting will be provided. — Dara Calleary. [3019/21]

*35. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of and dates of meetings held between the former Minister for Transport, Departmental officials and Irish Rail in relation to preparing a report (details supplied) in 2019 and 2020; the date of each meeting; the names of the officials who attended in tabular form; and if a copy of any Departmental notes, minutes or briefing in advance of or following each meeting will be provided. — Dara Calleary. [3020/21]

*36. To ask the Minister for Transport if future legislation regulating e-scooters will include a legal requirement to have suitable lighting appropriate to the speeds at which they travel. — Eoghan Murphy. [3107/21]

*37. To ask the Minister for Transport the current range of electric vehicles which can be considered as taxis; and if there is a case for expanding same to allow the more cost-effective smaller vehicle participate. — Richard Bruton. [3115/21]

*38. To ask the Minister for Transport if support for longer-term finance packages have been considered as an alternative to grants to encourage the take up of electric vehicles since the profile

of savings from electric driving can make such schemes more attractive than upfront purchase. — Richard Bruton. [3116/21]

*39. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has liaised with the Minister for Health to consider introducing restrictions or banning of travel from South American countries in light of the new Covid-19 variant identified in Brazil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3117/21]

*40. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his plans to connect Limerick city to the Great Southern Greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3124/21]

*41. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the case of a person (details supplied) regarding an NCT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3152/21]

*42. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made on the N17 Knock to Collooney road project; the current timeline for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3219/21]

*43. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made on road improvements in County Mayo (details supplied); the status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3220/21]

*44. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made on a road project in County Mayo (details supplied); the status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3221/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for Transport the potential to move the required annual CPC training of one day seven hours of all HGV and PSV drivers who drive for hire and reward to be moved to an online format (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [3233/21]

*46. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the construction of the A5 motorway. — Peadar Tóibín. [3292/21]

*47. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 284 of 17 December 2020, the status of the commitment in the Programme for Government to allow applicants for international protection access a driving licence; when driving licences will be made available to international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3331/21]

*48. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Transport Infrastructure Ireland is carrying out tree felling on a substantial scale in County Mayo; the planned extent of this tree felling in the county and nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3361/21]

*49. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the public light LED replacement programme on the national road network; the corresponding figures for all public lighting within each local authority; when the programme will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3403/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for Transport the procedure for Covid-19 testing at ports for lorry drivers who are exiting and entering Ireland on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3452/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for Transport if a traffic plan has been put in place for Rosslare Europort given that a full plan was put in place for Dublin Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3453/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for Transport the 2020 usage rates of the bike sharing scheme in Cork, Galway and Limerick; if 2021 will see investment by his Department to increase the infrastructure to encourage further usage of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3463/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional ferry capacity that will be available in the first half of 2021 to other EU ports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3481/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the driver licence renewal dates. — Sean Sherlock. [3497/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who arrived into the airports here in December 2020, by country of departure; the number who completed a passenger locator form in December 2020 who received a follow up by phone call; his views on whether stricter testing and quarantine restrictions are needed on all international arrivals at ports and airports here to try to prevent further importations of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2122/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons currently waiting for driver tests and driver theory tests; the waiting times in each test centre; the way in which these figures compare to January 2020; if his attention has been drawn to the pressure these backlogs are putting on persons who need a driver licence for family or work reasons; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2123/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which he plans to address the transport and logistics challenges faced by hauliers at ports in the first two weeks of 2021 (details supplied); if he is concerned the disruption will worsen in the coming weeks and months as trade levels increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2124/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount of receipts registered as part of the stay and spend scheme to the latest available date; and the total amount of tax credits claimed as a result. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [3042/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding persons who have lost their first house due to bankruptcy in relation to the help-to-buy scheme; and if an application for such persons who would otherwise meet all other required criteria would be accepted under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3045/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance if concerns raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to duties will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3343/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of pandemic unemployment payment recipients who have tax to pay; the breakdown of the number of persons owing tax who received payments of €203, €250, €300 and €350, respectively; and the average tax payment owed by these recipients. — Claire Kerrane. [3536/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a grocery store (details supplied) located in a gated business park fully reliant on the custom of staff working with the business park has been refused the Covid restrictions support scheme despite a 90% fall in revenue due to the current public health instruction that employees work from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3073/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to expanding the Covid restrictions support scheme to take into account excluded businesses which are classed as essential but are down over 90% trade due the specific difficulties they face due to their location and the erosion of their usual customer base as a result of Covid-19 and the level 5 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [3079/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised in stamp duty from real estate investment trusts as a result of the insertion of section 31(D) in the Stamp Duty Consolidation Act 1999 since it took effect on 9 October 2019. — Pearse Doherty. [3095/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would have been raised in stamp duty since 9 October 2019 had REITs been incorporated into section 31(C) of the Stamp Duty Consolidation Act 1999. — Pearse Doherty. [3096/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that received the pandemic unemployment payment in 2020 and received an end of year statement in which their tax position is underpaid as a result of receiving the payment; and the number of persons for whom their tax position is underpaid as a result of receiving the payment in intervals of €100 with respect to the amount by which their position is underpaid. — Pearse Doherty. [3098/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance the expected revenue in a given year from ending the tax deductibility of profit participating interest without exception and of management fees, respectively, for section 110 companies; if he will consider reviewing the taxation of section 110 companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3099/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance the weekly payments made to eligible businesses under the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme since its inception in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [3100/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will instruct the banks to extend loan and mortgage breaks in repayments and to offer further breaks to those whose work has been dramatically affected by Covid-19 measures given that there are many more whose incomes have been decimated by Covid-19 restrictive measures by Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3120/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance if community centres can avail of the Covid restrictions support scheme initiative. — Emer Higgins. [3136/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out in damages in non-medical negligence cases by the State Claims Agency in 2020; the top five amounts paid out; and the nature of each case. — Catherine Murphy. [3164/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out by the State Claims Agency in plaintiff legal costs and its own legal costs in non-medical negligence cases by the State in 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [3165/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions he is taking to ensure that any loan forbearance by banks for businesses which are closed as a result of Covid-19 restrictions will not have a negative impact on the businesses' credit gradings; if a moratorium will be introduced on loan penalties for businesses for the remainder of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3218/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance the relief that local authorities can seek in regard to their obligation to pay VAT and TAX as a local Government body (details supplied); his views on whether some form of VAT relief for local authorities is required given that they are currently being charged VAT for services including the construction of council owned homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3238/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to put in place a VAT exemption or claim system for local authorities given that the application of VAT is prohibiting the construction of affordable social homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3239/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason guidelines have changed as of 1 January 2021 concerning benefit-in-kind on company cars and vans during the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied); if he will request the Revenue Commissioners to reinstate a previous agreement under Revenue eBrief No. 054/20; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [3249/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to assist persons facing income tax demands as a result of the pandemic unemployment payment and wage subsidies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3260/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance if the banking section of his Department is currently engaging with the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government and the banking sector on the issue of the proposed €75 million shared equity loan scheme; if so, the nature, frequency and content of these engagements; if additional funding for the scheme from private banks is being sought; if so, the rates of interest being discussed; and the involvement the banks will have in the administration of the shared equity loan scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3362/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports available to workers working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3375/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance if measures will be put in place to deal with the backlog in VRT appointment waiting times in Cork; the nature of the measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3379/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a primary medical certificate application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3390/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of lorries that have entered each port from the UK since the 1 January 2021; the number that have been physically inspected for compliance with the new Brexit rules; the number destined for Northern Ireland; the number of trucks that must be inspected based on the EU-UK Brexit agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3419/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of lorries that have entered each port from the UK since the 1 January 2021; the number and percentage of lorries with their paperwork in order and compliant with the new rules on arrival; the number which had minor errors leading to a delay of less than three hours; the number subject to a longer delay broken down between trucks whose final destination is Northern Ireland and Ireland in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3420/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the cost of the employment wage subsidy scheme since its inception; his plans to continue the scheme beyond the schedule of 31 March 2021; the estimated costs if the scheme were to continue to 31 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3442/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider designing a scheme to remove the tax liabilities for workers who have had their salaries paid under the temporary wage subsidy scheme and as a once-off solidarity gesture and capped to exclude higher earners; if he will include the pandemic unemployment payment recipients in such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3443/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of claims made under the stay and spend tax refund scheme to date; the total cost of such claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3444/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the temporary wage subsidy scheme and the employment wage subsidy scheme respective compliance programmes; if the Revenue Commissioners will publish a list of employers who availed of the employment wage subsidy scheme at the end of January 2021 as anticipated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3445/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the orphan companies mainly attached to the entertainment and ticket industry regarding Covid-19 and employment wage subsidy scheme assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3451/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance the top ten individual amounts repaid by companies that received payments under the Covid-19 temporary wage subsidy scheme; and the sector that each firm operates in in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [3456/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff at the Central Bank who received pay in excess of €400,000 in 2019 and 2020; the number who received pay between €300,000 and €400,000 in 2019 and 2020; the number who received pay between €200,000 and €300,000 in 2019 and 2020; the number who received pay between €150,000 and €200,000 in 2019 and 2020; the number who received pay between €100,000 and €150,000 in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; the number who received between €100,000 and €150,000; the remuneration

package for the Governor of Central Bank in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [3457/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government has submitted its plans to the Commission for Funds received under the Recovery and Resilience Facility; if so, when they were submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3460/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will publish the national reform programme to be submitted to the Commission under the Recovery and Resilience Facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3461/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance the breakdown of the programmes and allocations to each programme that will be funded through the Government's allocation through the Recovery and Resilience Facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3462/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to concerns of businesses trading through Dublin Port regarding delays that have occurred since the start of 2021; the measures to be implemented at an early date to eliminate such delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3480/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government's affordable purchase shared equity scheme will come under his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3489/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his officials have met with lenders or an organisation (details supplied) regarding the affordable purchase shared equity scheme that will come under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3490/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has sought views from the Central Bank on the proposed affordable purchase shared equity scheme including its interaction with the mortgage lending rules; if so, the views of the Central Bank in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3493/21]

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

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3014/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the proposed timescale for the completion of a scheme in view of the recent approval of An Bord Pleanála for the OPW funded scheme in Springfield, Clonlara. — Sorca Clarke. [3254/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will set out each tier of pay scale by amount and tier for all secretary general posts; and the reason tiers exist for the same top ranked position across Departments. — Catherine Murphy. [3091/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 350 of 10 November 2020, the cost of non-voted spend (details supplied) in each of the years

2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [3133/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the meeting of the Minister for the OPW with the Minister for Agriculture with regard to Lough Funshinagh County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3259/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Blackpool flood relief scheme, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3378/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 80 of 14 January 2021, if he can justify the spending of the minor works flood mitigation scheme funds in view of the fact that the last minor works to construct a flood embankment was a failure and lead to the relocation of the family; if he is of the view that a minor works flood mitigation scheme application is an appropriate scheme to deal with rising ground waters rather than fluvial flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3431/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the opening to the public of the recently refurbished tower by the OPW at Roscommon Castle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3439/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the funding provided by the OPW for the construction of a bund around a family home at Lough Funshinagh, County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3440/21]

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

*107. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if it is possible for a club (details supplied) in Limerick to apply for funding from Sport Ireland towards the provision of a games promotion officer similar to the situation that exists for Dublin clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [3327/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 35 of 13 January 2021, the supports available for arts, entertainment and events companies, particularly for those dependent on weddings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [2973/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has met with the commercial live events sector to discuss the impact of Covid-19 on operations; if the present supports from Government need modification in order to sustain the underlying core of the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [2974/21]

*110. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an féidir cóip de dhialann an Aire Stáit, a bhaineann leis an tréimhse ó ceapadh é mar Phríomh-Aoire agus Aire Stáit an Spóirt agus na Gaeltachta i mí Iúil 2020 go dtí an lá inniú, a chur chugam; agus an gcuirfear dialann an Aire Stáit ar fáil go poiblí ar líne as seo amach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3330/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the level funding to be provided in 2021 for Fáilte Ireland's Platform for Growth Programme; when the next round of projects will be approved under this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3486/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she proposes to take to further alleviate the impact of Covid-19 on the tourism sector in the course of 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3513/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has engaged in a sector by sector evaluation of the tourism industry with a view to putting in place measures most likely to be in a position to facilitate recovery from the impact of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3514/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department is prepared for a longer than expected Covid-19-related negative impact on the tourism sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3515/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her ongoing plans to generate increased cultural activity notwithstanding the ongoing presence of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3516/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for the regeneration of the tourism sector in the coming year notwithstanding Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3517/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she plans to promote the arts remotely or otherwise in 2021 given the persistence of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3518/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department can directly or indirectly engage with those in the promotion of the arts throughout 2021 notwithstanding the difficult health situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3519/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she continues to engage with the various sporting authorities with a view to maximisation of sporting activity while maintaining best practice to contain the Covid-19 virus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3520/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she expects to assist in the provision of sporting and recreational facilities throughout Ireland with maximum community benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3521/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department can encourage various sporting activities to take place during the ongoing Covid-19 crisis with particular reference to the need of those involved in all sports throughout Ireland while at the same time minimising physical contact and adhering to hygiene rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3522/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for the encouragement of sporting and recreational activity in all primary and second-level schools throughout Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3523/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to encourage the promotion of the arts in schools and colleges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3524/21]

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

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the interest payable on the equity loan under the affordable purchase shared equity scheme will be linked to HICP; if not, if it will be linked to any other index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3491/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the initial rate of interest that will be on equity loan repayments under the affordable purchase shared equity scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3492/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment being taken off the local authority social housing list due to their household income being above the threshold due to the fact the payment has brought them above the income limit; if he will engage with the Minister for Social Protection on this matter and request that local authorities do not take a temporary payment such as the pandemic unemployment payment into account and therefore use it to remove workers and families from the social housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3539/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of housing assisted payments paid out to each local authority since the introduction of the scheme on a yearly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2977/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average construction and all-in development costs for one, two, three and four-bedroom social houses and one, two and three-bedroom social housing apartments delivered under the SHIP in the past 12 months as distinct from the Departmental expenditure ceilings for such units which was provided in an earlier reply, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2978/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average construction and all-in development costs for one, two, three- and four-bedroom social houses and one, two- and three bedroom social housing apartments approved under the SHIP in each of the years 2017 to 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [2979/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding persons who have lost their first house due to bankruptcy in relation to the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if an application for such persons who would otherwise meet all other required criteria would be accepted under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3044/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if exceptional needs social welfare payments are not taken into account when determining social housing eligibility when the social housing need assessment threshold is carried out; if this means that the pandemic unemployment payment from March to August 2020 is also not taken into account for the same purposes as during that time PUP was deemed to be an exceptional needs payment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3113/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a query in relation to turf cutting (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3123/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the matter of a tenant trying to purchase social housing (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3194/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number working in the Property Registration Authority; his plans to increase staffing levels in view of the inordinate delays in having applications dealt with and in view of the stress this is causing to persons finalising house sales and applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3211/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to protect the heritage associated with the Anglo-American cable house on Valentia island, County Kerry which is the site of the first transatlantic cable link; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [3267/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is currently engaging with the Department of Finance, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform and the banking sector on the issue of the proposed €75 million shared equity loan scheme; the nature, frequency and content of these engagements; if additional funding for the scheme from private banks is being sought; if so, the rates of interest being discussed; and the involvement the banks will have in the administration of the shared equity loan scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3364/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the difficulties that social housing tenants encounter when seeking an inter-council housing transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3365/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider making payments under the turf-cutting compensation scheme early in 2021 given increases in energy costs and to assist families in meeting their heating costs during the winter period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3407/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 99 of 14 January 2021, if he will review the scientific basis for not supporting the construction of an overflow outfall for the Lough Funshinagh turlough given that Lough Funshinagh is one of the most significant sites of its type in the EU which is a priority habitat and in view of projections of more significant rainfall, particularly in the west of Ireland due to climatic changes which will have a detrimental impact of the unique hydrology of this particular turlough; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3428/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the income eligibility limits for social housing will be increased; if his attention has been drawn to the widespread concerns in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan in which the existing income limits are much too low; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3484/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new local authority house building starts activated in the past 12 months; the number due to start in 2021 by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3499/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland loans approved and drawn down in each local authority area in the past two years; the number of such loans likely to be issued in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3500/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authoring housing schemes likely to be started in the counties adjacent to Dublin in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3501/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for local authority loans currently before each of the local authorities in the greater Dublin area including County Kildare; the plans in hand to meet such housing requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3502/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which local authorities in the greater Dublin area are awaiting infrastructural improvements on which the building of local authority houses or private houses is dependent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3503/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses likely to become available from the private sector developments to meet the needs of local authority housing applicants over the next four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3504/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the degree to which he proposes, through various local authorities, to utilise abandoned or derelict buildings in the centres of villages or towns throughout Ireland to meet the needs of those who require affordable or local authority houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3506/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which heritage buildings in disrepair or in danger of falling to disrepair can be restored for appropriate use including residential, commercial or community; the extent to which such action could benefit areas in urban and rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3507/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of heritage sites throughout Ireland deemed to be at risk at present; his plans to address the issue on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3508/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which young persons seeking to remain resident in their native areas can be facilitated throughout rural areas thereby assuring the future of schools, shops and community life while maintaining good

environmental and planning practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3509/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning permissions refused by county in respect of one-off housing in rural areas affecting the local population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3510/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he expects his Department to be in a position to resist the depopulation of rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3511/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has identified the main factors contributing to the decline in the population of rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3512/21]

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

*154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the Maritime Jurisdiction Bill 2019; the timeframe for its progression through the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2998/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the total overseas development aid budget for 2021; if he will provide details of the way this money is to be allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3013/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when he expects the Joint Consultative Working Group established upon the withdrawal of the UK from the EU to be fully established and meet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3017/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if consideration will be given to removing the measure of charging married women the full cost of attaining a new passport which they incur if they have taken their husband's surname; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [3025/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number Irish citizens resident in Hong Kong and registered with the Irish consulate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3134/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding transporting goods through the UK to mainland Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3154/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to review the National Plan on Business and Human Rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [3156/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3283/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outstanding issues in relation to the lack of implementation regarding investigations in Northern Ireland into alleged State violence and murder; his views on progress in terms of the investigation of actions carried out by a gang (details

supplied); the steps the UK Government should take in terms of investigating murders by the gang; the steps he has requested the UK Government to take in relation to same; the number of times he or his Department has raised the issue of alleged murders by the gang with the UK Government in the past five years; if the UK Government has failed in its responsibilities to investigate these murders; and the next steps he will take in relation to the murders. — Peadar Tóibín. [3291/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when he expects the processing of passport applications to recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3306/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he will take to raise awareness through the EU of the plight of a person (details supplied) who has been beaten while being illegally detained in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3441/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the funding allocated under the emigrant support programme in 2020; the level of funding to be provided in 2021; if this will enable the expansion of existing programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3487/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to develop closer relations between Ireland and Scotland; if these relations can be enhanced on a bilateral basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3531/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*167. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide details of organisations and individuals that made submissions to the Commission on Defence Forces including those that specifically called for a review of the Department of Defence to be included in the terms of reference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3012/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for a position with the Naval Service as a radio and radar technician; his plans to change the entry age limit; if so, the date on which such a change will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3243/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*169. To ask the Minister for Education the person or body families of deceased survivors of industrial schools can contact to obtain information on the period their family members spent in the institution. — Thomas Gould. [3169/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reopen the redress scheme for survivors of sexual abuse in schools and require it to act in accordance with various court recommendations from a case (details supplied) which do not require survivors of sexual abuse in schools to demonstrate a prior complaint and likewise not require them to seek redress through the courts or any other adversarial procedure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3268/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Education when the results of the leaving certificate for students who sat the exam in November 2020 will be notified to students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [2988/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Education the supports in place to support those families without sufficient internet access or devices for their children to fully engage with learning from home while schools are closed (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [3023/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Education if the pilot DEIS schoolbook scheme will be reopened and expanded in 2021 (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [3026/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 552 of 13 January 2021, if this constitutes a departure from previous policy intentions indicated by successive Ministers with particular reference to the alternative use of the site and its pivotal location in terms of education, recreation, the swimming pool project and adjacent primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3028/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request an urgent review of the process of allocating school places in secondary schools (details supplied) in County Clare specifically in relation to the serious and ongoing issue of lack of sufficient secondary places for sixth class pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3039/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications by children eligible for school transport who have not yet secured a place on a bus due to late payment of fees by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [3040/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools conducting classes in temporary pre-fab accommodation; the length of time that such prefabs have been in use; and the locations of these temporary buildings in each of the years 2015 to date in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [3041/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Education the procedures expected of primary and post-primary schools to report attendance and levels of engagement with online learning in the context of level 5 Covid-19 restrictions in view of school-based activities taking place remotely; and the role of the Tusla education support service.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [3068/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Education the number of second-level schools currently offering ordinary level and higher-level Spanish as a leaving certificate subject in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3084/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Education if Medmark is adjudicating for SNAs and SEN teachers in the same manner as mainstream class teachers given that they cannot social distance from their students unlike their mainstream class colleagues; if a list will be provided of the conditions that put SNAs, SEN and class teachers in the high risk category or categories; and if they will be exempted from returning to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3085/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Education if SNAs, SEN teachers and or teachers in special schools, units and mainstream primary and secondary schools are all classified as essential workers; the vaccination allocation group which applies to each group of workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3086/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education if the 40% cut to funding for PPE for schools which was communicated to schools in the past month has or will be reversed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3087/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education if SNAs who are to return to work if the phased return to school for children with additional needs proceeds on 21 January 2021, or at another date but who cannot find or restore childcare for their own children and families could lose their positions or be at risk of losing their jobs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3088/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which children with additional needs who are in mainstream classes and set to return to school on 21 January 2021, or later, will be educated; if SEN teachers, SNAs or mainstream class teachers will educate them in cases in which a school community's SEN team of teachers and SNAs is insufficient to cover all children with additional needs, which of these groups of educators will be responsible for the in-school education of the children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3089/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of broadband for a school (details supplied) given the difficulties being faced at the school in terms of access. — Cathal Crowe. [3122/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education if a school bus from Crusheen, County Clare to Tulla will be considered for the sizeable student population there in view of the fact that Bus Éireann's deadline for ticket applications is three months away. — Cathal Crowe. [3127/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to allow a greater variety of questions for the written leaving certificate in 2021 given the time missed due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3139/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education if the review of the ex-gratia scheme which was set up in the wake of a case (details supplied) and judgements in the European Court of Human Rights and in the Irish courts has been completed; if it has or will be published; if the report on Irish progress on implementation of the judgement due to the Council of Europe on 8 December 2020 has or will be published; the contents of reports and reviews on the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [3140/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide certainty to leaving certificate students regarding the way their results will be determined in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [3142/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has a policy, research reports or data on the use of mock exams in public schools; the prevalence of the use of mock exams; the average price of those exams; the estimated cost of funding such exams for all students in non-fee paying schools; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the cost of the mock exams is higher than that of the real exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [3143/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education if school bus contractors who were recently contracted to provide the 50% capacity on school transport routes will continue to be paid for the duration of level 5 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3144/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education if a request by a teacher (details supplied) to be considered for promotional opportunities will be examined, reviewed and an updated positional response issued to them. — Cathal Crowe. [3158/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education the status of her plans to develop an educate together school in the Clonmel catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3160/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will receive payment under the transport grant and July provision scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [3170/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education the alternative systems she is considering putting in place instead of the standard written leaving certificate exam; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3190/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education her views on ensuring that the findings of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission Report and other reports on institutional and organised abuse are incorporated into post-primary curricula; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3191/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education if students living with persons who are in the very high risk groups that are extremely vulnerable to Covid-19 will continue to be provided with the option of remote learning from home when school buildings reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [3203/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education her advice on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3217/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education the status of expansion plans for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3236/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education the plans or discussions taking place with stakeholders to get children with special needs in second-level education back to school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3237/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education if clarity will be provided regarding the leaving certificate examinations 2021 (details supplied). — Danny Healy-Rae. [3244/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education the current timeline for the completion of the playing pitch at a school (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [3252/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied with the level of online teaching available to sixth year students in post-primary schools during the current level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; if her attention has been drawn to the disparities in the amount and quality online teaching provided between classes in the same school and between different schools generally; the way complaints from parents regarding the matter can be dealt with; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3261/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planned development of a new post-primary school campus in Prosperous, County Kildare; and the timeline from design to completion dates. — Catherine Murphy. [3265/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to any processing issues of home tuition payments to ASD schools who provide this service for families and children with autism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [3312/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that have been made available to DEIS schools during the January 2021 closure to facilitate remote learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3376/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that have been made available to students of DEIS schools during the January 2021 closure to assist them in remote learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3377/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the reopening of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3406/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education when the algorithm for the calculation of the 2020 leaving certificate results will be published; the reason for the delay in publishing the algorithm; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3408/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 479 of 13 January 2021, when the framework will be concluded. — Sean Sherlock. [3423/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 480 of 13 January 2021, when the framework will be concluded. — Sean Sherlock. [3424/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special education teachers and teachers involved if special needs children are brought back to school. — Joan Collins. [3425/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that will be taken to ensure that bus drivers for special needs students will be protected from potential exposure to Covid-19, given that they will be coming into contact with multiple households. — Cathal Crowe. [3454/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education if contingency measures in terms of social protection are in place for bus drivers on the school transport system should the quota of students per bus be lessened, meaning that some drivers will not have their regular income. — Cathal Crowe. [3455/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will provide clarity on the points raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3459/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts her Department and the NCSE are making to address the lack of ASD units in primary schools in Finglas and Ballymun, Dublin 11, in particular in the case of a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [3467/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education the current infection and public health advice underpinning safe, prospective school openings particularly in the context of the new UK variant of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3473/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education the precise safety measures that will be put in place to guarantee the safe reopening of special education at the earliest opportunity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3474/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education the level of collaboration that exists between the parents of special needs children and her Department in ensuring safe access to education for this neglected cohort of children at the earliest possible moment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3475/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education her views and her policy regarding the serious health and safety worries of many primary school teachers for themselves, their pupils and the wider community in the reopening of schools particularly in the context of the new UK variant of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3476/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education when the necessary clarity will be given to leaving certificate students on whether the examination will be held or calculated grades will apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3477/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education if the school bus service can be extended to children from Killeel, Naas, County Kildare who wish to attend second-level schools in Naas, County Kildare due to the lack of available school places adjacent to their homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3528/21]

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

*223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will investigate the situation faced by a small cohort of workers who have been out of work since March 2020 (details supplied); and if their case will be reviewed. — Steven Matthews. [3072/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when it is likely that the legislation will be passed to recognise cohabitating partners who are not lawfully married on official documentation such as death certificates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3269/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the length of time an applicant can be expected to wait for a decision regarding carer's allowance; and if her attention has been drawn to the case of a person who has been waiting since July 2020 for a decision regarding the allowance and is in financial difficulty as a result. — Martin Browne. [3022/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) in County Sligo whose working family payment was not renewed following the annual review even though their circumstances have not changed since 2020 will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [3031/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed given they were incorrectly placed on the non-contributory pension in 2013 and did not receive full back payment when they were awarded the contributory pension in 2020. — Paul McAuliffe. [3066/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3247/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason surviving cohabitating partners who are the biological parent to a child and children with a deceased partner are unable to be awarded a widowed or surviving civil partner grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3270/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3293/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether the continued operation of JobPath is inappropriate in the current circumstances of mass layoffs, job losses and restrictions on travel due to Covid-19; if the motion taken in Dáil Éireann on 6 February 2019 to close down the JobPath scheme will be acted upon; if she will terminate the contracts for Turas Nua and Seetec and cease pressurising persons on the pandemic unemployment payment and jobseeker's with threats of payment cuts to apply for jobs or job interviews they are unlikely to get; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3381/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of eligible persons in each county referred to community employment schemes and to a JobPath company, respectively in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [3398/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amounts paid in each of the years 2017 to 2020 to each of the companies involved in the JobPath programme; and the amount spent by her Department in each of those years managing the programme. — Dara Calleary. [3399/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a contributory pension application by a person (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [3482/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of various appeals in respect of overpayment and an award of payment in respect of prior entitlement in the case of a person (details supplied); if the deduction of €20 per week from their carer's allowance payment takes account of the proposal to offset the sum and withholding of the sum and the resultant likely hardship to the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3529/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the work of the child maintenance review group; the stage the work is at; the number of meetings it has held to date; the timeline for it to report on its findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3532/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if referrals to JobPath have ceased due to level 5 Covid-19 restrictions or if they have continued; if other referrals to job activation schemes have continued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3533/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to difficulties faced by community employment schemes in replacing participants when the three-year term is up; if she will consider relaxing this rule to ensure that valuable work in communities including the provision of services to some of the most vulnerable persons are protected and maintained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3534/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the review of contracted activation services within her Department has been completed; when she will publish the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3535/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered extending the fuel allowance season in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3537/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of liable relatives pursued in order to recoup moneys paid for the one parent family payment in 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and the number of liable relatives that began making payments. — Claire Kerrane. [3538/21]

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

*242. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in each direct provision centre by month between 1 February 2020 and 15 January 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3198/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of deaths as a result of Covid-19 in direct provision centres between 1 February 2020 and 15 January 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3199/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of State funding provided to children's charities in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and projected for 2021 by year, charity name and funding allocation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [2976/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress of the white paper on direct provision; when this paper will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [2980/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 981 and 982 of 3 November 2020, if he will report on the number of young persons without social workers or care plans as Tusla has not yet provided a reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2993/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 621, 622 and 623 of 13 January 2021, if he will order an independent inquiry into the cover-up of alleged abuses at the organisation as per victims' wishes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2995/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the enactment of legislation to allow parents the right to apply to their employer for additional parental leave; and the reason for the length of time the process is taking. — Cathal Crowe. [3032/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are negative implications with regard to State supports for crèche and playschool owners that decide to not reopen in January 2021 due to personal concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic but plan to reopen once they feel it is safe to do so. — Steven Matthews. [3077/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to hold further meetings with representatives from the early childhood care sector to discuss its concerns with regard to reopening playschools and creches in view of the ongoing public health crisis. — Steven Matthews. [3078/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of home visits conducted by social workers working for Tusla in 2019 and 2020, by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3149/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of home visits conducted by social workers working for Tusla in 2020 by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3150/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of child protection conferences held by Tusla in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3151/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the research that has been or is being undertaken in relation to the impact of Covid-19 on children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [3174/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the pharmaceutical companies involved in non-consensual medical trials in Mother and Baby Homes have liabilities for these actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3180/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he or his Department released copies of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission Report to journalists ahead of it being made available online to survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3182/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason the 6th Interim Report of the Mother and Baby Home Commission was withheld until the release of the final report from the Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3183/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to conduct a full survey of the Bessborough Estate in County Cork in response to the 5th Interim Report of the Mother and Baby Home Commission which states that the Commission considers that it is likely that some of the 859 unaccounted children are buried in the grounds but has been unable to find any physical or documentary evidence of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3184/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on working with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to use Ministerial directives under the Planning and Development Act 2000 to halt any developments on the Bessborough Mother and Baby Home site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3185/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the proposed contents of the redress scheme for survivors of mother and baby homes; the eligibility criteria

for same; the eligibility criteria for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3186/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when all former residents of the Mother and Baby institutions will be given a hard copy of the Final Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes, in full; if his Department has carried out an analysis of the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3210/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a comprehensive list of Mother and Baby homes was compiled; if so, the criteria for inclusion on same; and the location in which the list can be accessed. — Mark Ward. [3214/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the terms of reference of the independent monitoring mechanism tasked with carrying out inspections of direct provision accommodation centres for the legal basis underpinning the establishment of the independent monitoring mechanism; the details of membership of the independent monitoring mechanism; if the monitoring mechanism is operational to date; if so, the number and locations of inspections it has carried out to date; the role of HIQA in the independent monitoring mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3280/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the implementation of the national standards for direct provision accommodation centres; the measures his Department is taking to ensure compliance of existing direct provision centres with the national standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3281/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Mother and Baby Home report suggests and if he will consider for inclusion all women and survivors of all mother and baby homes in the country when awarding redress; if it will be limited to specified mother and baby homes or certain cohorts of women and survivors; if the latter is the case, the way in which redress will be decided upon; if he will provide information on these specified groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3324/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 631 of 17 November 2020, if the formal vulnerability assessment system for asylum seekers promised by end-2020 is operational; if so, the number of formal vulnerability assessments carried out to date under the new system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3332/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the approach he is taking to ensure the continued operation of early learning childcare facilities for essential and frontline workers after 31 January 2021; the publication date for the plan; the plan to reopen for all workers; the level of engagement with representative bodies in the childcare sector to date in tabular form, the funding options available to childcare providers after 31 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [3347/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when legislation will be introduced to extend parent's leave; the estimated time frame in which he envisages this legislation will be passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3396/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3434/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a refuge centre for victims of domestic abuse will be established in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [3483/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason some essential workers whose children were offered places in creches and who are not taking up the offer of a place for their children are facing penalties from the creche providers and still being charged for the child's place; if his attention has been drawn to same; if his Department has had communication from creche owners and management on this issue; if he will address the matter relating to fees and charges on parents who are not availing of a creche place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3498/21]

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

*272. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to delays in some schools in completing school based attainment testing due to the Covid-19 pandemic have led to a concern among parents that testing will not take place in time to apply for the DARE programme; and if he will extend the DARE deadline from 1 March 2021 to prevent the exclusion of candidates who might otherwise qualify. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [3141/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a UK citizen living in Ireland for the past 20 years can still participate in a course in Sweden under the reciprocal agreement between EU countries. — Robert Troy. [3015/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to reduce college fees for third-level students who are experiencing less on-campus time due to the current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3155/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to expand a network (details supplied) to all towns and villages in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [3187/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on working with third-level institutions to amend the CAO system to allow students to use their best three grades to apply for courses in view of the challenges faced by the 2020-2021 leaving certificate cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3188/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on providing additional funding to the Irish Research Council for a scheme dedicated to working with survivors to research the Mother and Baby Homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3189/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 668 of 13 January 2021, his plans to provide continued

access to Erasmus + higher education mobility opportunities for students from Northern Ireland in further education institutions; if a list of such further education institutions will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3234/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to expand the SUSI scheme to include students of graduate entry medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3319/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the financial struggles faced by students of graduate entry medicine due to fees increases; the measures he is considering to alleviating these struggles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3320/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that certain HEIs are informing prospective students if they are residents in Northern Ireland that they may be subject to international fees; if a list of the HEIs taking this approach will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3352/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for including commercial premises in the roll-out of extended virtual campuses by a provider (details supplied); the selection criteria and process for commercial premises; if students will be able to assess the wi-fi without being paying customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3353/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the anticipated cost of rolling out extended virtual campuses by a provider (details supplied) to 90 locations in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3354/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that have been take to engage with student unions outside of a group of unions (details supplied) particularly in relation to the SUSI review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3355/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of students enrolled in the first year in higher education at the beginning of 2020-2021 academic year; and the way it compares to the same figure for 2019-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3356/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions taken to expand in-demand third-level course places for the 2021-2022 academic year; the target number for increased places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3357/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the special payment of €250 for students will be paid to students who go to study in Northern Ireland; if discretion is made on individual cases for this payment; if there are other financial supports available to students here who move to Northern Ireland for third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3401/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify the situation in relation to SOLUS courses in which there is a requirement for a work placement, for example, for electricians and other apprenticeships; if his attention has been drawn to a significant backlog in placements which means many apprentices are not progressing through their education as they should but are also incurring huge costs and loss of income; his plans to address these backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3427/21]

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

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of plans for accepting migrants on humanitarian grounds; and the extent to which the Covid-19 pandemic has halted these plans. — Eoghan Murphy. [3108/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied) working as a full-time care assistant in a nursing home will be determined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [3235/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received a final report based on the inquiry led by a person (details supplied) into the way An Garda Síochána investigated the death of another person; the expected outcomes from the inquiry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3248/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice when she plans to bring forward the Criminal Justice Miscellaneous Provisions Bill as discussed at the Oireachtas Justice Committee during the debate on the Harassment and Harmful Communications Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2996/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice the date on which the number of practising barristers and solicitors that make up the part-time membership and or Chair of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal will be appointed; the number appointed as of 14 January 2021; the number of ordinary members currently forming part of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal; the number of vacancies that exist on in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal; the number of cases in the backlog; and the number of years covered by the backlog. — Catherine Murphy. [3037/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 685 of 13 January 2021, the categories of offences for which adult cautions were issued; and the number of offences cross tabulated with the number of cautions and custodial sentences given for these categories by Garda division in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [3093/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider introducing new laws to combat the large increase in the theft of catalytic converters such as extra penalties for car dealers who do not confirm the origin when reselling the parts. — Eoghan Murphy. [3104/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that single parents in receipt of the housing assistance payment and the one-parent family payment are not entitled to free legal aid; the steps she is taking to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3118/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 190 of 11 November 2020, the status of the inquiry under section 42 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 into the Garda

Síochána investigation following the death of a person (details supplied); when the final report will be published and sent to the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3159/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice the investigations, reviews and or actions that have commenced in relation to the fatal shooting of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3196/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice the supports or official responses offered to persons involved in or who witnessed to a fatal shooting involving members of An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3197/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of assets seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau since its inception in each of the past ten years. — Mark Ward. [3231/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the roll-out of the promised changes to the provision of work permits for international protection applicants (details supplied); if these changes have been made operational to date; the legal basis underpinning these changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3333/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions she is taking on foot of recommendation 5.6 of the September 2020 Report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process (details supplied); when the recommendation will be implemented in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3334/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that have been put in place for victims of domestic violence and abuse during Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3371/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a visa application by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [3447/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice if citizenship will be fast-tracked for essential workers in the healthcare system given their heroic work on the Covid-19 frontline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3478/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for students on placements in the healthcare system to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3342/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue clear instructions to employers on the definition of the qualification for essential work and essential workers in order to suppress Covid-19 by preventing unnecessary travel, contact and congregation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3472/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on measures to scrap an €80 charge for venesection clinics that was introduced on hemochromatosis patients who do not have access to medical cards; the discussions that are taking place to eliminate the charge that may

deter patients from venesection treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2972/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if he has explored the possibility of purchasing Covid-19 vaccines outside of the standard EU collective agreements similar to Germany; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [2983/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the reimbursement of gene therapy treatment luxturna for persons suffering with inherited retinal diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa and Leber's congenital amaurosis which are rare, serious and life-limiting diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2984/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will correspond with the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics to reconsider their decision regarding the reimbursement of gene therapy treatment luxturna whereby early administration of this medicine can lead to greater, life-enhancing benefits for those suffering with degenerative retinal disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2985/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health if consultations have taken place in order to improve the cost effectiveness of the gene therapy treatment luxturna, a life-changing gene therapy medicine which upon early administration leads to better, life-enhancing benefits for those suffering with inherited retinal diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2986/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the reimbursement of gene therapy treatment luxturna which complements national policy objectives as set out in the Programme for Government to update the Rare Diseases Plan and the promotion of research particularly clinical trials which are key to improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [2987/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new appointments made arising from the Winter Initiative by county; the speciality and location of these appointments by county; and the number of appointments that are permanent by county in tabular form. — Dara Calleary. [2989/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1342 of 3 November 2020, the number of applicants for the primary medical certificate programme in 2020 to date as the HSE has not yet provided a reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2992/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise regarding correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [2994/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out IT records system will be fully operationally; the official title of same; if he will commit that all paper records will be promptly inputted; and the body or agency that has overall responsibility for management and operation of the system. — Seán Crowe. [2999/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the body or agency that has overall responsibility for the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out. — Seán Crowe. [3000/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the full list of duties and responsibilities that the Secretary General of the Department of Health has in the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out. — Seán Crowe. [3001/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area as of 01 January 2021 or latest date available in tabular form; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area in tabular form; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and more than 12 months. — Michael Moynihan. [3002/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area as of 01 January 2021 or latest date available in tabular form; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area in tabular form; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and more than 12 months. — Michael Moynihan. [3003/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided as of 01 January 2021 or latest date available by CHO area in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [3004/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability as of 31 December 2020 by LHO area in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [3005/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children as of 1 January 2021 or latest date available that were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the 2005 Disability Act by LHO area in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [3006/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list as of 1 January 2021 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4-12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form and the number in each category waiting aged 0-4, 5-17, 18-64 and more than 65 years. — Michael Moynihan. [3007/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list as of 1 January 2021 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4-12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form and the number in each category waiting aged 0-17 and over 18 years. — Michael Moynihan. [3008/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list as of 1 January 2021 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4-12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form and the number in each category waiting aged 0-17 and over 18 years. — Michael Moynihan. [3009/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list as of 1 January 2021 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4-12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form and the number in each category waiting aged 0-17 and over 18 years. — Michael Moynihan. [3010/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list as of 1 January 2021 or latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4-12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form and the number in each category waiting aged 0-4, 5-17, 18-64 and more than 65 years. — Michael Moynihan. [3011/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the vaccination strategy for healthcare workers; the priority for management levels, frontline healthcare workers and ancillary staff in healthcare settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3016/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to offer endocrinology services at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3021/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if family carers are categorised as frontline health workers (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [3027/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to adding full time carers to the vaccination schedule; and the reason for their initial exclusion given the vulnerable persons that rely upon them. — Seán Crowe. [3034/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if carers and family carers will be prioritised in the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3038/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [3047/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [3048/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a audiology appointment in primary care as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [3049/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [3050/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [3051/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [3052/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment in primary care as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [3053/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units in 2020. — John Lahart. [3054/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; the way that this compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area in tabular form; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months. — John Lahart. [3055/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme as of 31 December 2020 or the latest date available; the average waiting time; the numbers of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme by LHO area and the length of time waiting in tabular form. — John Lahart. [3056/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients that have been removed from outpatient lists in 2020 as a result of a validation exercise and not as a result of having an appointment with a consultant for each public and voluntary hospital in tabular form. — John Lahart. [3057/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 3 December 2020; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — John Lahart. [3058/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in each public and voluntary hospital at the end of December 2020; and the total number in 2020 for each public or voluntary hospital in tabular form. — John Lahart. [3059/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost in each public and voluntary hospital owing to delayed discharges in 2020, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [3060/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of clinical status 1 ECHO incidents responded to by first responder in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less; the percentage of clinical status 1 DELTA incidents responded to by a patient-carrying vehicle in 7 minutes and 59 seconds or less for each ambulance station in each month in the year to the end of December 2020 or the latest date available in tabular form. — John Lahart. [3061/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years or over that experienced an emergency department wait time of more than 24 hours during December 2020; the total number in 2020; and the hospitals in which the wait occurred. — John Lahart. [3062/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in December 2020; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; the number that waited longer than 40, 60, 90, 120 and more than 180 minutes for same, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [3063/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than 4, 4 to 8 and more than 8 months, respectively in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital at the end of December 2020 or the latest date available; and if he will provide the same information for other spinal patients. — John Lahart. [3064/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider including the parents and carers of persons with particular underlying conditions (details supplied) who are especially vulnerable to Covid-19 and any person in receipt of family, carer's allowance or benefit in the Covid-19 vaccination category of frontline healthcare workers given their essential role in the care of particularly vulnerable persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3067/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include family carers as a priority group for vaccination against Covid-19; the timeline for which family carers will be vaccinated against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [3069/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3080/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider prioritising family carers on the vaccine priority list. — Kathleen Funchion. [3081/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if he will facilitate a person (details supplied) in receiving a HPV vaccine without incurring the €500 fee. — Kathleen Funchion. [3082/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the provision that will be made to ensure nursing home residents will receive the Covid-19 vaccine before 24 January 2021 in circumstances in which there is an outbreak of Covid-19 in a nursing home; if decisions have been made in cases in which Covid-19 free nursing home residents should not receive the vaccine due to the fact they are living in a facility in which a Covid-19 outbreak has occurred; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3090/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health if information is available on whether nursing homes are observing the recommendation of the Nursing Home Expert Panel report which highlighted the fact that nursing home staff should not cross over from one facility to another to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission in view of the extreme staff shortages that have now been highlighted in nursing home facilities due to Covid-19 related absences particularly some of the larger nursing home groups which multiple facilities in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3092/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health when dental staff will start to receive the Covid-19 vaccination; if they will be included in the priority list for roll-out of the vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3103/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering using doses of different vaccines for the same person as is reported to be the stated policy in the UK but which is contrary to the official guidance adopted in the US; and his views on this practice. — Eoghan Murphy. [3105/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the level of engagement his Department has had with general practitioners, dentists and other medical professionals regarding the sharing of vaccine roll-out information which could then be shared with their concerned patients who would like to know when they will receive the vaccine. — Eoghan Murphy. [3106/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if a sector (details supplied) will be prioritised in the strategy for Covid-19 vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [3114/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that autism services will not be provided to a child (details supplied) until 2025; his plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3119/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to have dupilumab added to the HSE's reimbursement list for the treatment of severe eczema. — Ciarán Cannon. [3128/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE staffing levels in each month since February 2020; the breakdown of those attending the workplace or on paid or unpaid leave in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3130/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if he will repeat the short-term review undertaken in December 2020 on the allowances paid to student nurses in first to third year given the surge in Covid-19 cases in the hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3131/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve the communication of the vaccination roll-out in particular the number of persons vaccinated per week and area. — Paul McAuliffe. [3137/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered a vaccination calculator application that would give persons an indication as to when they will be vaccinated based on data inputted. — Paul McAuliffe. [3138/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a vulnerable incapacitated recipient of homecare (details supplied) in County Dublin was not listed as a close contact to the HSE following the confirmation that four of the carers visiting their home had tested positive for Covid-19; if a full investigation will be carried out into the failure of the homecare provider to protect their client following their exposure Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3145/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with an address based in County Tipperary who have been admitted to the Department of Psychiatry, St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny per annum since 2012. — Alan Kelly. [3146/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an estimated cost of works recommended to be carried out at the Department of Psychiatry, St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny following the recommendations made by the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment report. — Alan Kelly. [3147/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether her statement when she met local mental health groups in Clonmel, County Tipperary in August 2020, that the Department of Psychiatry, St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny was delivering impeccable service with facilities and procedures of an incredibly high standard after recent investment was compromised by the publication of the European Committee CPT report 2020. — Alan Kelly. [3148/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out by the State Claims Agency in damages in medical negligence cases in 2020; the top five amounts paid out; and the nature of such cases. — Catherine Murphy. [3162/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out by the State Claims Agency in plaintiff legal costs and its own legal costs in medical negligence cases for 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [3163/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive Memorandum of Understanding with the UK and Northern Ireland; the progress moving in relation to same; the issues being experienced; when the issue will be resolved; the steps being taken in the current process to address same; when the directive will be back up and proceed for administrative

approval, reimbursement and surgery scheduling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [3166/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of the most recent discussions that have been held with the Departments of Health in Northern Ireland and the UK concerning the EU Cross-Border Healthcare Directive post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [3167/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive agreement between medical assistance schemes (details supplied); the progress in moving forward same; when the Directive will be back up and proceed for administrative approval, reimbursement and surgery scheduling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [3168/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE funded fissure seal treatments are offered to all children through the school dental programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3176/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure adequate HSE dental appointments are available to children in south western areas of County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [3177/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health his views on prioritising families caring for vulnerable and medically at-risk children for the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3178/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to ensure proper organisation of times for vaccinations and checks being carried out in locations providing vaccinations (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [3179/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the inclusion of dental workers as priority 2 in the provisional vaccine allocation groups for the Covid-19 vaccine; and when such workers will be able to register for the vaccine in the HSE portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [3209/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health if frontline healthcare workers as defined in the National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme: Implementation Plan include public nurses and HSE carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3212/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the group under which vulnerable persons being cared for in the home are categorised under page 9 of the National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme: Implementation Plan sequencing table; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3213/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts he is taking to ensure that a way forward is secured on data sharing between public authorities here and in Northern Ireland in the context of cross-Border travel through ports and airports and on tackling Covid-19 in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3225/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding family carers now considered as likely to be categorised as frontline workers in relation to the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination; and when a decision on their categorisation will be made. — Sorca Clarke. [3226/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health when Covid-19 contact tracers are conducting a positive patient assessment with healthcare professionals, the breakdown of transmission sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3227/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health when Covid-19 contact tracers are conducting a positive patient assessment with healthcare professionals, the number who indicated that the transmission source was in relation to inadequate PPE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3228/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health when Covid-19 contact tracers are conducting a positive patient assessment with healthcare professionals who have indicated that the transmission source was in relation to inadequate PPE, the hospitals or other care facilities they work in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3229/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare workers on leave due to a positive Covid-19 result; the breakdown of the settings they work in; and the CHO areas of each. — Mark Ward. [3230/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering lengthening the time between the administration of first and second doses of a vaccine (details supplied) or other Covid-19 vaccines; the consultation that has been had with the manufacturers; if the lengthening of time has been endorsed by the manufacturers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [3232/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) diagnosed with MND and their need for vaccination priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3240/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health if advice will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [3241/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the delayed provision of an MRI scan and other delayed autism assessments and treatments for a person (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [3245/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the Covid-19 vaccination schedule to be operating seven days a week and outside standard office hours given the exponential growth of the virus in our communities and the urgency to ensure the maximum roll-out is achieved to ensure public health is maintained. — Sorca Clarke. [3250/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the total allocation for the treatment of eating disorders and by comparison the amount expended on actual treatment of eating disorders and in which an underspend occurred by which the unspent moneys were utilised in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [3251/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health the vaccine allocation group family carers fall under; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3256/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision on the reimbursement of dupilumab a drug to treat severe atopic eczema was reached at the HSE drugs group meeting of 12 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3262/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health when the assisted human reproduction Bill will be published; the steps he is taking to create a legislative framework to govern surrogacy in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3263/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the cohort of vaccine recipients to which student teachers belong; if they will be classed alongside others in the education sector; and if not, the reason consideration was not given to the Teaching Council requirement of face to face teaching which would lead these student teachers to be in the same work environment as qualified colleagues and subject to the same risk. — Sorca Clarke. [3264/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) with a health condition can expect to receive a Covid-19 vaccine. — Eoghan Murphy. [3266/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the total additional funding paid to date to nursing homes under temporary assistance payment schemes related to Covid-19; the length of time this will continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3271/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours of home help delivered in November and December 2020 and January 2021 relative to 2019-2020 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3272/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to HSE staff in the first two weeks of January 2021 by staff category, group and grade for each hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3273/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the date the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine commenced in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3274/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doses of the Covid-19 vaccine that were allocated to Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3275/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doses of the Covid-19 vaccine allocated to Letterkenny University Hospital that have been administered to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3276/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the number of frontline staff in direct patient contact in Letterkenny University Hospital that have still to receive the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3277/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 vaccination of frontline staff in direct patient contact in Letterkenny University Hospital will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3278/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the next consignment of the Covid-19 vaccine is expected to be allocated to Letterkenny University Hospital in order to complete the roll-out of the first round of vaccinations of frontline staff in direct patient contact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3279/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a decision has been made to change the surgical transfer policy from Our Lady's Hospital, Navan from five hospitals to one, in the middle of the pandemic (details supplied); and if he will ensure the change will not occur until it is safe to do so. — Peadar Tóibín. [3282/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health when persons working in dental practices will receive the Covid-19 vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3284/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with an address in County Tipperary that have been admitted to the department of psychiatry in Kilkenny in each of the years since 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3285/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with an address in County Tipperary that have been admitted to the department of psychiatry in Ennis in each of the years since 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3286/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of works recommended to be carried out at the department of psychiatry in Kilkenny following the recommendations made by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment Report 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3287/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the funeral undertaking industry to cease selling gravestones at a time when its counterparts in the headstone and monumental works sector have ceased trading due to level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3288/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the average and the longest waiting time for a child to see a child psychologist in each county in the past three years; and the number of children that are on waiting lists to see a child psychologist by county in the past three years. — Peadar Tóibín. [3296/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the average and longest waiting time for a child to see a CAMHS professional in each county in the past three years; and the number of children on waiting lists for CAMHS by county in each of the past three years. — Peadar Tóibín. [3297/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the staff shortages in the CAMHS by county and by professions in each of the past three years; the professions that should be included in a CAMHS team by county in each of the past three years. — Peadar Tóibín. [3298/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the mental health outreach services available for children with special needs, children with challenging behaviour, children of concern to teachers and children in general in each county during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [3299/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for optometrists and ophthalmologists in each county in each of the past three years; the average waiting times and the longest times for waiting for children's optometrists and ophthalmologists in each county in each of the past three years. — Peadar Tóibín. [3300/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on dental waiting lists in each county in each of the past three years; the average waiting times and the longest times for a dental treatment in each county in each of the past three years. — Peadar Tóibín. [3301/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health when pharmacists will be offered the Covid-19 vaccination given the nature of the work which involves high levels of face-to-face contact with the public. — Sorca Clarke. [3302/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to implementing a uniform system for parking charges across hospitals for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3303/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to lowering or waiving the inpatient charge of €80 per visit at a maximum of €800 per annum for those with long-term illnesses or treatment plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3304/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the HSEs use of private debt collectors to collect outstanding funds from patients still undergoing treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3305/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the current uses for a hotel and a centre (details supplied); and the statistics detailing the number of persons who have used the facilities for Covid-19-related purposes including self-isolation and step-down per month since the Government entered contracts with same. — Peadar Tóibín. [3308/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if he has signed off on the HSE National Service Plan 2021; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [3310/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the Government and the HSE to date since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic on facilities procured for Covid-19 related purposes; the size, capacity, location and purpose of each facility; the costs incurred; the number of admissions to each facility; and the length of each contract. — Peadar Tóibín. [3311/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health the position of carers of children with type 1 diabetes on the list of those to be vaccinated (details supplied); if he will protect this vulnerable group by ensuring that their carers are prioritised on the vaccination list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [3314/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if a scheme (details supplied) has been impacted by Brexit; if the scheme is operating as normal; if changes to scheme are pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3316/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Be on Call for Ireland campaign; the number of persons that signed up; the location in which that database is stored; and the number of persons who signed up that have been offered posts in the health service. — Peadar Tóibín. [3317/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if the Covid-19 vaccine rollout prioritises staff who have direct patient contact over administrative staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3318/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the authorisation of medical procedures which were applied for before the end of December 2020 to be carried out in Belfast under the cross-border directive. — Paul Murphy. [3323/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the traumatic and tragic incident raised; if the current policies can be reviewed in view of the correspondence in order to allow partners to support in their loved ones when there are non-routine and non-scheduled serious health checks on expectant mothers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3326/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health if family carers will be a priority group to receive the Covid-19 vaccine once healthcare workers and care home residents have been vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3329/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to issue guidelines to hospitals to provide free parking services for those undergoing cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3344/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the position of persons with Alzheimer's on the Covid-19 vaccine allocation strategy priority list of groups for vaccination. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3346/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the medical staff of a society (details supplied) provide care to the majority of dementia specific day care; and if he will consider appointing these workers to roll-out the vaccine to persons with Alzheimer's and dementia. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3349/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider using the expertise of the dental profession in assisting with the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3350/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health if the dental profession will be prioritised for Covid-19 vaccination given its close contact with patients and its high-risk working environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3351/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of financial support provided to facilitate the construction of the primary care centre in Ballina, County Mayo; the amount of rent paid annually by the HSE for the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3358/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the service overlap that will exist between Ballina District Hospital and the expanded primary care centre in Ballina, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3359/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if oncology blood services in the community will continue and that there are no plans to require patients to travel into hospitals in order to provide a blood sample; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3360/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure on public nursing home care in Ireland in each of the years 2010 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3366/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents in public nursing homes by county from 2011 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3367/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health if nursing home patients will not be charged for items outside of their original assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3368/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if the NTPF has internal written procedures or a guidance manual for its negotiators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3369/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been put in place to combat isolation and loneliness during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3370/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be taken to support those who have suffered long-term effects following Covid-19 infection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3372/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of rates offered to dentists delivering free care to medical card holders from 2011 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3373/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists delivering free care to medical card holders by county in each of the years 2011 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3374/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the status of operations at a facility (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [3395/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health when the minutes of the meeting of the Obesity Policy Implementation Oversight Group held on 24 September 2020 will be approved and published; if the issue of Covid-19 has delayed meetings of the OPIOG; if the minutes from 24 September 2020 can be approved and published earlier than the next scheduled meeting if there is a delay to holding such a meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3397/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health for health the policy in relation to vaccination of nursing home residents in cases in which there is a current outbreak of Covid-19 in that home among residents and or staff; the number of homes in which vaccination has not proceeded as a result of such outbreak; the location and names of such homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3400/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outbreaks of Covid-19 in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities since 1 January 2021 by county and the ownership and management of such facility, that is, private, HSE or not-for-profit; the number of fatalities in each such category since 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3402/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the vaccination of all adults aged 65 and over who are residents of long-term care facilities were not vaccinated in the very first instance and as top priority as proposed in the Covid-19 vaccination programme as published; the persons or bodies consulted in relation to the change in policy; the person or body that made the decision to change the published vaccination programme; if it will be ensured that all adults over 65 years of age resident in long-term care facilities will be vaccinated against Covid-19 as a priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3404/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the CervicalCheck tribunal; if there has been further engagement with a group (details supplied); the actions taken to address the concerns of the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [3433/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health if UK residents will be allowed to travel home once they have been fully vaccinated; if there will be guidelines on travel for such persons who have been vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3435/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Health the policy followed by his Department and the HSE in relation to the allocation of vaccines to cover all front-line staff in each hospital; the reason all front-line staff at major acute hospitals such as Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda were not vaccinated due to shortage of vaccines supplied to them initially; the reason for the shortage of vaccines in the hospital while other hospitals such as the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital, Dublin had a surplus of vaccines; if the full list, the timetable and date of vaccine distribution of vaccines to date will be published; the number of vaccines given to each such hospital; the number of front-line staff in each such hospital; and the policy which will be now followed in allocating vaccines in hospitals in the future when adequate vaccine is available nationally. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3436/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health if number six on the vaccine priority list is key workers; if he will also clarify who key workers are; if family carers are considered under this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3438/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health if family carers are considered key workers; if they are included in category six of the roll-out plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [3446/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include full-time carers as a priority listing under the vaccination roll-out programme. — Sean Sherlock. [3448/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the position of a cohort of persons (details supplied) on the Covid-19 vaccine list; if they will be prioritised as essential workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3449/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health the position of family carers on the list in relation to receiving the Covid-19 vaccine injection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3450/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the request from the HSE regarding the suspension of student nurse placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3464/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue new and clear instructions to the public on exercise etiquette to include mandatory mask-wearing outdoors and express reminders on the

way two meters should be the minimum distance particularly in the context of the virulence of the new UK variant and that many are reporting feeling unsafe due to crowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3468/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his Department has not introduced mandatory, monitored quarantine for arrivals at ports and airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3470/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce antigen testing and screening for schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3471/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health if priority is being afforded to family carers as part of the Covid-19 programme given the important role they play in protecting vulnerable members of society; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3485/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health if dentists and dental staff will be considered frontline healthcare workers in the context of the Covid-19 vaccination programme; if they will be vaccinated at the beginning of the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out; the schedule of vaccination for these workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3488/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health when family carers will receive Covid-19 vaccinations. — Jackie Cahill. [3494/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health when cancer support workers will receive Covid-19 vaccinations. — Jackie Cahill. [3495/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health when undertakers will receive Covid-19 vaccinations. — Jackie Cahill. [3496/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the improvement of mental health facilities and supports in respect of both adults and children; if the provision of the necessary number of residential places are in hand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3526/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he expects to improve the supports for children with special needs while requiring therapeutic or residential short-term or long-term assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3527/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 545 of 15 December 2020, if a reply will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [3530/21]

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

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all areas of horticulture can operate under level 5 public health restrictions; if not, if work is limited to certain types of horticulture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [3345/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Departmental inspectors are still performing on farm inspections during the level 5 restrictions given the potential risk of spreading Covid-19 when it is not deemed essential work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [2990/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 211 of 18 November 2020, his plans to have the navy board any of the factory vessels currently fishing off the west coast for mackerel to check them for compliance with the Common Fisheries Policy as the SFPA has not provided a reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [2991/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of remediation works on a site (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [3030/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3035/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports available to farmers in the horticulture sector who have experienced heavy losses due to the impact of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3046/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding is available for a society (details supplied) to set up its own society in Ireland in view of the fact its herd books are based in the UK and it cannot register animals given the UK is no longer a member of the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3070/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1181 and 1139 of 13 January 2021, if he is satisfied with the efficiency of the appeals office given that one appeal is almost a year in the process and the other almost four months and the delay is causing the families concerned considerable stress and hardship; the number of staff employed in the office; the qualifications of each; and if the appeals office is short staffed, his plans to reduce the unacceptable time-frame for such appeals. — John McGuinness. [3083/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if a reply will issue; the steps he will take to address the issue; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3102/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the meetings he had with representatives of the fishing industry between 1 September 2020 and 15 January 2021 regarding Brexit and its impact on the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3175/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to bringing forward legislation in the current Dáil term to ban the importation of non-native bee species in order to protect the native stock of Irish honeybees *apis mellifera mellifera*; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3204/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the importation of non-native bee species here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3205/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the controls in place to monitor and control the importation of non-native bee species here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3206/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is any analysis of the environmental impact on Ireland's native stock of honeybees *apis mellifera mellifera* caused by the importation of non-native bee species here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [3207/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application for recognition as a producer group will be granted to an association (details supplied); the details of outstanding issues that need to be resolved in order to process the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3215/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to designate additional ports to land fishing vessels from Northern Ireland given recent difficulties in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [3216/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on his meeting with the Minister for the OPW with regard to Lough Funshinagh County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3258/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if concerns raised by a person (details attached) in respect of non-native honeybees will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3290/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, in a specific case (details supplied) a felling licence was obligatory; if so, if a felling licence was sought; and if it was granted. — Paul Murphy. [3322/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry felling licence applications that were on hand on 1 October 2020; the number on hand at present; the total amount in terms of volume of timber and hectares licensed for felling since 1 October; the amount of this appealed to the Forestry Appeals Committee; the further steps he plans to take to expedite the processing of licence applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3410/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of felling licence applications that were on hand by the Forestry Appeals Committee on 1 October 2020; the number on hand at present; the total in terms of volume of timber and hectares approved in that period; the number remitted back to his Department; the number refused; if further steps are being contemplated to expedite decisions in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3411/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry road licences that were on hand on 1 October 2020; the number on hand at present; the number of roads licensed since 1 October; the number of these appealed to the Forestry Appeals Committee; the further steps he plans to take to expedite the processing of licence applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3412/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry road applications that were on hand by the Forestry Appeals Committee on 1 October 2020; the number on hand at present; the number of roads licence applications approved by the Committee in that period; the number remitted back to his Department; the number refused; the further steps being

taken to expedite decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3413/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tree planting licence applications that were on hand on 1 October 2020; the number on hand at present; the number in hectares licensed for planting since 1 October 2020; the amount of this appealed to the Forestry Appeals Committee; the further steps he plans to take to expedite the processing of licence applications. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3414/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tree planting licence applications that were on hand by the Forestry Appeals Committee on 1 October 2020; the number on hand at present; the total volume in hectares approved by the Committee in that time; the amount remitted back to his Department; the amount refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3415/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated total annual timber requirement in m³ of the timber industry in Ireland at present; the estimated volume of timber on hand for licensing at present with either his Department or the Forestry Appeals Committee; if he is satisfied with the ability of the Department and the Committee to licence the required volume of timber needed to satisfy industry demands for timber; the steps he plans to take to ensure this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3416/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the national target for planting of forestry in 2021; the estimated number of hectares of land on hand for planting licences either with his Department or the Forestry Appeals Committee; if he is satisfied with the capacity of the Department and the Committee to licence the required hectareage of planting needed to reach these planting targets; the steps he plans to take to ensure this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3417/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the arrangements made to ensure that horses exported to the continent by road using the land bridge through the UK, can have feeding and rest periods on their journey at pre-notified premises; the additional paper work that has to be complied with as a result of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3418/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of trucks that entered ports here in 2020 that were inspected physically for compliance with the animal and plant all-Ireland rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3421/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of trucks entering Ireland from the UK that have been inspected physically in relation to compliance with the new EU-UK Brexit agreement rules on food, animal and plant safety to date in 2021; the total number of such trucks that entered Ireland; the requirement for same as laid down in the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3422/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the immediate actions he took after his Department received the notice to stakeholders from the European Commission on 17 August 2020 regarding the withdrawal of the United Kingdom and EU rules relevant for landing of fishery products in the EU; if proposals were considered so that fishermen from this jurisdiction with boats registered in Northern Ireland could land their catches at the nearest port to them and thus continue to use the ports they traditionally used; the reason his Department was not ready to designate these as ports where these fishermen could land at from the 1 January 2021 in addition

to Killybegs and Castletownbere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3426/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 245 of 14 January 2021, when he expects to have completed his consideration of the evaluation in view of the fact that his predecessor commenced this consideration over two years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3429/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on an appeal for GLAS payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [3437/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the issuing of equine ID will be prioritised given the critical situation regarding animal neglect, abandonment and suffering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [3479/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if and when a felling license will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3525/21]

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

*514. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the financial supports in place to help community centres stay afloat during Covid-19. — Emer Higgins. [3135/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Islands' Action Plan; the status of the consultation process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3200/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the roll-out of broadband connection points; the number of publicly accessible broadband points that are now live by county; the number of these that are on offshore islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3201/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the rural regeneration and development fund applied for in respect of Iniscealtra Holy Island, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [3222/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the rural regeneration and development fund applied for in respect of Loop Head Light House, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [3223/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the rural regeneration and development fund applied for in respect of a garden (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [3224/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the category 1 rural regeneration funding application submitted by Louth County Council in respect of the Omeath project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3255/21]