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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach when he expects the project with the CSO to be complete to establish indicators for energy poverty. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3608/21]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the outcome of the North-South Ministerial Council held on 18 December 2020; and if progress was made regarding plans for shared island investment projects at this meeting. — Seán Haughey. [3466/21]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach the progress of the A Policing Service for the Future report timelines; the aspects deferred due to Covid-19. — Pa Daly. [3876/21]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach when he will publish his diary for quarter 4 2020 on the website of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [4080/21]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4495/21]

*6. To ask the Taoiseach the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; and if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles. — Holly Cairns. [4535/21]

*7. To ask the Taoiseach the amount of funding allocated by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic. — Mattie McGrath. [4763/21]

*8. To ask the Taoiseach the amount of funding spent by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic. — Mattie McGrath. [4774/21]

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

*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the fact that even at this late stage, the Chief Medical Officer has repeatedly had to make pleas to employers to facilitate home working; his further views on whether there should be fines in place for employers found to be undermining the public health efforts (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [3594/21]

*10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that coiled steel exports to mainland UK, EU and outside the EU have

to go through the only two main decoiling lines in the island of Ireland in Lisburn in Northern Ireland (details supplied); the tariff situation for Irish manufacturing sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [3689/21]

*11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of construction site inspections conducted by Departmental health and safety officials relative to the use of tower cranes and their safety; if the working condition of the cranes are examined; the process of certification for such machinery; if driver qualifications are inspected; the number of complaints received from crane drivers in relation to these issues; if the role of banksman requires certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [3842/21]

*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the various funds under which the building or development of co-working hubs can be applied in rural and urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3966/21]

*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the sale of lands. — Sean Sherlock. [4028/21]

*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4053/21]

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of entities subject to the provisions of SI No. 35 of 2016, Consumer Protection Act 2007 (Grocery Goods Undertakings) Regulations 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4165/21]

*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to update the Casual Trading Act 1995. — Niamh Smyth. [4178/21]

*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available to wholesalers that cater for the hospitality industry that has been severely impacted by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [4316/21]

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter regarding workers at a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4393/21]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Health and Safety Authority inspections carried out in 2020 by NACE sector; and the number that were announced and unannounced, respectively by sector. — Louise O'Reilly. [4395/21]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a date has been set for the meeting with social media content moderators and their representatives; and if so, if that date will be communicated with an organisation (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [4396/21]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans under the midlands regional jobs plan for job creation in County Laois to reduce unemployment figures

on the live register and the number of daily commuters out of the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4453/21]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans under the north-east regional jobs plan for job creation in County Meath to reduce unemployment figures on the live register and the number of daily commuters out of the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [4454/21]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4484/21]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4524/21]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4551/21]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4564/21]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding allocated by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4756/21]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding spent by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4767/21]

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

*29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications received by SEAI in each of the years 2017 to 2020 under the better energy warmer homes scheme; the number of inspections carried out in each year; the number of houses in which works were carried out each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3566/21]

*30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of State-owned buildings that will require retrofitting by county; the number that have been completed to date; the estimated investment that will be required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3584/21]

*31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding fees on fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3585/21]

*32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the consultation results are publicly available on the website of his Department for each public consultation held by his Department or by a State agency under the remit of his Department over the past ten years; if the consultation discussion documents are publicly available on the website; if the consultation replies are published on the website; and if he will provide a link in regard to cases in which they are published and the reason in cases in which they are not published in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3605/21]

*33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the cause of the recent electricity shortages and amber alerts; and if the increased demand from data centres has been taken into account. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3606/21]

*34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has information to show to the extent to which domestic turf cutting mitigates energy poverty; and the measures taken to alleviate energy poverty specifically. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3607/21]

*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if telecom providers will help customers remain connected as per the Covid-19 consumer commitments to which providers committed during the first wave of the pandemic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3613/21]

*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a post office service (details supplied) will be reinstated in County Clare as a matter of urgency given the hardship for young and old trying to access the service during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3621/21]

*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his strategy for the sustainability and expansion of the compost industry in Ireland; his plans to expand the brown bin service to all households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [3670/21]

*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expenditure on national public awareness campaigns for waste services (details supplied) over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [3671/21]

*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if funding will be provided under the Just Transition Fund for projects (details supplied) in County Longford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3682/21]

*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of homes that will remain without access to high-speed broadband after the National Broadband Plan is completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3701/21]

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which it is ensured that State retrofitting funding is directed to areas it is most needed, that is, to the lowest

income, coldest and most vulnerable households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3702/21]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected timeline for completion of fibre broadband roll-out to each property in County Tipperary under Eir and NBI. — Mattie McGrath. [3770/21]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a query raised by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [3804/21]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an area (details supplied) will be able to avail of high-speed broadband. — Robert Troy. [3814/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when broadband will be available at a property (details supplied); the steps the person can take to accelerate the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3819/21]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an eircode will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal who requires a broadband connection for work and online schooling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3820/21]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if additional resources will be provided to expedite the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan given the poor connectivity employees are experiencing working from home in intervention areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3928/21]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed broadband under the National Broadband Plan will be available at a property (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3937/21]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the carbon emissions of Ireland's 5,500 ha of bog used for horticultural peat harvesting; and the reduction in emissions envisaged for 2021 and 2022 through the use of imported peat. — Martin Browne. [4004/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of horticultural peat exported in each of the past ten years; and the alternative employment envisaged for those employed in the export horticultural peat and root stock sectors. — Martin Browne. [4006/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that have been taken to assist the horticultural peat sector under the just transition fund. — Martin Browne. [4007/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the contribution Ireland has made to the green climate fund in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4031/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4054/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of fibre broadband at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4111/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if it will be ensured that an independent analysis of the north-south interconnector takes place in line with the motion passed by Dáil Éireann on 16 February 2017, in view of the fact that the communities affected by the proposed Kildare-Meath grid upgrade are being consulted on an underground option; if he will establish a consultation process for the communities affected by the proposed north-south interconnector with the option of undergrounding this project included as part of the consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [1459/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of school broadband connection points in County Mayo; if a list of school connection points which have gone live and those still in planning will be provided in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4135/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to accelerate the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in County Mayo; if consideration is being given to outsourcing or engaging in strategic partnerships with other operators to ramp-up the roll-out as a result of increased levels of working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4143/21]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide statistics on air quality around County Clare for the month of December 2020; the way in which this compares to the same month in 2019; and the way in which it compares with acceptable EPA and EU standards. — Cathal Crowe. [4145/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of roll-out the National Broadband Plan in County Mayo; the number of premises to be surveyed versus the number surveyed to date; the current timeline of the roll-out in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4146/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a person can only apply for home insulation through the SEAI once; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this is causing difficulties for persons who applied to the SEAI previously and now cannot access grant support to better improve the energy efficiency of their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4147/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the cessation of peat production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4163/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he met formally with the Chief Executive Officer of An Post during Quarter 4 of 2020. — Niamh Smyth. [4172/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of households that applied and received grant aid from Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for attic, wall and other insulation grants in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [4204/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to launch a national strategy regarding clean hydrogen production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4213/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 45 of 20 January 2021 and his confirmation that earlier assignment of Eircodes to new builds is desirable and that officials are working with An Post, Ordnance Survey Ireland, An Post GeoDirectory and Eircode to expedite the process of assigning Eircodes for new properties with postal addresses and geo-locations, the progress made to date on this matter; when this process will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [4253/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an area (details supplied) will avail of high-speed broadband. — Robert Troy. [4274/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to support or contest the legal proceedings brought by six Portuguese young persons against Ireland and 32 other countries in the European Court of Human Rights (details supplied) alleging that insufficient climate action breaches their human rights; the timeline for the Government's reply to those proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [4306/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason County Clare is omitted from the latest details on the National Broadband Plan roll-out (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [4327/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the SEAI will start to revisit homes in 2021 in which insulation or other energy efficiency works were done in the past under the energy upgrade scheme but which would now benefit from a further upgrade of insulation and or other energy efficiency works as stated on the SEAI website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4363/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding introducing a nationwide smoky coal ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4380/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of each development area in County Kerry as part of the National Broadband Plan in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4421/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of retail service providers established in each development area in County Kerry as part of the National Broadband Plan in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4422/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the location of each primary school broadband connection point planned in County Kerry as part of the National

Broadband Initiative Plan in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4424/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if fibre broadband service will be provided to an area (details supplied) as part of the current roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [4427/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of fibre broadband to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [4437/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of fibre broadband to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [4438/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of fibre broadband to a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [4439/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of access to fibre broadband at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [4440/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4485/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department measures the environmental and ecological damage caused by unauthorised quarries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4512/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of prosecutions commenced against individuals or companies responsible for unauthorised quarries annually between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4513/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed fibre broadband will be available in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4518/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4525/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4552/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4565/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding allocated by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4757/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding spent by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4768/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding and grants available to mountain search and rescue groups and those engaged in such rescue activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4175/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to support the chauffeur and coach industries whose sectors have been severely hit by the ongoing pandemic and travel restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4742/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport the current process for transferring a UK driver licence to its Irish counterpart given that the Brexit transition period is finished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3543/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of diesel, petrol, hybrid and electric vehicles registered in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3582/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is proceeding with an application to the EU Recovery and Resilience fund for a project (details supplied); his plans to progress the project in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3625/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made on a strategy (details supplied) in particular within County Mayo and linking with County Sligo; if his attention has been drawn to plans to develop new infrastructure between both counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3627/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether it is necessary to undertake a fundamental re-evaluation of Ireland's connectivity to markets of the remaining EU members in view of the conclusion of the Brexit decision. — Richard Bruton. [3636/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport if Rosslare Port offers an opportunity to connect into the Trans European Transport Network; and if a new strategic plan for the Port needs to be put in place as part of the new Economic Plan under development. — Richard Bruton. [3637/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans in view of repeated large scale planning permissions being granted along the Green Luas line to expand the capacity of the service given that prior to pandemic restrictions it was already heavily congested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3661/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request An Garda Síochána to waive the renewal fee for SPSV driver licences which are due for renewal in 2021 given the dramatic reduction of incomes for taxi and small public service vehicle drivers due to the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3688/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated by county for greenways in 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3700/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a driver test for a front-line worker (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [3705/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to alleviate overcrowding on commuter trains serving south County Kildare and Portarlington, County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3750/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the shortage of car parts available due to Brexit; his plans to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3751/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the Athy distributor route; the recent progress; his plans to bring this project to fruition; the target date for opening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3752/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline for completion of the inner relief road Thurles, County Tipperary linking Slievenamon Road to the Mill Road; if funding is in place for same; if a route been finalised; and if all land required has been secured. — Mattie McGrath. [3768/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay in advancing plans for a bypass for Thurles, County Tipperary; and when it will be completed. — Mattie McGrath. [3769/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to further examine the reclassification of the R624 road as a national road in view of future increases in traffic volumes as a result of proposals to develop the nearby Marino Point site as a port facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3774/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of information on the west Dublin orbital route. — Gino Kenny. [3785/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding for the west Dublin orbital route has been approved. — Gino Kenny. [3786/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is expected that works on the west Dublin orbital route will commence; and the length of time those works are expected to take. — Gino Kenny. [3787/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport if cancellations for driver tests will be offered in the first instance to essential workers during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Brian Stanley. [3808/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for BusConnects implementation in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [3815/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver test will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3816/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) can have their driver test expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3817/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport when a response will issue to an urgent query by a person (details supplied); if a driver test will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3818/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport the support given by his Department or the agencies under the remit of his Department to the chauffeur and small luxury coach industry due to the challenges faced by the sector due to Covid-19; if the details of planned additional measures to assist the sector will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3823/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport the average wait for a driver test at present from the time applicants submit an application; the action he plans to take to reduce this waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3827/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 196 of 15 December 2020, if his Department or a company it has engaged with carried out a cost-benefit analysis with regard to the State owning the helicopters for this service over the length of their expected life span, that is, 20 years plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3859/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures to be undertaken by Irish citizens wishing to return from abroad who have had a positive Covid-19 test result but who are now outside of the 10-day isolation period with the relevant paperwork to correlate; the procedure and person or body the persons should contact in such a scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3860/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the progression of phase 1 of the Limerick northern distributor road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3864/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which he plans to address the backlog of driver tests; the actions that can be taken for persons who are waiting months for a test and cannot avail of public transport due to a lack of availability in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [3869/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport if the additional funding for Bunratty Folk Park, part of Shannon Heritage and under the Shannon Group, will go ahead as previously planned; the length of time that funding is expected to last; if the amenity will be able to return to full functionality once the current Covid-19 restrictions are lifted; if Shannon Heritage will remain part of the Shannon Group and remain under the aegis of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3879/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the progression of phase 2 of the Limerick northern distributor road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3886/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport if Bunratty Folk Park, County Clare will remain closed until Easter 2021; if the folk park will resume operations on a full-time basis when it reopens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [3900/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to move the remit of Shannon Heritage to another Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [3901/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driver test will be rescheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [3907/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be called for a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [3910/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the Road Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [3914/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional supports will be provided to chauffeurs due to Covid-19 restrictions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3915/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) to discuss the sector's exclusion from current Covid-19 financial supports and the way in which this can be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [3916/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider granting an amnesty to those learner drivers who have completed the 12 lessons and are ready to do the test but cannot do so due to the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3925/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether direct supports need to be given to local authorities on a staffing level to ensure active mobility officers and engineers are hired to ensure this funding is prioritised and utilised to its full extent given the increased opportunities for funding for local authorities to invest in active travel transport such as cycling and walking; the steps his Department is taking to ensure this funding for staffing is provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3927/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority plans to name and shame for driving offences committed by drivers will include the addresses of drivers as appeared on the court summons or the driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3960/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 25 of 17 November 2020, the plans his Department has to provide for an appeals process within the motor tax legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3961/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 69 of 16 December 2020, if a driver test will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [4010/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 129 of 13 January 2021, if the Road Safety Authority has awarded contracts to a company (details supplied) in the past five years; if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [4024/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 129 of 13 January 2021, if Irish Rail have awarded contracts to a company (details supplied) in the past five years; if so, the value of such contracts; if the contracts were tendered for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [4025/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports being provided to Irish road hauliers to enable adjustment to the challenges raised by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4032/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of grants provided by his Department to individuals purchasing electric cars in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4033/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the commitment provided in Budget 2020 to double the number of local authority on-street charge points for electric vehicles in 2020; if that target was achieved; the number of charge points that were installed in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4034/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which TII will update its statistics resource for 2020 (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [4047/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount collected by road toll location in each month in 2020; the amount outstanding to be collected; and the cost of recovering unpaid tolls for 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [4048/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4065/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full-year cost if the budget for the Irish Coast Guard increased by 6.5%. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4071/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of all commercial and private vehicles currently taxed in County Limerick by district in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [4074/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the pre-planning discussions that have taken place between the airport noise competent authority and the DAA regarding the noise abatement objective; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the DAA is the only stakeholder invited to these discussions and that residents and those who live with the impact of the noise have been excluded; if he will take steps to ensure that residents are invited to participate in discussions on the noise abatement objective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [4077/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the DAA has applied for planning permission to change aspects of the conditions on the operation of the new runway at Dublin Airport; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that there has been no public consultation; if it will be ensured that the deadline is extended until such time as proper in-person consultation can take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [4078/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to regulate the use of a company (details supplied) as a form of hired transport in addition to the current taxi licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4088/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to use a company (details supplied) in areas in which there is a deficit of taxis particularly at night-time in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4089/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who have applied for and are awaiting their driver theory test by county (details supplied); and the number waiting at 31 December 2019, 31 March 2020, 30 June 2020, 30 September 2020 and 31 December 2020, by county in tabular form. — Joe Flaherty. [4094/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting times for each county for the driver theory test from 31 December 2019 to end December 2020 by month. — Joe Flaherty. [4095/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the growing numbers of persons who are awaiting their driver theory test (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [4096/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will undertake a campaign with the RSA to step-up attention to safe cycling, particularly lights and high visibility clothing in view of the big increase in leisure cycling. — Richard Bruton. [4195/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if a matter in relation to the driver licence of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Sean Sherlock. [4238/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received by the National Transport Authority regarding unregistered small public service vehicle operators in the past 24 months by county; the number of complaints that were investigated; the number of complaints that resulted in penalties being applied; and the number of offences that resulted in convictions. — Martin Browne. [4295/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the penalties that are imposed on those operating as taxis or small public service vehicle operators without an SPSV licence are sufficient to deter those illegal operators from resuming these illegal practices afterwards; if he is satisfied with the system in its current form; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that registered and legal operators are unhappy with the system which they say does not work for them and that their operating costs increase significantly as a result of illegal operators; his plans to improve the system to ensure compliance with SPSV legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [4296/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if security has been increased on the Luas lines to ensure all passengers are abiding by the public health guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4331/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps taken to ensure that restrictions that limit public transport use to essential workers only are being enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4332/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which logistical snags identified in the wake of Brexit have been identified for resolution with particular reference to transport to and from the island of Ireland directly to the EU; the extent to which alternative services to avoid delays in the UK are already in place or are to be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4354/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the queries raised by a person (detail supplied) can be addressed and resolved in the short-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4347/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if HGV drivers whose licences are due for renewal and are currently facing difficulties accessing medical assessments due to Covid-19 restrictions will be granted an extension of time to allow for completion of these medical assessments. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [4392/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and the National Transport Authority plans to update the list of suitable electric cars for taxi services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4407/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the NTA taxi grants that will be made available in 2021 to taxi drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4408/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport when NTA taxi grants will be made available in 2021 to taxi drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4409/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to amend the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4447/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review correspondence from a person (details supplied); if he will request the RSA to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4456/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the annual tax saver transport tickets due to expire on 30 April 2021 by the duration of level 5 restrictions to compensate annual tax saver ticket users in order to enable use when fully safe to do so when restrictions are eased from level 5 in due course (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [4475/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to implement additional restrictions on persons travelling from abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4476/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are adequate measures in place at each airport and port to implement the restrictions on persons travelling into Ireland; the additional measures that will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4477/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4497/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of funding for the Clare bus accessible transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4516/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4537/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4560/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4573/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of gross GDP by all expenditure components, personal consumption, central and local government spending, GFCF and so on in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or for the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4428/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of real GDP in constant prices for the latest year for which data is available by all expenditure components, personal consumption, central and local government spending, GFCF and so on in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or for the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4429/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of gross GDP by all income components, dividends, interest, rents and so on in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or for the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4430/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of real GDP in constant prices, dividends, interest, rents and so on broken by all expenditure components, personal consumption, central and local government spending, GFCF and so on in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or for the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4431/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of gross GNI in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or for the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4432/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of real GNI in constant prices for the latest year for which data is available in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or for the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4433/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to an urgent issue in relation to Brexit associated delays for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3554/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the timetable for the introduction of the senior executive accountability regime including the publication of supporting legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3560/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request the banks to enter into a temporary postponement of loan repayments as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown; if it will be ensured that these postponements will not affect credit grading and that no penalty will apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3565/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the help-to-buy scheme discriminates against single applicants whose loan to value is difficult to achieve on one income due to the loan value of two and a half times their salary; if he will review the criteria and reduce the 70% ratio to 60% for single applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3568/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the work of Home Building Finance Ireland; the number of loans offered; the size of the loans; the recipients of the loans; the number of housing units to be delivered by each loan; the number of units commenced to date; the number of units completed to date; and the projected commencement and completion dates for all housing units funded by Home Building Finance Ireland. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3576/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons who availed of the stay and spend scheme up to 31 December 2020; the value of receipts uploaded to the scheme; the expected cost to the State of the scheme in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3583/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the implications for Ireland of a recent French decision regarding the taxable status of digital companies; if he has been in contact with the French authorities or the EU regarding this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3632/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a tax amnesty for pandemic unemployment payment recipients who are being issued with tax bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3644/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if additional customs staff have been put in place at points of entry and exit from the country to meet the increased documentation demand following Brexit. — Sorca Clarke. [3654/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on two vehicles that arrived at customs on 9 January 2021 and were subsequently held for 26 hours with no communication from customs which resulted in their having to leave the loads behind as delivery slots had been missed; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that his singular event led to a loss of revenue of approximately €1,200 per vehicle as items on board were perishable this excluding the cost of diesel, drivers' wages and other overheads. — Sorca Clarke. [3655/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions he has had with the Central Bank in relation to the renewal of the loan moratorium for businesses affected by the renewed lockdowns due to Covid-19, particularly in the hospitality industry, similar to that implemented in March 2020; the result of these discussions; if such a moratorium will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3707/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions he has had with the financial institutions to ensure that credit arrangements agreed with commercial banks by businesses affected by the Covid-19 restrictions will not affect the credit rating of those businesses in the future; the result of these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3708/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to companies repaying the pandemic unemployment scheme if they availed of the scheme for their staff in the event that many of them were even more profitable than in the previous year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [3709/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by drivers under 25 years of age who need to use vans or commercial cars for employment but cannot get or find same given the excessive difficulty to secure insurance quotations for these vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3733/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to address the exceptionally high mortgage rates in Ireland relative to the European norm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3760/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3781/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost to date of the stay and spend initiative in terms of the amount of tax credits availed of under the scheme; and the amount spent on administering the scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [3839/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent to date on marketing and advertising the stay and spend initiative as it relates to Fáilte Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [3840/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the local property tax paid by local authorities in respect of social housing stock in 2020. — Thomas Gould. [3843/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance if a response will issue regarding concerns raised (details supplied) in respect of the temporary wage subsidy scheme and possible issues arising; the measures that should be undertaken in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3853/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if tax liabilities will be issued to workers whose employer wrongly availed of the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3858/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider relaxing the terms on the clawback under the help-to-buy scheme in which a family's need for space has outgrown the original home. — Richard Bruton. [3868/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to financial support measures for Irish pilots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3884/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the anomaly (details supplied) that is preventing businesses from qualifying for the Covid restrictions support scheme payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3887/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider changes to the help-to-buy initiative; if the five year clawback provision can be abolished or reduced so as to allow expanding families purchase other newly-built larger accommodation without having to pay back money to the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3888/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to remove VAT from beekeeping equipment and supplies. — Neasa Hourigan. [3892/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the anomaly (details supplied) that is preventing businesses from qualifying for the Covid restrictions support scheme payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3911/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the living over the shop scheme; the areas in which it is operating or has previously operated in; the number of pilot schemes there were; if the scheme was successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [3941/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if the employment wage subsidy scheme and mortgage breaks will be extended to aviation workers until 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3994/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the mortgage moratorium for those who are significantly affected financially by the current Covid-19-related economic lockdown (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4013/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance if an organisation (details supplied) can qualify for the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [4017/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the banking levy contributions made by individual banks and financial institutions from its inception to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4038/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being taken by his Department with respect to corporation tax reform and to address concerns that Ireland is disproportionately reliant on the revenue generated by this tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4039/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being taken by his Department to tackle the aggressive tax avoidance behaviour engaged in by Irish real estate funds and real estate investment trusts; if an assessment has been made by the Revenue Commissioners with respect to calculating the amount of tax that has been avoided by IREFs and REITs from 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4040/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has introduced new anti-hybrid mismatch rules in line with commitments under the Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive; the impact these rules have brought about; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4041/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4055/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there a number of businesses who do not qualify for the Covid restrictions support scheme as they do not have a fixed premises although they meet all other criteria; if he plans to review the criteria in order that businesses can access support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [4104/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if VAT of 21% and duties of 10% apply to vehicles imported from Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4121/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance if VAT of 21% and duties of 10% apply to vehicles imported from Northern Ireland if the dealer in Northern Ireland has bought the car from England, Scotland or Wales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4122/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to extend the employment wage subsidy scheme for the aviation industry past the current deadline of 31 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4141/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered extending mortgage breaks for workers of the aviation industry due to the impact of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4142/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that childcare providers who have charitable status cannot avail of the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he has considered any alternative support for such providers. — Richard Bruton. [4161/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce a VRT exemption for mountain rescue vehicles and other vehicles used solely in such rescue activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4174/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to extend the VAT reduction from 23% to 21% that is due to end on 28 February 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4201/21]

223. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual debt repayments as a share of GDP and as a share of GNI in each of the years 2000 to 2020; and the estimated repayments for same in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [4265/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person (details supplied) can qualify from income tax under the exemption rules for race horses in training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [4282/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the details regarding the uptake of the stay and spend scheme to date; and his plans to extend the existing deadline for the scheme or reintroduce a similar one to incentivise domestic travel and spending once it is safe to do so. — Steven Matthews. [4290/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to transferring the dunes system on the eastern beach of Inchydoney, County Cork from NAMA to the OPW in the interest of protecting this sensitive area of ecological importance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [4305/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the supports available under the Covid restrictions support scheme particularly regarding wholesalers that cater for the hospitality industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [4316/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance when assessments will recommence for new applications for primary medical certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [4337/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the recent engagements he has had with an organisation (details supplied) concerning mortgage payment breaks for borrowers affected by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4349/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to a query raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to a further extension of VAT for the motor trade industry given the ongoing economic damage caused by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [4357/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the help-to-buy scheme beyond December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [4369/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention or that of the Central Bank has been drawn to any legal or regulatory obstacle placed by the State to persons in Ireland sending remittances through Irish banks to Cuba; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that it is not possible to send such remittances through Irish banks or service providers in contrast with other EU countries such as Spain, Germany, Italy and Sweden; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [4378/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding circumstances in which cars which are imported from the UK or Northern Ireland but built within an EU country are not liable to the import tariff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4384/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost implications of extending the reduction in VAT from 23% to 21% for six months beyond February 2021; if he is considering this step; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4386/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid out under the Covid restrictions support scheme since its introduction by sector, week and month in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [4394/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the provision of financial supports to drink wholesalers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [4452/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of employers found not to be in compliance with the temporary wage subsidy scheme to date; if employees who have worked in firms found not to be compliant are subject a tax bill on their payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4478/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance if another reference month can be used to calculate business mileage undertaken under the extended benefit-in-kind on company vehicles for those workers without a mileage record for January 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4479/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4486/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on reinstating the home renovation incentive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4517/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4526/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4553/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4566/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding allocated by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4758/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding spent by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4769/21]

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

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason an increased salary of some €292,000 has been allocated to the position of Secretary General for the Department of Health. — Marc MacSharry. [4153/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has provided direct approval and sanctioning of a salary increase for the new position of Secretary General of the Department of Health; the details of the business case for such an increase in remuneration; if the account as reported in a national print media article dated 18 January 2020 quoting a person (details supplied) is correct; the reason a full memo was not brought to Cabinet; and the reason a message was not brought by him to Dáil Éireann. — Marc MacSharry. [4154/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a public statement advising the absence of a memo to Cabinet for formal approval of the proposed increase of the rate of pay for

the position of Secretary General of the Department of Health to €292,000, is in line with Articles 11 and 17 of the Constitution and the views of the Minister for Health (details supplied) that such an increase would not be included in advised voted expenditure; and his plans to bring a message to Dáil Éireann for approval of such an increase in the rate of remuneration applicable to the position which is far outside increases prescribed in the public services pay agreements. — Marc MacSharry. [4155/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if, in the interests of the tax payer, if TLAC will immediately suspend the formal recruitment of a new Secretary General of the Department of Health, pending the full consideration of the matter by the Committee of Public Accounts and Dáil Éireann to ensure the optimum public scrutiny and approval of public expenditure and the proposed increase in the salary to avoid the setting of further poor precedent by proceeding without such scrutiny and examination. — Marc MacSharry. [4156/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to provide additional extensions or to carry out a competitive recruitment process for the replacement on retirement of three secretaries general (details supplied) in view of the expiry of the seven-year rule in 2018. — Marc MacSharry. [4157/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the environmental assessment has commenced, the expected completion date; and if planning permission has been sought in relation to the programme of strategic maintenance and the removal of the pinch points in the Shannon Callows developed by the Shannon Working Group with €7 million funding being provided by the Office of Public Works. — Sorca Clarke. [3646/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the 25 schemes that have commenced of the 34 new schemes to be delivered for the Shannon area; and the status of the other nine identified schemes but which have not yet commenced. — Sorca Clarke. [3647/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the frequency with which the Shannon Working Group will meet in 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [3648/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of hard defence schemes that have been approved in respect of coastal erosion by his Department throughout the country during the past 20 years; the details of such schemes approved; the amount of funding provided; if such schemes have been located in areas classified as special areas of conservation under the EU Habitats Directive or as special protection areas under the Birds Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3673/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the current project plan in relation to reacquiring a site for a project (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [3695/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of State and semi-State board appointments made by him since this Government took office; the name of the board or agency; the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3722/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being

paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3723/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the background process and the precise details surrounding the new remuneration package for the new secretary general at the Department of Health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3726/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a person who is employed or paid by the State avails of the pandemic unemployment payment due to childcare, if this will result in a break of service to their contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3736/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of secretaries general within the Civil Service in receipt of gross annual payments exceeding €210,000. — Neasa Hourigan. [3854/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when an appointment (details supplied) will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [3899/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of drainage works to be undertaken by the Office of Public Works in County Clare in February 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3948/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4061/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 146 of 16 June 2020, if an indenture of lease can be provided in respect of a property (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4158/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the way in which the capital carryover of €710 million from 2020 to 2021 will be allocated in 2021; if a debate in Dáil Éireann will be facilitated on the carryover amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4313/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the opinion of the Parliamentary Budget Office in respect of the lack of transparency associated with the capital carryover of €710 million from 2020 to 2021, given that the amount is shown for accounting purposes, as having been spent by the Exchequer in 2020 when in fact it will be spent by Departments in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4314/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 320 of 29 September 2020, the status of the proposed transfer of Westgate House, Drogheda to Louth County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [4352/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has considered making amendments to the public sector sick pay scheme or occupational injury and illness schemes in

relation to long Covid; if so, if a cost-estimate or range of estimates will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4420/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding allocated by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4441/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding spent by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4442/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4492/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4532/21]

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

*273. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a matter (details supplied) will be addressed and clarified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4415/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if allowances can be made for this grant under the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3545/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when Fáilte Ireland will announce its plan to disburse funding of €50 million made available by her Department to aid inter alia activity tourism and other tourist businesses that were not eligible for the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3577/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding supports that were granted to the disability support programmes of an organisation (details supplied) in 2019 and 2020. — Neasa Hourigan. [3589/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding supports that were granted to an organisation (details supplied) in 2019 and 2020. — Neasa Hourigan. [3590/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding or other supports that have been granted to an organisation (details supplied) through Sport Ireland. — Neasa Hourigan. [3591/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is a grant or bursary available for a person seeking to write a history book; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [3599/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when applications will be accepted for the next round of live event funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [3678/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent to date on the marketing and advertising of the stay and spend initiative as it relates to Fáilte Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [3840/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [4064/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the support a business (details supplied) can avail of given that it was refused the Covid restrictions support scheme it does not have a fixed premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [4103/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current financial supports available to a business (details supplied). — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4120/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a tech hub in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4148/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding allocated to Culture Ireland for the promotion of Irish arts globally in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [4208/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address a query raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [4212/21]

*288. 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 na Gaeltachta agus an Spóirt i mí Iúil 2020 go dtí an lá inniu, a chur chugam; agus an gcuirfear dialann an Aire Stáit ar fáil go poiblí ar líne as seo amach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4215/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in her Department and each State agency under the remit of her Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4496/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by her Department in each of the years

1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4536/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of her Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4559/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of her Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4572/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding allocated by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4764/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding spent by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4775/21]

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

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to address the illegal capture and live sale of endangered wild animals at a national, Europe-wide and international level; if he has had discussions with his counterparts in other countries on this matter in particular given that the previous SARS and current Covid-19 outbreak are reportedly linked to the sale of live wild animals at so called wet markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3729/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking to address unauthorised quarries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4511/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average construction and all in development cost for social housing tender approvals for local authorities (details supplied) in each of the years 2017 to 2020; and the items included in the construction costs and the non-construction costs in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3569/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the new serviced sites fund limit per unit of accommodation as agreed in December 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3570/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the delivery of social and affordable housing in Poolbeg SDZ; his views on whether the failure of his Department to purchase land within the SDZ will make the delivery of these homes more difficult or more expensive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3571/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Programme for Government commitment to establish a commission on housing; the proposed

members of the commission; the terms of reference of the commission; the duration of same; the engagement of the commission with Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3572/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the report he commissioned into the deaths of persons experiencing homelessness; when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3573/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the problem of private sector mortgage to rent providers outbidding not-for-profit mortgage to rent providers in the acquisition of homes from mortgage holders in mortgage distress with the consequence of increasing the cost to the State of these properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3574/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the serviced sites fund allocation for a social and affordable housing project (details supplied) in Dublin 8; and the restructuring of the EIB loan finance being discussed or that has been agreed by his Department with Dublin City Council. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3575/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a foreshore licence will be granted to a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3598/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commission a full independent archaeological and architectural survey of the Moore Street area described by the National Museum as the most important historic site in modern Irish history given the recent discovery of evidence of 1916 Easter Rising associated breakthroughs in party walls at 12 to 13 Moore Street (details supplied); and if he will recommend that 1916 buildings identified in the Kelly Report commissioned by Dublin City Council be added to the list of protected structures. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3626/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Dublin City Council issues loans under the shared ownership scheme of 2003 to 2010 greater than the amounts permitted both in terms of the overall lending caps and the loan to income limits; if this matter was ever examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3628/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the DDDA offered affordable homes under the 2003 to 2010 shared ownership scheme at a more advantageous price and interest rate than Dublin City Council. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3629/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the shared ownership scheme from 2003 to 2010 had an increasing interest charge on the shared equity rent repayment that left the purchaser with a larger level of monthly mortgage repayment compared to a standard mortgage. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3630/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if businesses whose ability to trade effectively are reduced due to local roadworks projects have an entitlement to seek a discount to commercial rates; his views on local authorities being facilitated by central Government for such instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [3631/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commission a full independent archaeological and architectural survey of the Moore Street area and recommend that 1916 buildings identified in the Kelly Report commissioned by Dublin City Council be added to the list of protected structures given the recent discovery of evidence of a breakthrough in the party wall of numbers 12 to 13 Moore Street singled out by a company (details supplied) for demolition as post-1916 structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3645/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered extending submission deadlines for planning objections to local authorities given the delays in the uploading of documents online due to level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3669/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it will be ensured that a report on all inspections of homeless emergency accommodation funded by his Department are published and that his Department will also publish its own annual report on such inspections. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3693/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority homes that have been retrofitted in 2019 and 2020, by each local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [3703/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a copy of the register of interest for the board of An Bord Pleanála will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3706/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being put in place to proactively manage new populations of invasive ring-necked parakeets sighted in the Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [3712/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure that Toon Wood, Macroom, County Cork is designated as a natural heritage area immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3742/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure that Garrylucas Bog, County Cork is designated as a natural heritage area immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3743/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered the extent of persistent offenders under landlord and tenant legislation; and his views on whether a system of escalating penalties for repeat offences would encourage greater compliance. — Richard Bruton. [3749/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made to date on the final ecological screening assessment being prepared by the National Parks and Wildlife Service for the proposed flood relief scheme works for the area of Ballintubber, Carrigtwohill and Middleton, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [3771/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the collaborative town centre health check programme; the amount of funding provided; the staffing

level of the group overseeing the implementation of the programme; the names of the towns currently on the programme; the person or body responsible for adding a town to the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3790/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process by which void renovation is sanctioned. — Thomas Gould. [3810/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the length of time on average it takes for void renovation to be sanctioned from initial contact by the local authority. — Thomas Gould. [3811/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties currently in probate. — Thomas Gould. [3812/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to supply funding to local authorities to compulsory purchase derelict sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [3813/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if public realm enhancement works being undertaken by local authorities can continue during level 5 Covid-19 restrictions. — Cathal Crowe. [3862/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated to the capital assistance scheme in the past three years; the breakdown in funding by local authority; the amount drawn down in each year; the number of applications made; the number of the applications specifically made to housing projects for persons with disabilities in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [3867/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a matter will be investigated regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3896/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons in receipt of 5%, 10%, 20% and over 20% top-ups on their HAP by local authority in 2020. — Thomas Gould. [3898/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is planned to publish the review of the tenant purchase incremental scheme 2016; when the review was completed; when it is planned to reform the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3949/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if HAP inspections are being carried out by local authorities during level 5 restrictions; if not, if he will consider reviewing the matter on the basis that the number awaiting inspection will continue to grow to an unmanageable level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3987/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing first tenancies delivered in 2020; and the target number of housing first tenancies for 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3993/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [4020/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4059/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific resources that are allocated to local authorities in order to enable them to apply for additional Government funding streams; the analytical mechanism used by him to ensure that there is a fair distribution of resources and funding; if he will provide this Deputy with the evidence and or briefing supplied to him to support same; if he plans to design a manual of funding streams and to streamline funding opportunities for local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [4076/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter regarding a foreshore licence in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4082/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if providers of emergency accommodation are paid whether beds are empty or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4106/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the service providers of emergency homeless accommodation; the capacity of each unit; the average percentage of occupancy in each month in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4107/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the inspection reports of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive will be made public given that it is public funding being used to fund this form of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4108/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons experiencing homelessness who were housed in permanent accommodation in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4109/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to adequately resource Irish Water to ensure the upgrade of the water services infrastructure in Glanworth, County Cork, in view of several recent prolonged supply disruptions and the prospect of increased future demand following the completion of nearby housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [4116/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to extending the Rebuilding Ireland home loan validation timeframe for those who have been approved (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4130/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to the request by a person (details supplied) to extend the validation of an approved Rebuilding Ireland home loan. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4131/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, under the current level of the Plan for Living with Covid-19, documentation is required from homeowners in order to continue or complete the construction of private homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4166/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason private providers of emergency accommodation for persons who have become homeless are not subject to complying with the National Quality Standards Framework for Homeless Services in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4167/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure the full Traveller accommodation budget for 2021 is utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [4254/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new units created in 2020 for Travellers; the way in which the 2020 Traveller accommodation budget was spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [4255/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure the full Traveller accommodation budget for 2021 is spent on new accommodation as opposed to refurbishments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [4256/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to ensure the implementation of the report of the expert review group on Traveller accommodation prepared by an independent expert group on his behalf; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [4257/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a matter in relation to a fire safety issue for a person (details supplied) will be addressed. — Martin Browne. [4262/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the provision of social housing at a site (details supplied) in County Meath; the source of funding for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4269/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he has taken since assuming office to set up a taskforce to examine the effects of construction defects for homeowners, both house and apartment owners; the workplan of the taskforce; the reporting timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4297/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the marine planning and development management Bill will be brought before Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4353/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the tenancy rights and right of recourse to the RTB which tenants in tied accommodation currently enjoy (details supplied); if necessary amendments will be made to the legislation and regulations to ensure that

workers in tied accommodation have the same rights and security of tenure and have recourse to the RTB in the same way as other persons who rent accommodation; if tenancy agreements will be declared as illegal which give tenants in tied accommodation lesser rights than other tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4364/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if essential house repairs will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [4367/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with the Minister for Health to determine a scheme to encourage families with vacant properties tied into the fair deal scheme to rent those properties into the private rental or social rental sector; and if not, if he will give a commitment to do so in view of the thousands of vacant fair deal homes across the State. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4410/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the mortgage offer period in the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme from six to 12 months in light of the difficulties many buyers are having in pursuing a home purchase in light of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4412/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request the Dublin Homeless Regional Executive to publish its annual reports for each of the years 2016 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4434/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has exempted the Dublin Homeless Regional Executive from the code of practice for the governance of State bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4435/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4490/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing scheme or grants that can be obtained for persons (details supplied) who do not qualify for the first-time buyers help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4508/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he is taking to address unauthorised quarries; the estimated cost to his Department and local authorities in pursuing unauthorised quarry activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4510/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4530/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4556/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4569/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4759/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding spent by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4770/21]

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

*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the detention of a person (details supplied) by Russian authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [3547/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if it will be ensured there will be sufficient staff in place to deal with the backlog of applications for passport and the anticipated demand for new passports once Covid-19 travel restrictions are no longer required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3634/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will clarify the situation regarding an entitlement to an Irish passport by a UK born and UK citizen who is married to an Irish citizen who is an Irish passport holder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [3635/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise concerns regarding the recent arrest of a person (details supplied) with the Russian authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3638/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the processing of an application for a passport in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Galway will be finalised; the reason for the delay in processing this application; if his attention has been drawn to the financial and future employment implications that will be imposed on the family who are moving abroad permanently if they are forced to cancel their flight on 5 February 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3711/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on submitting the final report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation to the Holy See for an official response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3740/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of overseas development assistance Ireland gives to Pakistan; if more can be done by Ireland to counter reported prejudices against Christian and Hindu minority groups in Pakistan; if he will examine claims of institutionalised tolerance of sexual abuse in Pakistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [3880/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department plans to introduce vaccination passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3881/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied); if the application will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [3885/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if clarity will be provided to a person (details supplied) given the lengthy period of time which has passed since the initial passport was held; if a new passport application is required; if a passport renewal will suffice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [3903/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if further consideration has been given to the abolishment of the current cost of a 10-year passport for a senior citizen in particular if the person can show they are of a low income, for example, for persons in receipt of the fuel allowance on their State pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3909/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his approach to dealing with the new US administration in particular the impact of its proposals for immigration reform on the undocumented Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [3969/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which persons who need passports for urgent or compassionate reasons can apply for same during level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3981/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4056/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider acting to remove the punitive measure of charging married women the full cost of attaining a new passport which they are forced to incur if they have taken their husband's surname; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [4100/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise the need to appoint an ambassador to Ireland at an early date with the United States administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4127/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise with the United States administration the need to appoint a special envoy to Northern Ireland at an early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4128/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the purpose and benefits of the new EU capacity building programme Access Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4132/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland proposes through its membership of the UN Security Council to focus on major human rights blackspots globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4180/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Irish consulates overseas are engaged with the promotion of Irish exports with particular reference to issues arising in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4181/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he remains satisfied that the Ireland protocols in the context of Brexit are being observed in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4182/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland's overseas aid continues to respond to the needs of the most serious situations globally whether by bilateral or multilateral provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4183/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of new Irish embassy legations and consulates currently in operation globally; the extent of anticipated further developments in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4184/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which through the EU he continues to focus on the western Balkans with particular reference to the focus on European membership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4185/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the European Union continues to address threats to the rule of law in all European member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4186/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the international community continues to focus on events in Ethiopia and the Sudan with particular reference to strife, human rights abuses and starvation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4187/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he and his colleagues at EU and UN level can combat the practice of child brides; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4188/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of locations globally known to use child soldiers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4189/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the international community continues to be aware of and combat the abuse of women and children at various locations globally; the extent to which the Boko Haram and Al Shabaab continue to be monitored and addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4190/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the international community continues to make efforts to combat the kidnapping of women and children throughout Africa and other locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4191/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which ongoing efforts continue to establish a peace process in the Middle East with particular reference to the need for a legally recognised centre to investigate complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4192/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he expects relations between the EU and the US to prosper over the next four years; his views on the importance of such a good relationship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4193/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the international community has been in the position to positively influence developments in the areas of conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4194/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [4199/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will issue an official invitation to the new President of the United States of America to visit Ireland and County Mayo at the earliest opportunity. — Michael Ring. [4203/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if EU security and defence issues were discussed at the December 2020 EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting. — Martin Browne. [4209/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address the ongoing serious human rights violations and lack of democratic institutions in Bahrain; and if the Government demanded the release of the leader of the political opposition in Bahrain (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [4227/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to improve public health infrastructure at the passport office to allow a limited resumption of services given Covid-19 levels and the prospect of an extended period of restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4229/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications awaiting processing at the passport office on 1 November 2020, 1 December 2020 and 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4230/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications processed in each month during 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4231/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a post-nuptial citizenship certificate application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4268/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4304/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport office can issue a passport for members of families on an emergency basis when they are relocating and moving abroad to access work or for other reasons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4310/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the ongoing detention of the leader of the political opposition in Bahrain (details supplied); the efforts Ireland can make to progress their release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [4359/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons waiting for passports; and the average wait time by county in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [4361/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the processes available for persons to apply for a passport under Covid-19 restrictions. — Thomas Gould. [4362/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of standard passport applications on hold awaiting processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [4390/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason standard passport applications cannot be processed during the level 5 restrictions; the way in which he plans to deal with the backlog of passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [4391/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures being taken to ensure cotton and textiles produced using forced labour in Xinjiang, China do not go on the market here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4399/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4487/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4527/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*418. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of apprentices in relation to rates of pay for enlisted personnel of the Permanent Defence Forces at points one to three of the pay-scale inclusive in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [3649/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members at the rank of private grade one in relation to rates of pay for enlisted personnel of the Permanent Defence Forces, Army. — Sorca Clarke. [3650/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members at the rank of seaman third class in relation to rates of pay for enlisted personnel of the Permanent Defence Forces, Naval Service in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [3651/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members at the rank of private two star in relation to rates of pay for enlisted personnel of the Permanent Defence Forces, Army. — Sorca Clarke. [3652/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members at the rank of seaman second class in relation to rates of pay for enlisted personnel of the Permanent Defence Forces, Naval Service. — Sorca Clarke. [3653/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Defence if there are plans to deploy the Air Corps Casa aircraft in support of EUNAVFORMED Operation Irini; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3789/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Defence the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4051/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Defence if applicants to the Defence Forces are required to have full Irish citizenship. — John Brady. [4283/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces Army Ranger Wing currently deployed in Mali; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4400/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Defence the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4482/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Defence the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4522/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4549/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4562/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount of funding allocated by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4754/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount of funding spent by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4765/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*433. To ask the Minister for Education the location families of survivors of industrial schools can go to access files on their family members in cases in which the family member is deceased. — Thomas Gould. [4299/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the project to bring specialised therapists into schools and preschools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [4365/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education if funding will be allocated to a school (details supplied) in County Cork for essential works on its science facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [3564/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education when teachers will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; the safeguards being put in place to ensure that teachers and pupils are safe when returning to the classroom setting given the elevated levels of Covid-19 in society; and the childcare arrangements for children of teachers who will return to school to teach children with additional needs. — Peadar Tóibín. [3580/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education if a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3610/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education if a derogation on teaching requirements to retain pension entitlements following career breaks can be introduced during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3611/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education if the current and projected capacity of schools in south County Kildare particularly in those areas experiencing continuous population growth such as Newbridge and Kildare will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3612/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to find a way to make up for the interruption to studies caused by the suspension of in-person education in schools. — Richard Bruton. [3633/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education when results from leaving certificate exams sat in late 2020 will be released in view of the fact prospective medical students need to know the results by 3 February 2021 given that they may have to apply to sit the HPAT exam and further delays will incur further costs for these families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3641/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education if a NEPS psychologist will be recruited for a school (details supplied) to cover maternity leave; and if the support requested by the school will be granted. — John McGuinness. [3658/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of teachers and special needs assistants that will be required in the partial reopening of schools for special education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3659/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to implementing a predicative grades leaving certificate based on continuing assessment in each subject (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [3685/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to measures to increase the supply of secondary school places in Ennis, County Clare to cater for the town and its surrounds (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [3694/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address concerns by those involved in the provision of special educational needs in primary and secondary schools with respect to the safety and appropriateness of students and staff physically returning to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [3714/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the action she will take to address the lack of school places in Kildare town; her plans to provide a new secondary school in Kildare town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3754/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education the action she will take to address the lack of school places in Newbridge, County Kildare; if there are plans to provide a new secondary school in Newbridge, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3755/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the decision of an organisation (details supplied) to close its services due to financial difficulties; the estimated savings accruing to her Department; the outcome of her Department's recent assessment of the programmes; and the way in which new programmes within the community can now be developed in cooperation with other Departments to meet a recognised need. — Richard Bruton. [3765/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education if the site for a school (details supplied) has been determined; the timescale for opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [3855/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will introduce a policy to prepare teachers and schools to administer predictive grades and to ensure consistency in the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [3873/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education if school closures due to Covid-19 impacted on enrolment policies communicated to schools for 2020 and 2021; if provisions have been made for persons wishing to place their children in schools but missed enrolment dates due to Covid-19-related difficulties in communication; and if she will set out the communication strategy schools should embark on regarding changes in dates for enrolment (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [3877/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date on a stage 1 report for a school (details supplied); when feedback is likely to be given in view of the need to move the project to the next stage and avoid further delay to the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3897/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education when a teacher (details supplied) will receive an outstanding retro payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [3913/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the pay of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [3938/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education if the class of leaving certificate 2021 students will have the option of predicted grades for their final results with some final year students having already

missed valuable classroom and testing time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [3968/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged with parent representative groups in respect of children returning to special schools; if she will set out the criteria under which she plans the return to the school environment of SNAs and children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [3989/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education the funding streams available to support the European Youth Parliament in its upcoming online conference. — Thomas Gould. [4022/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [4052/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full-year cost of recruiting 17 additional full-time psychologists for national education psychological services in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4069/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education her position on predicted grades for the class of 2021 leaving certificate students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [4075/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay in relation to the commencement of building works on the ASD unit at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4085/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education when the project for an ASD unit at a school (details supplied) will move from stage 3 to stage 4; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4086/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education if, under the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018, schools have no scope to offer discretionary places to potential pupils who do not meet the criteria for admission; if she will consider a review of this for certain hardship cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [4102/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education the expected date of publication of the tender and appointment of a contractor for the construction of schools (details supplied); if she is satisfied with the current progress of the tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [4114/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the educate together school in Clonmel, County Tipperary which was promised in 2013; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [4124/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education if a site has been identified for a school (details supplied); if so, the location of the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [4149/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to allow the leaving certificate examinations to proceed safely in 2021 in particular, her plans for the oral language examinations to proceed safely in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4160/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent on continuous professional development for primary and post-primary teachers and school leaders in each of the years of 2018 to 2020; and the budget allocation for same in 2021. — Niamh Smyth. [4177/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 422 of 13 January 2020, if school transport will be provided to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Michael Ring. [4196/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education when students that sat the leaving certificate in November 2020 can expect to receive their results. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4211/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding calls from leaving certificate students for a choice of assessment options in relation to the State examinations following a consultation with a union (details supplied); if such an option has already been explored by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4222/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education if the 2021 home-based summer programme to support children with special educational or care needs hours will be increased from 2020 in which the maximum hours per week was ten; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4223/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the summer provision 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4279/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update to junior certificate students and their parents on the status of the examinations; the measures taken to adjust the demands of their curriculum and project work to date; when she expects to make a decision on the holding of junior certificate examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [4285/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education the additional supports that will be provided to children in special schools to ensure they are supported through school closures given the reopening plan of 21 January 2021 has been halted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4300/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education the number of psychologists in the National Educational Psychological Service by county; the number of schools per psychologist; the waiting times and lists for assessment by school in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4301/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications her Department received for the reimbursement of the agreed mileage rate under the July provision transportation grant; the number that were accepted and rejected, respectively; the number of reimbursement payments that have been made to date; the value of the payments paid out to date; the value of the payments outstanding; the value of the largest reimbursement payment application accepted; the value of the largest reimbursement payment made to date under this grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [4341/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the reimbursement of the agreed mileage rate under the July provision transportation grant; the reason for the ongoing delays in reimbursement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [4342/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting for the return of a pension query form 1 for 18 months from the Department in order to get an estimate of pension benefits will be investigated; if a reply will issue directly to the person in order to allow them to make a decision on retirement before 1 February 2021; and if there is a general delay or a backlog in such queries or if this delay is a one-off issue. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [4371/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an application by a school (details supplied) under the summer works scheme for improved facilities was unsuccessful; the rationalisation for prioritisation of various categories within the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [4372/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding support for crèches in which they are providing care for children of essential workers but are now in a position of insufficient funding to keep the crèche open; if additional support will be provided for these key services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4383/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education if concerns raised by parents of children in a school (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4416/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the case of a child (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [4417/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the case of a child (details supplied) with special needs and their education. — Brendan Griffin. [4418/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in her Department and each State agency under the remit of her Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4483/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by her Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4523/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of her Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4550/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of her Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4563/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of funding allocated by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4755/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of funding spent by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4766/21]

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

*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason funding was transferred from the social insurance fund to the Exchequer in 2020; if the funding will be repaid over time to the fund to fund a future shortfall in PRSI receipts as against expenditure that might arise in the social welfare contributory system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3683/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be extended to aviation workers until 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [3994/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a guardianship payment by a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [3639/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was not eligible to receive the fuel allowance; the amount by which they exceeded the threshold; and if they are now eligible for the fuel allowance if they were to reapply. — Chris Andrews. [3643/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the protocol that exists within her Department to enable homeless persons to be aware of and receive a basic weekly payment; her plans to improve its effectiveness in order that everyone is cherished equally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [3667/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of her plans regarding the implementation of recommendations from the 2018 Oireachtas Committee on Transport paper Accessibility of Public Transport for People With Disabilities (details supplied) in particular reference to recommendation 9; her views on this recommendation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [3684/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to address circumstances in which there is joint co-parenting and equal shared custody of children following a relationship breakdown in which one parent receives all social welfare benefits and allowances and the other parent has no entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [3775/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review under section 110(2) of the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act 2005 entitlement to a State pension (contributory) in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3779/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a pension from her Department given contributions paid prior to their emigration to the UK. — Duncan Smith. [3782/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of administering the JobPath programme annually; the percentage of clients that go into full-time employment of at least one year's duration afterwards; the value for money oversight that is conducted; the way in which JobPath compares to Tús in terms of progression to full-time work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3781/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3788/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3802/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to financial support measures for Irish pilots; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3874/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when disability allowance will be returned to the higher rate in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3875/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) will be approved and expedited. — John McGuinness. [3882/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3905/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [4016/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons can claim arrears of the pandemic unemployment payment; if the amount of arrears is capped; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [4019/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the review of the backdated payments due to workers (details supplied) under the short-time work support scheme; if in the process of that review, her Department has had the co-operation of the management of the company in processing short-time work support claims by the workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4029/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [4063/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a resolution will be found in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [4083/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 6 of 3 December 2020, if an update is available from the interdepartmental group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4105/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason her Department continues to review social protection payments, including seeking bank statements for six months from persons despite the level 5 lockdown (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [4112/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a pension for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4115/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4118/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the liquidation of a company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [4133/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to extend the pandemic unemployment payment past the current deadline of 31 March 2021 for workers in the aviation sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4140/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who applied for hearing aids under the treatment benefit scheme in 2018, 2019 and 2020; the cost in each year; and when the hearing aid grant was last reviewed. — Martin Browne. [4205/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending the time limits for back to work enterprise allowance to recipients given that many will see their payment cease in 2021 and have not had the opportunity to achieve the full benefit of the payment due to Covid-19 lockdowns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [4225/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for supplementary welfare allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4251/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider the policy in which entitlement to the domiciliary care allowance, carer's benefit and carer's allowance is suspended if a child remains in hospital for longer than thirteen weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [4260/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reopen the enterprise support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [4292/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4294/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which income from UK pensions was assessed and calculated with regard to an application for the fuel allowance by a person (details

supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [4348/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a search will be carried out for the PPS number of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4351/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria for self-employed persons in receipt of a Covid payment in circumstances (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [4355/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are provisions in place to fast-track the issuing of PPS numbers in respect of healthcare workers in the context that health and care settings need to recruit and pay new staff with a degree of urgency in order to maintain safety and care standards (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [4377/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4398/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the supports that are in place for employers to employ and retain persons with disabilities; if she will consider extending these supports to persons with disabilities who are self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [4401/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which self-employed women can access the standard maternity payment. — Catherine Murphy. [4446/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans in relation to the rates of the pandemic unemployment payment after 31 March 2021; if the current rates will be retained given the severe impact of the pandemic on those who have lost their employment arising from the necessary public health measures; if a commitment will be given to not reduce the payment as previously indicated by Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4457/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons by county who have been on the pandemic unemployment payment for six months or more in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4458/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age by county who have been on the pandemic unemployment payment for six months or more in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4459/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons under 25 years of age by county who have been on the jobseeker's allowance, jobseeker's benefit or signing for credits for six months or more in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4460/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures she is taking to address the high levels of youth unemployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4461/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has sought or received input from the Labour Market Council on measures to address the high levels of youth unemployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4462/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in her Department and each State agency under the remit of her Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4494/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by her Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4534/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of funding allocated by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4762/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of funding spent by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4773/21]

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

*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide victims and survivors of the Magdalene Laundries a full HAA card for public and private services as was one of the recommendations within the Magdalen Commission Report in 2013. — Gary Gannon. [3202/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a decision will be made regarding the reopening of crèches in February 2021 taking into account the fact that staff have to have contingency measures planned in advance of any reopening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [3540/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of social workers currently working in the Adoption Information and Tracing Service; the number of social workers currently working at the service per office; his plans to increase the number of social workers currently employed in these offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3558/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current average waiting time for an initial appointment with the Adoption Information and Tracing Service; the current waiting times for an initial appointment with the service by individual office in tabular form; the measures he is taking to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3559/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3623/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of alleged or known victims of trafficking or slavery who were placed in direct provision between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2020; his views on whether the direct provision system is an appropriate setting for victims of these crimes; the supports offered to these victims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3737/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his engagement with the forum for the survivors of mother and baby homes; the number of meetings since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3745/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will grant survivors of mother and baby homes immediate access to their birth certificates and records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3756/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will bring forward proposals to carry out excavations at all former mother and baby institutions and county homes. — Patricia Ryan. [3757/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a redress board will be established considering the final report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and certain related matters. — Patricia Ryan. [3763/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on making St. Brigid's Day a national holiday in memory of all of the victims and survivors of mother and baby institutions. — Patricia Ryan. [3764/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if definitive information will be provided to employers in relation to parental leave which can be taken in advance of April 2021 and the benefit claimed retrospectively; the steps he will take swiftly on behalf of parents whose employers state that they have no information in relation to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3826/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the access arrangements in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [3999/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reunification arrangements in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [4000/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding streams available to support the European Youth Parliament in its upcoming online conference. — Thomas Gould. [4021/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4050/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons living in direct provision centres to date in 2021; the position on direct provision centres;

if inspections are carried out; if so, the regularity with which inspections are carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [4072/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the discussions that have taken place with providers regarding provision of childcare for HSE front-line staff; if these discussions have included provision of childcare for school age children; if an agreement has been reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4136/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if support will be provided to childcare facilities that are not charging parents for children that are not attending the facility during the current restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4137/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if additional supports will be provided to childcare facilities to meet ongoing bills in cases in which facilities are operating at reduced capacity due to current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4138/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a plan for the early years' service beyond 29 January 2021 will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4139/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the phone number provided by his Department for inquiries by survivors regarding the mother and bay homes report is subsequently directing them to the institutions on which they spent time in. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4162/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital budget allocation for Oberstown Children Detention Campus in each of the years of 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Niamh Smyth. [4173/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a copy of a report will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [4198/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of a research report on socioeconomic disadvantage as a new grounds of discrimination commissioned by his Department; when he expects that a public consultation on the insertion of socioeconomic status as a grounds for discrimination will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [4237/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the outcome of an application for ECCE overage exemptions by persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [4270/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a crèche (details supplied) will receive a visit from Tusla for approval to open when restrictions are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4350/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the expected timeline for completion of legislation to extend paid parental leave by an additional three weeks; if

payment for additional parental leave taken prior to the passing of this legislation can be backdated for parents whose child was born or adopted on or after 1 November 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4370/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on an inaccuracy (details supplied) in the Mother and Baby Homes report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4402/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the Covid-19 protection guidelines that are in place for all childcare facilities; if there has been an update to these guidelines in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [4406/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4481/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will amend the regulations for the Covid-19-related additional three weeks maternity and parental leave to allow women and parents finishing their maternity leave before April 2021 to add the extra three weeks of parental leave to the end of their existing maternity leave rather than having to return to work before being able to take the extra leave from April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4500/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of printed copies of the final report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation requested by and sent to survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4501/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the white paper on ending direct provision will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4502/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of implementing each of the recommendations of the report of the advisory group on the provision of support including accommodation to persons in the international protection process relevant to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4503/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the gender disparity data report on Irish radio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4504/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4521/21]

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

*579. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the chairpersons of HEA-funded Irish higher education institutions; the term of office of each; the number of terms served by each; the method of appointment, annual remuneration and expenses for each in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [3772/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the terms of reference of the independent person he appointed on 28 July 2020 to accelerate plans for a technological university in the south east; if there was an advertisement or tender in respect of the appointment; if the appointment was made to a person or to a firm; the value of the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [3773/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount received by each higher education institute under the student assistance fund; the amount distributed to students in each institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3835/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional purpose-built student accommodations beds that have been added since the launch of the National Student Accommodation Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3846/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average rent per student in purpose-built student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3847/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown between higher education institute owned accommodation and private sector accommodation in terms of beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3848/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on calls by students and student unions to reduce university fees by 30% given that students are under severe financial pressure with the current Covid-19 pandemic to afford their college course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3871/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to provide a financial support package to struggling families and students who cannot receive refunds from private accommodation providers excluding the student assistance fund. — Mattie McGrath. [3878/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the arrangements in place for students not in receipt of a SUSI grant residing in the State and studying in Northern Ireland to receive the €250 Covid-19 payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [3917/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of applicants to the CAO that did not receive an offer in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3919/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the additional 2,000 undergraduate places secured in the budget for the academic year 2021-2022 are separate from and in addition to the maintenance of all places added in for the academic year 2020-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3920/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide additional detail on the circa 5,000 additional places for higher education referenced in the Budget 2021 expenditure report; if this figure includes postgraduate and international students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3921/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the demographic trend in the Department of Education report Projection of Demand for Full-Time Third-Level Education 2018 – 2040 published in November 2018 are the most up-to-date and the projections currently being used by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3922/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional third-level places at undergraduate and postgraduate level that have been added since the Department of Education published the Projection of Demand for Full-Time Third-Level Education 2018 – 2040 in November 2018; the breakdown based on Irish, EU, international non-EU and postgraduate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3923/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional third-level places that will be needed in the coming academic year to meet the demographic demand based on both scenario 1 and scenario 3 of the Department of Education report Projection of Demand for Full-Time Third-Level Education 2018 – 2040 published in November 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [3924/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to reduce third-level fees for the 2020-2021 academic year or partly compensate students or their parents for this cost given that all learning is now online and families are financially stretched at the moment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3939/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if third-level students who did not qualify for free fees will receive a refund of their student contribution fees in view of the fact that the majority of students have been forced to move to online learning following Covid-19 restrictions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3973/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4057/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if instruction has been given to higher education institutions on relaxing fee payment timelines with consideration to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on students and their families' financial situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4091/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he will take to engage with course directors in third-level institutions to discuss ongoing concerns particularly in relation to practical aspects of course work that has either been restricted or completely cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Steven Matthews. [4152/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of social care students and their ongoing difficulty fulfilling placements.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [4200/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the current number of CAO accounts to date; and the way in which this information compares to CAO accounts made in 2019 and 2020. — Gary Gannon. [4216/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to support applicants to the HPAT who do not have access to dependable Wi-Fi or the necessary digital tools required to take part in the assessment which has moved online due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4217/21]

*602. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the alternatives being put in place to give an alternative for placement in 2021 for social care for second and third year students or reduce the placement hours from 400 to 200 hours (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [4240/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the ring-fenced funding of €300,000 announced on 12 November 2020 will be allocated and spent to ensure supports are available for Travellers seeking to progress in higher and further education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [4259/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if partial refunds or reductions in placement hours are being considered for a cohort of students (details supplied) especially as a result of the current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4278/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address the issue of social care students who are unable to complete their placement requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [4317/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will work with CORU to provide alternatives to placement for social care students in 2021 only; if he will consider with CORU reducing the number of placement hours from 400 to 250 in 2021 to reduce the significant pressure on students and organisations that are finding it difficult to accommodate same in view of the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [4333/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty facing third-level social care students with regard to securing the obligatory hours for course placement during Covid-19 restrictions; the intervention his Department is considering in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [4356/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he plans to publish the apprenticeship action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4463/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the apprenticeship action plan will include concrete targets and measures to increase participation by under-represented groups in apprenticeships such as young women, persons with disabilities, young Travellers and young persons from minority ethnic groups; if the plan will include a national access to apprenticeship programme to support these groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4464/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that social care students are currently unable to complete the mandatory 400 hours of placement required to progress in their studies due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4467/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to deal with the issue of social care students who are currently unable to complete the mandatory 400 hours of placement required to progress in their studies due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4468/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4488/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the discrepancy between the treatment of trainee educational psychologists and trainee clinical psychologist with the latter receiving a substantial payment of college fees by HSE and paid work throughout their programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4515/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4528/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4554/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4567/21]

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

*617. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider reducing the frequency of presentations required by those facing deportation to immigration services on a monthly or bimonthly basis in

view of the decision by the Taoiseach not to deport persons during Covid-19 other than for national security issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [3541/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason visa applications were refused in the case of persons (details supplied); if applications can be reviewed at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3553/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Justice the current grades of staff employed at GSOC; and the number of staff employed within each grade in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [3586/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of investigations which had to be referred back to An Garda Síochána from GSOC in order to be completed in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [3587/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the work within her Department on legislative reforms to GSOC (details supplied); the length of time this work has been ongoing; and when the proposals from GSOC were first received by her Department. — Pa Daly. [3588/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Justice the amounts that have been spent by the Legal Aid Board in relation to personal insolvency practitioners, solicitors and barristers under the PIA review legal aid service for 2020; the details of these payments; the companies and persons that received same; the amount received by each company and person; the amounts that have been incurred but are as yet unpaid by the Legal Aid Board to personal insolvency practitioners, solicitors and barristers under the PIA review legal aid service since its inception; the details of these liabilities; the companies and persons to which they are owed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3614/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to introduce body worn video systems to be worn by the Garda armed support unit in the first instance along with a comprehensive set of rules in relation to body camera usage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [3620/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3622/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to change the fees payable for certificates (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3624/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons availing of direct provision; the number from this cohort who have applications for refugee or asylum status; the present application period averages to a finding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [3679/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the US State Department's repeated criticism of the State's treatment of trafficking victims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3738/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of active criminal investigations into alleged crimes committed in mother and baby homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3739/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is satisfied that companies that have acquired a number of leases for onward rental should be treated as letting agents in order to require them to have a protection fund and be supervised by the PRSA. — Richard Bruton. [3748/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3776/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Justice if the stillhere.ie website and resources will be provided in other languages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3852/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Justice the median processing times for applications for protection to the International Protection Office from date of application to decision; the median processing times for appeals to the International Protection Appeals Tribunal from date of appeal to decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3953/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will amend current legislation in order to bring in a no conflicts of interest duty for estate agents and ensure high minimum standards of service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3996/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4001/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the citizenship application of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [4002/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is assistance available for a person living alone in a secluded area who is in receipt of a widow's pension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4014/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Justice when persons (details supplied) can expect to get their passports and documentation back from immigration services. — Louise O'Reilly. [4027/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Justice the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [4060/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Justice the name of each prison governor and place of detention in which each was appointed; and the dates of each respective appointment. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4070/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on commitments for a scheme to regularise undocumented migrants; when such a scheme is expected to commence; the criteria that will apply to the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [4123/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4197/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of front-line workers who have pending citizenship applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4224/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to a petition (details supplied) calling for citizenship applications of front-line workers including porters, cleaners, medics and others to be expedited in recognition of their contribution during the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [4236/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the Defamation Act 2009 being undertaken by her Department; when a report on the review originally promised in Spring 2020 will be published; when amending legislation will be introduced in Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4267/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications received under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015 for a residence card on the basis of being a permitted family member, that is, member of the household of a European Union citizen; and the number of such residence cards granted in each year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4280/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications received in each year under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015 for a residence card on the basis of being a permitted family member, that is, dependent of a European Union citizen; and the number of such residence cards granted in each year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4281/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for citizenship received by Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service monthly in each of the years 2016 to 2020; the length of time it took to process these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [4308/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Justice if additional resources will be provided to the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service in order to process applications for citizenship in a more timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [4309/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Justice if a letter from a general practitioner or educational institution can be submitted as proof of address in circumstances in which an applicant does not have the sufficient number of utility or other bills in their own name. — Thomas Gould. [4358/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Justice if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Kathleen Funchion. [4366/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Justice the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in her Department and each State agency under the remit of her Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4491/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of implementing each of the recommendations of the report of the advisory group on the provision of support including accommodation to persons in the international protection process relevant to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4519/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Justice the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by her Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these

persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4531/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of her Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4557/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of her Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4570/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of funding allocated by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4760/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of funding spent by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4771/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*658. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide all the minutes of meetings of the High-Level Task Force on Covid-19 Vaccination to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [3313/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports being given to section 39 organisations that have lost finances due to the inability to fundraise due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [4150/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been allocated for a nationwide wastewater surveillance programme to monitor the prevalence of Covid-19 as endorsed by NPHET in November 2020; when he expects the programme to be fully rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [3542/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health if he will support and make provision for the mandatory use of face coverings in banks, credit unions and post offices (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [3546/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the reasoning behind utilising agency staff in the healthcare sector when others are waiting recruitment on panels having passed the initial recruitment process. — Thomas Gould. [3549/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons contacting the HSE in response to a call for HCAs and nurses are being offered unpaid volunteer positions. — Thomas Gould. [3550/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that the group and company refer to in the HSE briefing on the vaccination programme which refers to private vaccinator contractors specifically; the number of contractors the HSE plan to hire; the company employed; the reason the

HSE is not directly recruiting any additional staff that may be needed for the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [3563/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the operation of SouthDoc in Listowel, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [3579/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if counsellors and psychotherapists will be specifically included in the healthcare workers categories of the national Covid-19 vaccination programme implementation plan in view of the fact that the services provided by these mental health workers are under increased demand due to the Covid-19 pandemic and are often required to be conducted face-to-face; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [3581/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the funding supports that were granted to the disability support programmes of an organisation (details supplied) in 2019 and 2020. — Neasa Hourigan. [3592/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the funding supports that were granted to an organisation (details supplied) in 2019 and 2020. — Neasa Hourigan. [3593/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3595/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline a clear protocol for use of spare vaccines in the hospitals and vaccination centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3596/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the statutory instrument to add banks and credit unions to the list of workplaces in which the wearing of face coverings is mandatory. — Robert Troy. [3600/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health when staff in the mental health service in County Clare will receive Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3604/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the position of mental health workers, specifically counsellors and psychotherapists in the Covid-19 vaccine allocation group; when they will be vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [3617/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if services have commenced at a location (details supplied); if the service is awaiting the redeployment of audiologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [3618/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was not eligible to receive a medical card; the amount by which they exceeded the threshold; and if they are now eligible to receive a medical card if they were to reapply. — Chris Andrews. [3642/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if persons with chronic kidney disease will be given the same priority allocation as nursing home residents in the Covid-19 provisional vaccination priority list as they are a vulnerable high risk group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [3665/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health if Carlow CAMHS are now accepting new referrals following operational problems; and the way in which the problems were addressed. — John McGuinness. [3668/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration his Department has given to the proposal to introduce a vaccine passport which would be aimed at facilitating international travel; if the consideration of such an initiative will take into account the fact that there is no evidence at present that the vaccine protects against transmission of the virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [3672/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health when a facility (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3674/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to ensure all HSE Covid-19 information campaigns are advertised in all local print media publications and local radio and not just in national media; the criteria used to decide in which publications to advertise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [3676/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to utilise the persons who signed up for the Be On Call for Ireland in the first wave of Covid-19 given the current health crisis as a result of the virus; the number who applied at that time and since; the number of those deployed under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [3677/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the purchase of an epilepsy monitor for a person (details supplied); and the reason for the decision reached by the HSE which classified the need as priority two. — John McGuinness. [3680/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health when a renewed medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3681/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that up to 80 persons arrived in Ireland from the UK and South Africa up to 17 January 2021 without having provided evidence of a negative Covid-19 test; the person or body responsible for ensuring that newly arrived travellers or migrant workers from the UK and European countries with high rates of infection, South Africa or South America self-isolate for 14 days; the means by which they will ensure such self-isolation takes place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3686/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the status of community assessment hubs in CHO west (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3690/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the status of engagement between CHO west and Westdoc (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3691/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the PCR test is being used to test for Covid-19 rather than an antigen test; if there are significant cost or accuracy differences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [3692/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on the provision of new orthopaedic theatre facilities at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; the extent of current theatre facilities and the facilities

planned; the reason for the delay in providing the additional theatre space since the reduction in existing theatre facilities three and a half years ago; the time-frame for the start of construction and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [3697/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for persons on the waiting list for inpatient and outpatient treatment as orthopaedic patents at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and the longest time persons have been on the waiting lists. — Noel Grealish. [3698/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to reduce the outpatient waiting lists for orthopaedic treatment at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; and if he will take steps to ensure patients can be treated in other hospitals in view of the fact that the number of persons waiting for treatment for over 18 months has more than doubled in the past year. — Noel Grealish. [3696/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent home help will be arranged in the case of a person (details supplied); if this will be arranged as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3699/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health when she plans to bring forward legislation for the Nursing Homes Support Scheme (Amendment) Bill 2019; when she expects the legislation to be enacted; if the Bill will come into effect retrospectively to when it was first introduced in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [3704/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the position of veterinarian staff under the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [3710/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to lengthy delays in obtaining a date to sit the Dental Council examination; and the steps being taken to ensure those who need to sit the examination can do so at the earliest opportunity. — Eoin Ó Broin. [3716/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if the cost of the gene therapy drug luxturna that treats inherited retinal diseases such as RP and LCA will be included as part of the additional €50 million in funding for new medicines allocated as part of Budget 2021; if he will consider funding when making a recommendation to the HSE drugs group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [3717/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the specific details of the national vaccine roll-out programme; the proposed locations of vaccine administration centres in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3718/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the overall number of persons who applied for Be On Call for Ireland in 2020; the number employed or hired since; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3721/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health if the vaccine projections being published at present are based solely on vaccines provided by companies (details supplied) alone; if not, if another vaccine is also included in these projections; and if the other vaccine is included, if it will enable the vaccination process to proceed at a faster pace. — Robert Troy. [3727/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if he supports an enquiry into the children born to long-term residents of St. Brendan's psychiatric hospital, Grangegorman. — Patricia Ryan. [3758/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if he will nationalise private hospitals to prevent an overrun due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3759/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health if he will prioritise members of the community first responders to receive the vaccine in order that they can resume their valuable service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3761/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health if he will prioritise funeral directors and their staff to receive the Covid-19 vaccine in order that they can continue their essential service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3762/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend Statutory Instrument No. 296/2020 to make the wearing of face coverings mandatory in banks, credit unions and post office premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [3766/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health if a detailed breakdown will be provided of the total number of staff employed by the HSE (details supplied) broken down in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3767/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the date for completion of the National Children's Hospital; if enforceable penalty clauses form part of the main contract given recent construction delays and ongoing and increasing costs of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [3777/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which general practitioners nationwide were invited to the mass vaccination centres during the weekend of 16 and 17 January 2021; if general practitioners were invited by county; if not, if they were randomly selected and so on; the process to ensure they are vaccinated as soon as is possible in cases in which they were not invited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [3784/21]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health if he and HSE management will engage with local community groups in Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary regarding the discontinuation of inpatient palliative care at St. Brigid's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [3791/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the private nursing home sector with particular reference to staffing levels, financial viability and supports being offered to the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3792/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the most recent figures for HSE recruitment of healthcare workers particularly recruitment of care professionals from the private nursing home sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3793/21]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health his plans in the event of the closure of either private or public nursing home facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3794/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health if a copy of contingency plans he may have for various adverse scenarios affecting private nursing homes will be provided; if a summary will be provided of these plans with particular reference to crises in staffing and in the event of serious Covid-19 outbreaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3795/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined the option of emergency State intervention or State control of private nursing homes; if so, if costings for the acquisition and or operation of private facilities are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3796/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that during the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic there were at one point over 2,000 vacant beds in the hospital system due to the cancellation of elective procedures and the reduction in non-Covid hospital admissions; the reason for missed targets despite this spare capacity given patient experience times failed to meet targets in many instances and times for persons over 75 years of age grew in this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3797/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health his views and the data and on the way in which cancellations and reduced attendance at hospital affected health outcomes of patients generally and specifically in the case of persons over 65 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3798/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered using information on reduced inpatient numbers and associated health outcomes to examine resourcing of care in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3799/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health if a list will be provided of current contracts that the HSE has with private consultancy firms for each HSE division and directorate, for example, corporate change, disability and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3800/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated spend on private consultancy and auditing services in the HSE in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [3801/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to initiate phase three of the vaccine roll-out. — Robert Troy. [3805/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the method and parameters for means testing and negotiation of the fair deal scheme; the considerations made in regard to a spouse who relies on the pension of the person in nursing home care and or availing of the scheme and in cases in which the spouse may not have a State pension or a private pension to live on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3807/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3809/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health when home help support will be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3821/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a hospital appointment in Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [3822/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric audiologists working in CHO4 in each of the years of 2018 to 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [3828/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time diabetes podiatrists working in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [3829/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time occupational therapists working in Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in each of the past three years; and if this number will be further increased in 2021. — Alan Kelly. [3830/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of an additional two full-time permanent gastroenterology registrars for the Mater Hospital, Dublin. — Alan Kelly. [3831/21]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting two additional full-time diabetic CNS posts for St. John's Hospital, Ennis. — Alan Kelly. [3832/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time permanent nurses working in South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital in each of the past three years in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [3833/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for consultations with audiologists in County Leitrim. — Alan Kelly. [3834/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the current care pathways for persons with dementia requiring acute hospital care. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3836/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken following publication of the HSE's second National Audit of Dementia Care in Acute Hospitals. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3837/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the dementia training provided for front-line acute hospital staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [3838/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the commitment in the Programme for Government to introduce a statutory right to homecare. — Neasa Hourigan. [3845/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the current HSE staffing levels in comparison to the previous peak of Covid-19 positive cases in hospitals in April 2020 (details supplied); his views on whether it is appropriate to repeat the same arrangements for student nurses and midwives currently on or soon to commence clinical placement given the current levels of positive cases that the healthcare system is trying to deal with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3849/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the rostered members of staff who are remunerated within an agreed salary in relation to final year interns; his reasons for not providing them with an increased salary equal to the rate that interns were offered in spring 2020 for the duration of their rostered internship particularly given the significant increase in hospitalisations since that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3850/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or NPHET has carried out a solid evidence-based feasibility study comparing a zero Covid-19 strategy for Ireland against the existing Plan for Living with Covid-19 which was adopted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3856/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the expected vaccination timeline for maternity staff at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3857/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the progress he or his officials have made on advancing the regulations relating to section 12 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 which ensure the public is informed of the danger of alcohol consumption and the direct link between alcohol and fatal cancers in anticipation of the EU Commission's publication of its strategic plan on beating cancer in February 2021; when he expects to commence these regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [3861/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the suspension of water birth services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3865/21]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [3866/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will be giving special consideration within the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine to vulnerable children under the age of 18 that have mental and or physical disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3894/21]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health if there are special circumstances in which a person (details supplied) can obtain a Covid-19 vaccine for travel purposes. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [3895/21]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health when home help will be accommodated and put in place in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3904/21]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list to see a dietitian by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [3929/21]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list to see an allergist or get an allergy test by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [3930/21]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list to see a community ophthalmic physician by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [3931/21]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for a drug or alcohol detox bed by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [3932/21]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for mental health services by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [3933/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for counselling services by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [3934/21]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for physiotherapy in primary care by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [3935/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for occupational therapy by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [3936/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information on a HSE pilot scheme (details supplied); the budget for the scheme; the timeframe allowed for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3940/21]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health if a detailed breakdown of the vaccine groups will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [3942/21]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the definition of a key worker in the vaccine roll-out plan and their priority in the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [3943/21]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health if clarification will be provided on the definition of a direct patient contact with reference to the vaccine roll-out plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [3945/21]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if clarification will be provided on the vaccination plans for mental health nurses and general staff in the mental health services in CHO3, especially County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [3946/21]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health the position of carers (details supplied) on the vaccination allocation sequencing under the national Covid-19 vaccination programme; if they fall under group 2, 4, 6 or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [3947/21]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the priority that will be given to recovering cancer patients in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; when it is likely they will receive the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3950/21]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to ensure there will be no reduction in the level of cancer diagnosis, care and necessary surgery during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3951/21]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to issuing a directive to each public hospital group to cease charging parking charges for cancer patients as these can become a considerable financial burden for them during such a vulnerable period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [3952/21]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaccine dosages supplied by the Saolta Group to hospitals; the number of personnel who have received their first shot of vaccine; the

decision process to determine the number of dosages to be supplied to each hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3954/21]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaccines supplied to CHO West; the breakdown of these numbers supplied to counties Mayo, Galway and Roscommon; the number of personnel who have received their first shot of vaccine within the primary care, mental health and well-being settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3958/21]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a new accident and emergency department at Beaumont Hospital. — Denise Mitchell. [3956/21]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant positions advertised by the RCSI Hospital Group in 2020; the speciality of each advertised position; if each position has been filled; and the number of applications for each speciality in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [3955/21]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the position of psychiatrists (details supplied) placed on the vaccination allocation sequencing under the national Covid-19 vaccination programme; if they fall under group 2, 4, 6 or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [3959/21]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the vacant audiologist post in County Wexford; the length of time the position has been vacant; when the post will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3974/21]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting audiology services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [3975/21]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the reason further to correspondence from this Deputy over the past three weeks, he has not met or engaged with academics who have a proposal that could reduce Covid-19 ICU admissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [3976/21]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the date, on or after 4 April 2019, the former Taoiseach or their adviser, requested a copy of the draft terms of the agreement between his Department, the HSE and an organisation (details supplied) regarding general practitioner contractual reform and service development. — Pearse Doherty. [3982/21]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health the date, on or after 4 April 2019, his Department provided the former Taoiseach or their adviser, with a copy of the draft terms of the agreement between his Department, the HSE and an organisation (details supplied) regarding general practitioner contractual reform and service development. — Pearse Doherty. [3983/21]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health the person in his Department who provided the former Taoiseach or their adviser with a copy of the draft terms of the agreement between his Department, the HSE and an organisation (details supplied) regarding general practitioner contractual reform and service development. — Pearse Doherty. [3984/21]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health the format in which, such as by email or physical copy or by post, a copy of the draft terms of the agreement between his Department, the HSE and an organisation (details supplied) regarding general practitioner contractual reform and service

development, was provided by his Department to the former Taoiseach or their advisor. — Pearse Doherty. [3985/21]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health the reason his Department did not share a copy of the draft terms of the agreement between his Department, the HSE and an organisation (details supplied) regarding general practitioner contractual reform and service development with the Minister for Health after it was requested by the Minister and his office on 15 April 2019. — Pearse Doherty. [3986/21]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE is using a PCR test to test for Covid-19 rather than an antigen test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [3990/21]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the stage at which in the vaccine roll-out plan volunteers in community groups who are providing services to vulnerable persons such as meals on wheels are included. — Martin Browne. [4008/21]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health if bus drivers can be vaccinated under the Covid-19 vaccination programme as part of the key worker section given their front facing positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4011/21]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that were taken to engage with local community groups in the decision to close St. Brigid's District Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary; the reason for the decision taken; the use to which the hospital will now be put; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4015/21]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health when the gene therapy zolgensma will be approved for reimbursement for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [4023/21]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to issues for retired nurses who have paid A stamps towards their pension returning to work during the Covid-19 crisis whereby they ceased to be entitled to their pension once they started working to help out during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Louise O'Reilly. [4026/21]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health the way and location in which providers of homecare services can register for the vaccination of homecare workers on the Covid-19 vaccination list. — Paul Murphy. [4030/21]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the payments being provided to general practitioners and pharmacists for the provision of individual vaccinations; the reason the payments are significantly higher than those provided to general practitioners and pharmacists in the United Kingdom who are delivering the same service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4037/21]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health when the progress report on A Healthy Weight for Ireland, the Obesity Policy and Action Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4042/21]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the evaluation of A Healthy Weight for Ireland, the Obesity Policy and Action Plan that is being prepared by the Health Research Board Centre for

diet and health research, University College Cork; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4043/21]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 909 of 13 January 2021, if he will provide further detail on the Childhood and Adolescent Obesity Prevention and Treatment Model being developed by the HSE; the aspects of prevention being looked at in this model; if the HSE is working with external stakeholders on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4044/21]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 909 of 13 January 2021, if he will provide further information on the Budget 2021 funded project to develop healthy communities by addressing health and well-being in areas of deprivation; the range of stakeholders being included; the way in which child obesity is being dealt with in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4045/21]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to HSE employees, specifically workers in area (details supplied) being requested to attend on site for work during the current level 5 lockdown to complete work which they are able to do remotely and carried out remotely during previous lockdowns. — Louise O'Reilly. [4046/21]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4058/21]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an assessment of needs. — Sean Sherlock. [4066/21]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see a cardiothoracic surgeon at St. James's Hospital Dublin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4067/21]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times to see a consultant maxillofacial surgeon at St. James's Hospital Dublin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4068/21]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health the position of adults with special needs on the Covid-19 vaccination list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [4079/21]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the promised supply scheme for medical cannabis. — Thomas Gould. [4081/21]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for a primary medical certificate by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4090/21]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centres to be provided including the priority list and the delivery model for each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4093/21]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health when County Carlow based paramedics will get the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [4097/21]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health if supports are available to access PPE by persons who are caring for an elderly person or a person with a disability in their home who has contracted Covid-19 in order to protect the carer. — Emer Higgins. [4113/21]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health if a course (details supplied) can be delivered online whilst Covid-19 restrictions are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [4125/21]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health the status of employer contribution pensions for section 39 agency workers in view of concerns raised by some workers that their contributions are not being matched as had previously been the case. — Cathal Crowe. [4144/21]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time midwives working in the maternity department of Cavan General Hospital in each of the past five years in tabular form. — Niamh Smyth. [4170/21]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health the budget and revenue expenditure for Cavan General Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2020. — Niamh Smyth. [4171/21]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide CBD oil under the medical card scheme; and the means of reimbursement for the cost or part of same in circumstances in which it is prescribed by a doctor. — Brian Stanley. [4179/21]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been denied the proper examination of their medical card entitlement in view of the fact that they submitted all the requested information even though PCRS is saying it was not received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [4202/21]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cataract surgeries that were carried out at Nenagh Hospital in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [4210/21]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health his views on easing visiting restrictions in maternity hospitals following the vaccination of staff; if guidelines will be issued in relation to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4218/21]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new staff that started in the press and communications unit of his Department between 1 October and 31 December 2020; and the number of those new staff that still work in the unit. — Gary Gannon. [4219/21]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new staff that started in the press and communications unit of his Department between 1 October and 31 December 2020 that came from panels; and the number recruited outside of panels. — Gary Gannon. [4220/21]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the way in which Covid-19 vaccines are distributed among the seven hospital groups and subsequently among the hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4221/21]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken or will take to allow medical scientists to achieve pay parity with others who carry out similar work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4226/21]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an offer (details supplied) which may assist the Covid-19 vaccine programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4228/21]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if his officials will review the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [4233/21]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4234/21]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the status of the medical scientist profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4235/21]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which version 3 of the Draft Terms of Agreement between the Department of Health, the HSE and the IMO regarding GP Contractual Reform and Service Development was created; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [4243/21]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health the purpose for which version 3 of the Draft Terms of Agreement between the Department of Health, the HSE and the IMO regarding GP Contractual Reform and Service Development was created; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [4244/21]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health the persons or bodies with which version 3 of the Draft Terms of Agreement between the Department of Health, the HSE and the IMO regarding GP Contractual Reform and Service Development was created; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [4245/21]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which he received a copy of version 3 of the Draft Terms of Agreement between the Department of Health, the HSE and the IMO regarding GP Contractual Reform and Service Development; the form he received it in, that is, by email, physical copy and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [4246/21]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which he received a copy of version 2 of the Draft Terms of Agreement between the Department of Health, the HSE and the IMO regarding GP Contractual Reform and Service Development; the form he received it in, that is, by email, physical copy and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [4247/21]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which he shared a copy of version 2 of the Draft Terms of Agreement between the Department of Health, the HSE and the IMO regarding GP Contractual Reform and Service Development with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment; and the form by which it was shared, that is, by email, physical copy and so on. — Pearse Doherty. [4248/21]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding early intervention. — Paul McAuliffe. [4252/21]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to prioritise Traveller primary care workers and persons over 65 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [4258/21]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale used to determine the allocation of the Covid-19 vaccine for a category of front-line workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4264/21]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health if there was a backlog of undelivered text messages notifying close contacts of positive Covid-19 cases of their status as of 18 January 2021; and if so, the number of text messages that were undelivered. — Paul McAuliffe. [4266/21]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health the reason psychologists in the psychology department at Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin cannot take phone appointments or consultations from home resulting in appointments being cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4273/21]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new HIV diagnoses in each of the years 2010 to 2020, by gender in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4275/21]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health if additional supports have been made available for those living with HIV during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4276/21]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health if regular HIV testing is ongoing at the same or reduced rate; if it has halted due to the closure of sexual health clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4277/21]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies in CAMHS in Dublin north city and county. — Paul McAuliffe. [4284/21]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of healthcare acquired Covid-19 reported to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre in 2020; the breakdown of those cases into nursing homes and hospitals; the number of deaths among those cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [4286/21]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health the details of external service providers that have been procured or hired for the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination programme to date; the value of each contract; the name of each contractor; the purpose of each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [4287/21]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the expenditure to date on the Covid-19 vaccination programme; the value of each contract for the purchase of vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [4288/21]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a plan to provide the FreeStyle Libre for all type 1 diabetics in view of the fact that it is only available for persons with type 1 between the ages of 4 and 21 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [4289/21]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health when therapies (details supplied) will be reinstated for children with special needs in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [4291/21]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently review the restrictions applied in maternity hospitals on accompanying partners to key appointments relating to pregnancy; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the current restrictions are being applied to couples who have lost children to stillbirth (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4298/21]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the new standard operating procedure for assessments of needs; the reason this assessment was reduced to a single assessment of 90 minutes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4302/21]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an assessment of needs; the length of time that children are waiting by county or CHO area; the measures being taken to reduce waiting times and lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4303/21]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4307/21]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the lease signed between the HSE and a hotel (details supplied) for the purposes of a Covid-19 isolation centre; the value of the contract; the length of the initial contract; the value of any renewed contract; the amount expended to date; the number of persons who used the facility; the average length of time each person stayed at the facility; the number of healthcare workers allocated to work at the facility; the level of accommodation and bed capacity included within the contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4312/21]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on panels for the various occupations within the HSE nationwide across the various recruitment channels currently in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4318/21]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the reopening of day care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4319/21]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of placing a person on a general practitioner only card or a full medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4321/21]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost per annum incurred by the State for a full medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4322/21]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost per annum incurred by the State for a general practitioner card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4323/21]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Ambulance Service and HSE estates are working to identify a site in Drogheda, County Louth to accommodate a modern, purpose-built ambulance service base; if a site has been identified; when the process will conclude; if such a commitment is included in the HSE's current programme of capital investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4324/21]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health the current known length of time that immunity is provided by the different Covid-19 vaccines; if it is considered to be an annual vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4325/21]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE drug group has met to date in January 2021; when the group will next meet; if the drug dupilumab will be approved for reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4328/21]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) who has received the Covid-19 vaccination and is travelling to Ireland for an essential purpose will still need to provide a negative PCR test on arrival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4334/21]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 749 of 17 November 2020, when the feasibility study in a hospital (details supplied) will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4335/21]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a plan to identify a site for a new hospital in Cork city as per the reforms under Sláintecare; if there are any suitable sites on the northside of the city that are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4336/21]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in CHO5. — Kathleen Funchion. [4338/21]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant nursing posts in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and the steps being taken to fill these vacant posts. — Kathleen Funchion. [4339/21]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reimbursement applications currently being processed in respect of orphan new drugs; the length of time to deal with individual applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4345/21]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the deliveries of a vaccine (details supplied) to each of the seven hospital groups to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [4360/21]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health when the plan will be put in place to have eight adult eating disorder teams across the country in line with the model of care for eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [4368/21]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of a full medical card; the number of persons on a full medical card; the average cost of a general practitioner visit only card; the number of persons on a general practitioner visit only card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [4374/21]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the differential between the average cost of a full medical card and the average cost of a general practitioner visit only card; the number of persons in receipt of both cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [4375/21]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of formal out-of-home respite service; the average cost of formal in-home respite service; the average cost of recreation and holiday respite breaks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [4376/21]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of orthodontic treatment in County Cork; his views on whether due to the long delay in getting access to this type of treatment that those who are on the waiting list could attend for the treatment privately and receive reimbursement from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4381/21]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health if he will correspond with An Bord Altranais in respect of a 16-week delay in the registration of nurses that have trained and worked abroad and have now returned to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4382/21]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a person (details supplied) who is waiting for a MRI to determine the efficacy of their treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4387/21]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health if patients are tested for Covid-19 on their release from hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4388/21]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health the volume of faulty equipment purchased by the HSE since the start of 2020; the type of equipment; the quantity that is faulty; the value of the faulty equipment; the persons or bodies that supplied the faulty equipment, that is, manufacturer and intermediary; and if there is recourse to recover the costs. — Louise O'Reilly. [4397/21]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to determine a scheme to encourage families with vacant properties tied into the fair deal scheme to rent those properties into the private rental or social rental sector; and if not, if he will give a commitment to do so in view of the thousands of vacant fair deal homes across the State. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4411/21]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health when those under 65 years of age with chronic illnesses can expect to be offered the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4413/21]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the introduction of a compensation scheme for healthcare workers who have died from Covid-19 which was announced by his office in July 2020; when the scheme will be launched; the date range for which the scheme will be active; the number of healthcare workers the scheme will apply to; the way in which it will operate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4414/21]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health the vaccination categories that paramedics, ambulance staff and fire brigade staff come under. — Emer Higgins. [4426/21]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated by the HSE to the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4443/21]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding spent by the HSE on Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4444/21]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physician assistant hours that have been allocated to County Cavan in each of the years 2017 to 2020; the number of physician assistant

hours that will be allocated in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4448/21]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health the allocated number of early intervention and school aged 0 to 18 teams to counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4449/21]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health the planned start date for construction on the endoscopy wing at Cavan General Hospital; the expected duration of construction works; the estimated overall costs of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4450/21]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe and process for the mid-term review of Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery, the National Drugs and Alcohol Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4465/21]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development and timeline for completion of a code of governance for drugs and alcohol taskforces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4466/21]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4489/21]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of general practitioners administering the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4505/21]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the discrepancy between the treatment of trainee educational psychologists and trainee clinical psychologists with both cohorts working in healthcare settings but with the latter receiving a substantial payment of college fees by the HSE and paid work throughout their programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4507/21]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4529/21]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4555/21]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4568/21]

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

*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the provision of financial supports to the national hunt industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [4451/21]

*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a second sibling is entitled to an allocation in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [3548/21]

*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) was required to apply for a felling licence prior to the recent tree felling carried out on the land; and if such a licence was granted. — Sorca Clarke. [3656/21]

*882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that up to 200 horses along with up to 350 trainers, jockeys and grooms are preparing to go to the UK for Cheltenham week from 16 to 19 March 2021 at a time when infection rates of the British variant of Covid-19 are likely to be still very high; if he has been notified of and or approved these travel preparations; if any of those preparing to go to Cheltenham are in receipt of or benefit from the €76.8 million of State funding to Horse Racing Ireland, directly or indirectly; if Horse Racing Ireland will be sending an official delegation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [3687/21]

*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount invested in a project (details supplied) in County Mayo; if he is in receipt of current funding applications for the project from Mayo County Council; and his plans for the future of the project. — Dara Calleary. [3715/21]

*884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the CAP payments to farmers by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3724/21]

*885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the CAP payments that would be paid to farmers by county in tabular form if a cap on payments of €50,000, €60,000 or €70,000 was applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [3725/21]

*886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the minutes and action points from his meetings with organisations (details supplied) since taking office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3730/21]

*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the applications of organisations (details supplied) to become producer organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3731/21]

*888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the decision to defer convergence for 2021-2022 is a decision of Government rather than that of the European Union; the objective of this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [3778/21]

*889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to establish a compulsory register for all beekeepers. — Neasa Hourigan. [3890/21]

*890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for a compensation scheme for any beekeeper affected by the American and European foul brood viruses resultant from the importation of non-native bees. — Neasa Hourigan. [3891/21]

*891. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that local authorities such as a local authority (details supplied) are enforcing the Control of Horses Act 1996 adequately; his views on having multiple horse wardens with a particular focus on problem areas for horse abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [3893/21]

*892. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 162 of 4 November 2020, if his Department's engineering staff assessed this additional information received (details supplied); if there has been a decision made on this ongoing case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [3918/21]

*893. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [3957/21]

*894. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider setting up a dedicated post-Brexit fisheries taskforce made up of community and industry stakeholders with the express purpose of urgently responding to the undue burden and hardship falling on the fishing sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [3963/21]

*895. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Dunmore East Harbour will be added to the list of designated approved ports for UK registered vessels to land fish in Ireland in view of the fact the Dunmore East has fish processing facilities and fishery protection officers on site and also given its proximity to sudden fishing grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [3970/21]

*896. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department inspected a dog pound (details supplied); if so, if the premises meets all animal welfare standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [3978/21]

*897. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [3998/21]

*898. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department has taken to facilitate the horticulture industry to move away from peat use (details supplied); and the measures that have been put in place before the end of horticultural peat harvesting. — Martin Browne. [4003/21]

*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a reduction in peat use in the commercial horticulture sector is envisaged for 2021-2022. — Martin Browne. [4005/21]

*900. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered introducing financial supports for small agricultural contracting businesses given that many do not qualify for funding schemes for farmers and are struggling to afford the cost of updating equipment to comply with environmental standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [4009/21]

*901. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of approved forestry licences currently in the appeals system awaiting consideration by the Forestry Appeals Committee; if he will provide a breakdown of these appeals as they relate to new plantings, thinnings, clear felling and road licence applications; the progress being made by the Forestry Appeals Committee with regard to each of these licence sectors; the progress being made by the Forestry Appeals Committee in dealing with the licence backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [4018/21]

*902. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns within the Irish horticulture sector that the decision by Bord na Móna to cease all peat production will make the sector financially unviable and lead to significant job losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4035/21]

*903. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider introducing a package of supports for peat contractors who purchased machinery prior to the announcement of the cessation of all peat harvesting by Bord na Móna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4036/21]

*904. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme 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. — Catherine Murphy. [4049/21]

*905. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a herd number which is in joint names will be assigned to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4110/21]

*906. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment will issue in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [4151/21]

*907. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of forestry payments for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4164/21]

*908. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated full-year cost of recruiting three extra full-time archaeologists to deal with forestry applications within his Department. — Martin Browne. [4206/21]

*909. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the exports of beef to the USA in volume and value in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [4207/21]

*910. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all licences issued by his Department are being treated with equal importance; if his Department is prioritising a section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [4241/21]

*911. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the current output of afforestation licences being issued by his Department will achieve the target of 8,000 hectares of afforestation for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [4242/21]

*912. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the names and level of remuneration for each Ministerial adviser employed within his Department; the specific responsibilities of each adviser; the specific details of each adviser's relevant qualifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4315/21]

*913. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application for a PCS number by a company (details supplied). — Peter Fitzpatrick. [4320/21]

*914. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his attention has been drawn to the operations of communications group based outside the European Union to eavesdrop on the racing industry here by way of drone for rebroadcasting purposes globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4343/21]

*915. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his attention and that of his Department have been drawn to difficulties arising from Brexit for the bloodstock industry and national hunt racing; if any particular response has been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4346/21]

*916. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will assist in the provision of compensation to peat harvesting contractors that made significant investments in peat harvesting machinery prior to the sudden and unexpected announcement of the suspension of all peat harvesting for the 2020 season by Bord na Móna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [4404/21]

*917. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a derogation will be provided to farmers who cannot meet the 5% reduction in stock condition for the BEAM scheme due to market fluctuation and the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4405/21]

*918. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason he has not given participants in BEAM their 12 month organic nitrogen estimate for 1 July 2021 on a no-change basis; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the pre-July 2020 stocking rate calculation is not only causing confusion but misleading farmers; if an individual July 2021 projection based on stock on hand between July 2020 and December 2020 will now be provided; the number of current participants who will be within the 5% threshold if they do not alter the stock on hand from the latest available date that stock numbers are available and the date in question used for this calculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4419/21]

*919. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he plans to publish the statutory instrument to implement the EU Unfair Trading Practices Directive; the public consultation process that will be conducted before the adoption of the statutory instrument; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4445/21]

*920. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Coillte limited a number of pre-planning public consultations to a two kilometre limit. — Neasa Hourigan. [4473/21]

*921. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if opportunities for public access to information on Coillte's proposed Croaghaun wind farm were reduced compared to the opportunities that would have been available in normal times in view of Covid-19. — Neasa Hourigan. [4474/21]

*922. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in his Department and each State agency under the remit of his Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4480/21]

*923. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund; when details of the fund will be available to stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4498/21]

*924. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of projects currently funded under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund; if he will provide stop-gap funding to ensure the completion of projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4499/21]

*925. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by his Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4520/21]

*926. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of his Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4548/21]

*927. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4561/21]

*928. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding allocated by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4753/21]

*929. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding spent by his Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4819/21]

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

*930. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of each broadband connection point planned in County Kerry on the National Broadband Plan in tabular form (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [4423/21]

*931. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of remote working hubs in Ireland; the number that receive State funding; the number of persons that have been working in these hubs in each of the past five years; and the level of investment that has been made into these hubs by the State in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [4455/21]

*932. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider extending financial support via the rural regeneration and development fund or similar to bolster public

transport services for Meelick, Parteen, Ardnacrusha and other communities in County Clare peripheral to Limerick city which are served by infrequent buses at present and leaving many isolated. — Cathal Crowe. [3640/21]

*933. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on doubling the amount of funding available through the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme to help support more rails, walkways, cycleways and blueways and outdoor recreational infrastructure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [3744/21]

*934. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Athy food hub; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [3753/21]

*935. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the conditions and purpose under which the €5 million fund for digital hubs can be applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3964/21]

*936. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the various funds under which the building or development of co-working hubs can be applied for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [3965/21]

*937. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the specific funding streams available to local authorities to apply for; the amount that has been given by county; the amount awarded under each scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [4062/21]

*938. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of broadband connection points in County Mayo; if a list of connection points which have gone live and those still in planning will be provided in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4134/21]

*939. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to increase the CLÁR measure 4 grant to cover the cost of vehicle registration tax for mountain rescue organisations securing new vehicles for use in their vital rescue functions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4176/21]

*940. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the examinations being undertaken in relation to the instances of Covid-19 compared with the Pobal areas of deprivation throughout the country; the mapping that is taking place to review Covid-19 clusters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4261/21]

*941. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the closing dates or anticipated closing dates for all funding schemes within her Department during 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [4271/21]

*942. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of all applications submitted by Mayo County Council to her Department for funding during 2019 and 2020; the status of live applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [4272/21]

*943. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cad é an líon laethanta in 2019 agus 2020 faoi seach a raibh moill ar sheoltaí an bháid farantóireachta Queen of Aran idir Toraigh

agus tír mór, idir dhul amach agus teacht isteach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [4329/21]

*944. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cad é an líon laethanta in 2019 agus 2020 faoi seach a raibh seoladh beartaithe ag Queen of Aran ach nár tharla an seoladh mar gheall ar dhrochaimsir; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [4330/21]

*945. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the budgetary analysis being carried out to plan for long Covid-19 impacts in her Department and each State agency under the remit of her Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4493/21]

*946. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the absolute and relative number of persons with disabilities employed by her Department in each of the years 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020; if these persons are in full-time or part-time roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4533/21]

*947. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of State and semi-State board appointments that fall under the aegis of her Department made since this Government took office including the name of the board or agency and the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4558/21]

*948. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of her Department; the level of remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4571/21]

*949. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding allocated by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4761/21]

*950. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding spent by her Department on the Covid-19 communications strategy since the beginning of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4772/21]