



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider the increased roll-out of the restart grant from local authorities for businesses in the hospitality sector as a result of the continued Covid-19 related closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4787/21]

\*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if any research or analysis will be made available carried out by his Department or a body working with or on behalf of his Department on the environmental impact of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4962/21]

\*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if special exemptions were given to supermarkets that also sell homeware to allow for click and collect during level 5 given that this seems to be the case in a particular store. — Emer Higgins. [4583/21]

\*4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the protections in place to ensure the .ie web domain is protected post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4636/21]

\*5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if businesses retain a .ie web domain if they are not based in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4637/21]

\*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consumers are protected if they order goods from a .ie web domain and then are faced with customs charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4638/21]

\*7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to roll-out a scheme similar to the restart and restart plus grant for rate-paying businesses following the current lockdown to ensure their survival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4673/21]

\*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to ensure business support grants will cover non-rate paying business and the self-employed given that the enterprise support grant was not an adequate or impactful grant for the loss of revenue as a result of previous lockdowns in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4674/21]

\*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if click and reserve which then facilitates collection from shops is allowed in level 5. — Emer Higgins. [4744/21]

\*10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the guidance being given to consumers looking to buy from .ie domain names but are then being charged custom duties on items being shipped from the UK. — Sean Sherlock. [4822/21]

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

\*11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a fibre broadband service will be provided to an area (details supplied) as part of the current roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [4574/21]

\*12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [4578/21]

\*13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband roll-out will reach Cuffesgrange, County Kilkenny. — Kathleen Funchion. [4602/21]

\*14. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of inspections that have been carried out regarding compliance with the Air Pollution Act 1987 in 2019 and 2020; the number of samples taken during the period; the percentage of samples that breached the regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [4623/21]

\*15. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the public consultation in relation to the regulation of solid fuel burning will be released. — Marian Harkin. [4624/21]

\*16. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if studies are being carried out focusing on the changes to environmental factors due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the way in which Ireland may learn from these to improve policies aimed at tackling climate change. — Eoghan Murphy. [4657/21]

\*17. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [4725/21]

\*18. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the criteria that National Broadband Ireland is using to determine the order in which it is carrying out their survey work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [4741/21]

\*19. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of fibre broadband for County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [4747/21]

\*20. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [4751/21]

\*21. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [4752/21]

\*22. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of approved Just Transition projects given recent confirmation that the stipulations for drawing down funding requires the project promoters to provide an unrealistic 50% in match funding for projected project costs. — Joe Flaherty. [4839/21]

\*23. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will engage with the ESB and request that the €6 million earmarked from the company for the Just Transition funding will be ring-fenced and allocated directly to the 30 plus projects struggling to meet the matching 50% funding requirements under the draw-down criteria for Just Transition approved projects. — Joe Flaherty. [4840/21]

\*24. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of a scheme (details supplied); the number of applications received from applicants in County Mayo; the number of applications approved in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4868/21]

\*25. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 24 September 2020, the status of the development of a policy statement regarding LNG gas terminals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4961/21]

\*26. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an area (details supplied) will avail of high-speed broadband. — Robert Troy. [4981/21]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*27. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to roll-out the community involvement scheme for local authorities in 2021; the level of funding that will be afforded for the vital repair of semi-public roads through Tipperary County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4672/21]

\*28. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times he has spoken with or written to his counterpart in the UK Government and in the Stormont Executive in relation to coordinating international travel restrictions to combat Covid-19; the date of each physical and virtual meeting, phone call or letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4538/21]

\*29. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) who applied for their driver test in July 2020 and has complied with everything requested of them by the RSA has still not received a date for their test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4547/21]

\*30. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to make the driver theory test available online during the current Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [4621/21]

\*31. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered a further extension of tax saver tickets due to the severe Covid-19 travel restrictions currently in place; the cost to date of the

existing extension; the estimated cost of a further extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4729/21]

\*32. To ask the Minister for Transport if all local authorities have been formally briefed on the National Maritime Oil and HNS Spill Contingency Plan which has recently been published; and if not, if he will consider ensuring briefings are carried out with officials and council members in the coming weeks. — Denise Mitchell. [4732/21]

\*33. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NDLS will be allowing for the extension of driver licences given the latest level 5 Covid restrictions; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties persons are having with only being able to renew their driver licences online at this time and that those without access to a computer cannot seek assistance at their local library or any of the other usual places they would seek help; if he will engage with the NDLS to allow for an extension to driver licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4841/21]

\*34. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) cannot have a driver test rescheduled. — Niamh Smyth. [4875/21]

\*35. To ask the Minister for Transport when additional measures will be implemented to restrict travel into Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4903/21]

\*36. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place at ports including all known small ports and piers to monitor international travel and ensure that passengers coming here from overseas self-isolate for the recommended amount of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4964/21]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*37. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to continue the Covid restrictions support scheme in view of the continuing impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on businesses; if he will consider increasing the amount of compensation to 20% rather than 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4783/21]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to continue the employment wage subsidy scheme in view of the continued impacts of Covid-19 on businesses, considering that the current restrictions have the potential to severely impact the hospitality sector in particular in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4784/21]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of gross GNP by all expenditure components, that is, personal consumption, central and local government spending, GFCF in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4794/21]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of real GNP in constant prices for the latest year for which data is available by all expenditure components, that is, personal consumption, central and local government spending, GFCF in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4795/21]

\*41. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of gross GNP by all income components, that is, dividends, interest, rents in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4796/21]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Finance the composition of real GNP in constant prices, that is, dividends, interest, rents and so on by all expenditure components, that is, personal consumption, central and local government spending, GFCF and so on in each of the years 1990 to 2020 or the earliest and latest years for which this data is available in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [4797/21]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to introduce mortgage and rental payment breaks for those in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment and employment wage subsidy schemes; the way such breaks would not affect their credit rating now and into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [4584/21]

\*44. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a review of the Covid restrictions support scheme to allow businesses that are not public facing such as catering businesses who deliver to homes and private events only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [4642/21]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason he has no plans to extend the types of businesses that are eligible for the Covid restrictions support scheme; his views on the effect this is having on businesses that are omitted from this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [4651/21]

\*46. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has had engagement with the insurance sector regarding the availability of travel insurance for citizens that have received a Covid-19 vaccine. — Eoghan Murphy. [4659/21]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering expanding the eligibility criteria for the Covid restrictions support scheme to allow businesses which are impacted by the restrictions but do not ordinarily operate from a fixed business premises to apply for the scheme (details supplied). — Eoghan Murphy. [4660/21]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for the continuation of VAT and PAYE warehousing for the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4785/21]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to support the hospitality sector in getting the insurance sector to pay compensation for business interruption as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4786/21]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to exempt vehicles used for mountain rescue financed by voluntary donations and small grants from VRT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4814/21]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans widening the scope of the Covid restrictions support scheme to cover more businesses and to increase the payment to ensure as many businesses as possible survive the Covid-19 crisis in view of the continuing lock down and the effect of same on businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4823/21]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to extend the wage subsidy scheme to the end of 2021 in view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the effect it is having particularly on the tourism industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4824/21]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request the banks and all financial institutions to introduce mortgage breaks without additional interest for mortgage holders in order to support them in the midst of these most serious level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4843/21]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to reduce the overall cost of insurance particularly liability insurance both employers and public; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that, for example, the quotes for insurance of jarcveys of tourist horse and traps has gone up by over 200% in the past two years making it prohibitively expensive for persons in this line of business to insure their seasonal businesses; when the effect of the steps he is taking to create more competition in the market and reduce prices will be seen on the ground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4865/21]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Finance if advice will be provided for a person (details supplied) who incorrectly applied for the temporary wage subsidy scheme. — Dara Calleary. [4871/21]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that charity shops operating in the retail sector selling clothes and other items are ineligible for the Covid restrictions support scheme; his plans to review same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4901/21]

\*57. To ask the Minister for Finance the corporate tax implications of the liquidation of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4915/21]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the changes that will be made to the tax law in view of the Tax Commission's decision in a case (details supplied); the way in which Ireland's approach to such cases differs to that of the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4916/21]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact of EU Directive 2008/7 on Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4917/21]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Finance if additional financial supports will be put in place for Irish pilots (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4925/21]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the procedures and inspections in place with regard to the double taxation treaty of 1995 between Ireland and Israel since 1967 to ensure that companies established in illegal settlements, persons residing in illegal settlements occupied by Israel since 1967, all economic activities being carried out there and persons living elsewhere but earning income from these settlements, cannot benefit in any way from the provisions of this treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4926/21]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will issue accurate advice to persons who purchase products online and are now being charged extremely high customs duties and fees on top of the base price that the product was advertised at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [4932/21]



\*63. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on lowering the spending threshold for availing of the retail export scheme to €25 to support the tourism retail sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4944/21]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has discussed the issue of banks refusing to allow the drawdown of approved mortgage home loans of persons who have an approved contract with a developer because some of their income is coming from the employment wage subsidy scheme with either the banks or the Central Bank; the result of these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4967/21]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Finance if clarity will be provided on the level of import duties on products imported from the UK in which the country of origin of that product is another country outside the European Union (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4977/21]

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

\*66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which commitment four of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018 to enhance citizen engagement in policy making has been achieved in his Department and agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4806/21]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding the payments of pensions and or gratuities for community employment supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [4712/21]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the review of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4803/21]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which commitment four of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018 to enhance citizen engagement in policy making has been achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4804/21]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question Nos.102, 104 and 106 of 21 January 2021, and in view of the fact that flood waters are now nine centimetres higher than the record high water level of April 2020, if he will provide immediate assistance to the homeowners and farmers impacted; his plans to convene the roundtable meeting with all stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4853/21]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 20 January 2021, his views on whether section 9(1)(a)(i) of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Act 2011 is the statutory provision which transferred the powers under section 17 of the 1956 Act to the Minister and which also transferred the powers relating to superannuation of members of staff of public service bodies; and if not, the statutory provisions of the Act which transferred the said respective powers. — Mairéad Farrell. [4854/21]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 20 January 2021, if he has exercised the powers relating to superannuation of members of

staff of public service bodies under section 9(1)(a)(i) of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Act 2011 by way of administrative act including by the issue of or revocation of circulars; if so, the powers which permitted him to carry out and or revoke any such administrative act including any circular; and the details of all such administrative acts and circulars in relation to same. — Mairéad Farrell. [4858/21]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the flooding projects to be undertaken by the OPW in County Cork in 2021; the estimated cost of each project; the drainage projects to be undertaken by Cork County Council with financial assistance from the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4963/21]

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

\*74. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to increase funding available to local authorities for improving or creating swimming facilities given the increase in the use of such facilities. — Eoghan Murphy. [4654/21]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the main industries in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4694/21]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider opening up golf courses as a vital component to mental health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [4627/21]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department is preparing detailed plans to promote international and domestic travel in order that Ireland will be competitive as a tourism destination when restrictions on travel lift. — Eoghan Murphy. [4658/21]

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

\*78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce a commercial rates waiver for businesses for 2021, in view of the continued impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, especially on the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [4782/21]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if supports are available to families who have been awarded custody of their biological children through a legal process which has subsequently caused overcrowding in the existing property; if there are funding schemes which can be accessed for families in such a situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [4869/21]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the State has an obligation under Irish, EU or international law to remove lead pipes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4921/21]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [4577/21]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the introduction of a new form of tenure in cost rental (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [4592/21]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the locations in which the 400 cost rental homes will be built; and his plans for future developments in the years thereafter. — Emer Higgins. [4593/21]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the eligibility criteria for the cost rental scheme; and the income thresholds for single applicants and couples. — Emer Higgins. [4594/21]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the cost rental homes will be new dwellings or if existing dwellings will be repurposed and used for these developments. — Emer Higgins. [4595/21]

\*86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role that local authorities will play in the provision of cost rental homes; and the agency which will have oversight for the provision of cost rental homes. — Emer Higgins. [4596/21]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the other jurisdictions with cost rental accommodation which have been examined in drawing up legislation. — Emer Higgins. [4597/21]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding from his Department that will be allocated to the roll-out of cost rental affordable accommodation. — Emer Higgins. [4598/21]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will call for the immediate release of any hares currently in captivity in view of the fact that coursing meetings are not permitted to take place during current Covid-19 restrictions and in view of the animal welfare issues related to holding wild animals in captivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [4600/21]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the planning and development and nature conservation (heritage) functions Bill will be published; if it will contain provisions dealing with substitute consent arising from a recent Supreme Court case that urgently needs addressing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4647/21]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if housing developments that were fully or partially developed as holiday homes in circumstances in which the management company which was condition of planning is now dissolved, in which no bond is available and no enforcement has been taken by the local authority are excluded from the taking-in-charge process under section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4667/21]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if estates in which planning was granted for a mix of holiday lets and residential use can be put forward for the

funding by local authorities in relation to the national taking in charge initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [4669/21]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning enforcement officers employed by Cork City Council in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4705/21]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning enforcement officers employed by Cork County Council in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4706/21]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Cork City Council employs an equine officer; if he will provide further information in relation to this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4707/21]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to address the issues of embedded carbon construction through revisions to building regulations, planning laws and in social and affordable housing developments funded by his Department; and if he has engaged with an organisation (details supplied) on the issue of embedded carbon in construction. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4724/21]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered delaying discussion regarding local development plans given the logistical difficulties facing both councils and elected representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [4731/21]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will include persons who are divorced or legally separated as eligible applicants for the proposed affordable purchase shared equity scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [4746/21]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the 35 social housing projects that have used the one stage approval process; the location of these projects; the number of units in each project; and the cost of each project in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4800/21]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing projects that have accessed the one stage approval process since the cap was increased to €6 million that would otherwise have accessed that process; and the number of units of accommodation in these projects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4801/21]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend the city council boundaries to include part or all the area at present in the County Council functional area covered by the Galway Metropolitan Strategic Plan in view of the rejection by the Houses of the Oireachtas of the plan to initiate a plan to eventually amalgamate Galway City Council and Galway County Council; if he plans to progress with this matter before the adoption of these plans in view of the ongoing review of both the Galway City plan and Galway County; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4813/21]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend the moratorium on rates for businesses affected by the Covid-19 pandemic to the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4825/21]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenants and the local authority in which they reside that have availed of or that have attempted to avail of protection from eviction notices as a result of falling into rent arrears during or due to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [4830/21]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the work of the high level homeless taskforce established by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [4838/21]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures to be taken when the owner of a property listed on the derelict register cannot be located; if that property becomes the property of the local authority; if that property can be sold to a third party; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [4866/21]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he has taken to ensure that all cladding materials used in the building industry for insulation and so on, do not pose a fire risk particularly in the context of the retrofit programmes being pursued here in view of the Grenfell disaster in the UK; the discussions he has had with the Minister for Communications, Climate and Environment on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4898/21]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a policy will be introduced within his Department to provide a fair resolution to builders who purchase zoned land and due to the lack of adequate infrastructure such as sewage services they make the necessary investment to provide infrastructure only to have the land dezoned due to a change on policy either nationally or locally. — Peadar Tóibín. [4899/21]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to provide an interim solution to the long delay in granting exempted status to the installation of solar photovoltaic rooftop panels on schools and community buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4910/21]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to amend the regulations pertaining to the installation of solar photovoltaic rooftop panels on houses and businesses; if so, when he plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4911/21]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy basis for only using one-bed units for housing first tenancies; if the policy will be amended to include two-bed units given the shortage of one-bed units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4914/21]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the approved housing bodies regulatory authority will be formally established; the reason for the delay; the oversight and enforcement powers the regulator will be given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4920/21]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the conclusion of the defects working group's work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4922/21]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the planning regulations for the installation of solar rooftop panels will be revised to ensure exemptions are in accordance with action 30 of the Climate Action Plan 2019; when revised planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4923/21]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to identify and support social housing recipients and applicants along with their families in difficult domestic violence situations; the training being provided to staff in public and private housing associations and authorities to ensure that these persons are being dealt with appropriately given the various situations that can arise from domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [4924/21]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the request to his Department by local authorities for additional funding to deal with flooding between 1 January 2015 and 21 January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4960/21]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to ensure that applicants for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme are not being stopped from drawing down approved loans due to the fact they are temporarily on the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4966/21]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the waiver on local authority rates for businesses will continue into the second and third quarters of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [4980/21]

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

\*118. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when passport applications will be processed; if an application can be hand delivered to a passport office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [4545/21]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the embargo on processing first-time passports will be lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [4575/21]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the action Ireland has taken to express its objections to the ongoing isolation torture and the periodic denial of access to legal representation in the case of a person (details supplied); the action Ireland plans to take in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [4620/21]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken to the Irish Ambassador to South Africa in the past three months. — Brian Stanley. [4630/21]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of Ireland’s overseas aid commitments; and if these have altered or been adjusted due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. — Eoghan Murphy. [4655/21]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the determination by the Government of the United States of America that China is currently committing genocide against Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic groups within the country. — Eoghan Murphy. [4656/21]

\*124. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of contacts he has had with the Northern Ireland First Minister or Deputy First Minister since 1 January 2021; the dates and nature of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [4679/21]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he has taken to implement an all-island anti-Covid-19 strategy in conjunction with the Northern Executive since 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [4682/21]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4723/21]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if an emergency passport application by a person (details supplied) will be processed immediately due to the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [4792/21]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a person (details supplied) will receive a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4798/21]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to develop closer relations between Ireland and Wales; if these relations can be enhanced on a bilateral basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [4810/21]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has made representations to the Israeli authorities to encourage them to carry out their Covid-19 vaccination programme in a non-discriminatory manner, especially in respect of territory in which the IDF is the occupying power; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [4811/21]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has received representations from the Palestinian authorities in relation to access to the Covid-19 vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [4812/21]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for citizenship currently being processed by his Department; the number of applications that have been finalised in 2020; the reason for the long delays in processing citizenship applications; his plans to speed up this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4864/21]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the international community can exert its influence towards the release of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4887/21]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will have discussions at an early date with the United States administration in relation to the need for immigration reform with particular reference to the undocumented Irish following the referral by President Biden of the US Citizenship Act to Congress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4904/21]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has discussed with the Biden administration the need for the United States of America to sign up to and come under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court; if not, if he will give consideration to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4918/21]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the assistance being provided by Ireland and the EU to Bosnia's response to the humanitarian migrant crisis on the Bosnia and Croatia border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4919/21]

*Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.*

\*137. To ask the Minister for Defence if a War of Independence medal was issued in relation to a person (details supplied); if so, the person to whom was it issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4845/21]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which efforts are being made to bring the strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps up to optimum levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4888/21]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of posts throughout the Defence Forces waiting to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4889/21]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which the number of women in the Defence Forces has fluctuated in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4890/21]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Defence the degree to which the upgrading of equipment such as aircraft, sea-going vessels and transport vehicles continues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4891/21]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which the Defence Forces can be deployed to deal with issues such as administration and vaccination associated with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4892/21]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Irish troops currently deployed overseas; the extent of requests for further deployment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4893/21]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of promotions pending throughout all branches of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4894/21]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Defence the degree to which the levels of pay and conditions in the Defence Forces as identified previously are in the course of resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4895/21]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which adequate personnel are available to meeting crewing requirements on all Naval Service vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4896/21]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Defence the degree to which adequate staffing of aircraft and sea-going vessels remains available to ensure the meeting of emergencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4897/21]



*Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.*

\*148. To ask the Minister for Education if a site has been identified for a school building project (details supplied); when it is expected to be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [4544/21]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Education if the risk assessments and the NPHET advice declaring special education can be reopened safely will be published in the interest of public confidence; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [4586/21]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Education when a definitive response will issue on the sitting or other format of examination and assessment of the junior and leaving certificates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [4587/21]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing two additional guidance counsellor positions for schools with over 900 pupils. — Brian Stanley. [4632/21]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for home tuition funding by a person (details supplied) in County Dublin has been approved; and when the family will be notified of the decision. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4643/21]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that have been put in place to help children with special and additional needs through the period of school closures; the supports in place to assist children who are reliant upon having a routine and for whom online services are not sufficient or suitable; the plans being drawn up to address the level of regression many parents have drawn their attention to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [4648/21]

\*154. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén uair atá i gceist aici Beartas Náisiúnta um Oideachas lán-Ghaeilge a fhoilsiú mar atá geallta i gClár an Rialtais; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4821/21]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Education if school profiling will form part of grading for 2021 leaving certificate students. — Peadar Tóibín. [4836/21]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Education her plans in place to offer a counselling structure for students after they receive their leaving certificate results. — Peadar Tóibín. [4837/21]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Education if she will allow choice for 2021 leaving certificate students; if she will make her intentions known on plans for these students before the end of January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4842/21]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the establishment of an ASD specific school in Dublin 12; and if this facility will be operational by September 2021. — Bríd Smith. [4847/21]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Education the proposals for holding the leaving certificate examination or the alternative in lieu thereof; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4877/21]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Education the proposals for holding the junior certificate examination or the alternative in lieu thereof; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4878/21]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the safe return to school for all primary and second level schools; if she is satisfied regarding the adequacy of the safety arrangements in the context of the prevention of the spread of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4879/21]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects all special needs classes to be restored throughout the country subject to best safety practices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4881/21]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Education if evaluation still remains an option in respect of junior and leaving certificate examinations in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4882/21]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which special needs classes at primary and second level will be available throughout County Kildare when schools reopen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4883/21]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Education the alternative arrangements available to leaving certificate or junior certificate students in 2021 if conventional exams are not an option; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4884/21]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in the processing of the request for access to a school (details supplied) via an entrance having particular regard to the health and safety issues involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4885/21]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Education the progress towards the relocation of a school (details supplied) to the proposed three school campus at Donaghcumper, Celbridge, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4886/21]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for new primary and secondary schools in the areas of Coolock, Raheny and Artane, Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [4979/21]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Education when it is planned to announce details for 2021 leaving certificate examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4982/21]

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

\*170. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider permitting the extension of a placement on a community employment scheme for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [4781/21]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed regarding access to eye care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4959/21]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid out by county in supplementary welfare in January 2021 to date; and the general reason for each payment in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [4576/21]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment and employment wage subsidy schemes will be extended past March 2021; if special consideration will be given to especially hard-hit sectors such as aviation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [4585/21]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost in a full year if the disability allowance increased by €5.50. — Brian Stanley. [4635/21]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will urgently review the community employment scheme eligibility criteria to address the nationwide recruitment crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4735/21]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the recruitment shortfall in a service (details supplied); and the steps she plans to take to address this matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4736/21]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details regarding the continuation of school meals during Covid restriction particularly in relation to the frequency of deliveries; the quality of food provided; the nutritional value of the food provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [4780/21]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has explored adding long Covid to the list of prescribed occupational illnesses for the purposes of the occupational injury scheme; if so, the estimated or range of estimates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4790/21]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has explored extending the duration that Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit may be paid beyond the current maximum of ten weeks; if so, the estimated cost or range of estimates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4791/21]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons aged between 18 and 24 years of age who are in receipt of a reduced jobseeker's payment. — Claire Kerrane. [4831/21]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are currently delays to applications for carer's allowance; and the average length of time for an application for carer's allowance to be complete. — Gary Gannon. [4969/21]

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

\*182. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding support for crèches 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 he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4779/21]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is expected that ECCE programme is likely to be safely restored in conjunction with best safety practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4880/21]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applicants per year under the Magdalen restorative redress scheme since 2015; the number of survivors who have successfully obtained the 2015A medical card; the effectiveness of the redress scheme as it pertains to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4972/21]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection has undertaken a review of issues in relation to the parental rights of LGBTQ+ families using surrogacy and other forms of assisted human reproduction; if he will publish this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4626/21]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding supports available for those categorised as essential workers with regard to childcare and crèche fees; if those who are currently working from home and therefore not availing of crèche services are obliged to pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [4733/21]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports available from his Department to crèche operators and to parents of children attending crèche facilities in circumstances in which those attending are categorised as children of essential workers; if he will clarify who qualifies as an essential worker in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [4734/21]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is planned to introduce the increase in parental leave from two to five weeks promised in Budget 2021; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4844/21]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the promised legislation which will extend parent's leave from two to five weeks in addition to the development of the information technology system to process the benefit; when this extension of parent's leave will be fully implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [4867/21]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of enacting legislation to increase paid parent's leave from two to five weeks for each parent of all children born or adopted on or after 1 November 2019; the steps he is taking to bring forth this legislation quickly; if there is an expected timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4968/21]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date by which the parent's leave and benefit announced in the budget will be introduced. — Mairéad Farrell. [4976/21]

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

\*192. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the employment status of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [4715/21]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if educational courses that require placements are seeking public health advice before asking students to go ahead with such placements; if not, if he will request that such advice be sought on behalf of students to ensure their health and safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4829/21]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will request UCD to accede to the demands of certain master’s degree student for a 30% fee cut given the abnormal circumstances of the academic year and financial pressure on their parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [4589/21]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to introduce a return of service arrangement for those studying graduate entry medicine allowing for a waiving of student fees in return for working in the HSE for a set period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4716/21]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to assist students in third-level education who cannot access placements due to Covid-19 restrictions; his plans to put alternative proposals in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [4743/21]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of male and female apprentices, respectively in County Cork; the measures being examined to further increase the number of female participants; when the Action Plan on Apprenticeships will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [4928/21]

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

\*198. To ask the Minister for Justice the remedy available to residents who discover that their owners’ management company has not established a sinking fund contrary to the Multi-Unit Development Act 2011. — Paul Murphy. [4617/21]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Justice the remedy available to residents who discover that their owners’ management company has not held an AGM within the timeframe set out in the company constitution and according to the relevant legislation. — Paul Murphy. [4618/21]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure in place at Dublin Airport and ferry ports to check PCR test certificates for incoming passengers; if her attention has been drawn to reports that at the moment there is very little checking of certificates by INIS officials; if she has discussed this matter with her counterpart in the Northern Ireland Executive in order to put in place an all-island approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4543/21]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to each station in Cork city and county; the role of each, that is, community garda, traffic corps and so on in tabular form; and the opening times of each station. — Sean Sherlock. [4579/21]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of 1200cc, 1400cc and 1500cc motorcycles, respectively in the Garda fleet. — Brian Stanley. [4628/21]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Justice the costs for security, electricity and maintenance of the old Cork prison building from 2016 to date in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [4662/21]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Justice her future plans to develop the site of the old Cork Prison in view of the need for community amenities in the area. — Thomas Gould. [4663/21]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagement and contribution the Irish Prison Service has with those in the vicinity of the old and new Cork prisons. — Thomas Gould. [4664/21]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Justice if gardaí are equipped with scanners to read microchips on horses and dogs; if so, the number of scanners possessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4708/21]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of road traffic collisions in each of the years 2018 to 2020 in each of the Garda districts in Cork; the number which resulted in a fatality, serious injury and fatality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4710/21]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision in respect of residency status will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4730/21]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Justice if applicant members of An Garda Síochána are required to have full Irish citizenship. — John Brady. [4788/21]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagement that has taken place between the local authority and her Department in relation to transferring the old Bray Courthouse, Boghall Road, Bray, County Wicklow to Wicklow County Council for public and community use; the estimated timeframe for this transfer of ownership to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [4793/21]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Justice when the terms of reference and the structure of a cross-agency taskforce to consider the mental health and addiction challenges of those in prison following on from the Council of Europe committee on the prevention of torture report, will be finalised and the task force will be set up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4815/21]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Justice if the proposed cross-agency taskforce to consider the mental health and addiction challenges of those in prison will be engaging in a public consultation as part of their work; the proposed nature of the consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4816/21]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Justice if there has been a change of policy since 2019 in relation to the prison regime in the Dóchas Centre in Dublin; if there is a policy to align the regime there with the regime in men's prisons; if so, the reason for this given Ireland voted along with 192 other

nations to unanimously pass the Bangkok Rules at the United Nations relating to the need to respect and meet the special characteristics and needs of women in the criminal justice system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4817/21]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of animals reported stolen or missing to An Garda Síochána nationally in the ten years up to and including 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4850/21]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 445 of 20 January 2021, the reason for the discrepancy in the figures provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4851/21]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Justice if the family settlement unit has been established and is operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [4861/21]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Justice if de facto partnership immigration permission applications are currently being processed by her Department; if so, the unit processing same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [4862/21]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Justice the average length of time between receipt of a complete de facto partnership immigration permission application in 2020 and the provision of a decision on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [4863/21]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 342 of 10 December 2020, the progress made to address the unsuitable detention of immigration detainees in prisons and the need for a specifically designed centre for immigration detainees with specific immigration rules in accordance with the Council of Europe anti-torture committee's seventh periodic visit report on Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4965/21]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of progress made as part of the review of the minimum sentencing policy under section 29 of the Judicial Council Act 2019; the details of the process; the expected timeline; and her views on the need to consult the public as part of the review. — Gary Gannon. [4970/21]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times he has spoken with or written to his counterpart in the UK Government and in the Stormont Executive in relation to coordinating international travel restrictions to combat Covid-19; the date of each physical and virtual meeting, phone call or letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4539/21]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the orthopaedic chair prescribed by their occupational therapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [4540/21]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Health if persons who need to attend hospital in order to receive dialysis treatment will be given the same priority allocation as nursing home residents in the Covid-19 vaccination priority list as they are a vulnerable high risk group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4541/21]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Health the category of the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out plan a home (details supplied) falls into; and when it can expect to receive the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4546/21]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Health if the priority of dialysis patients for the Covid-19 vaccination will be reviewed given their vulnerability and the frequency of their hospital visits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4580/21]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 to provide for the inclusion of trace amounts of tetrahydrocannabinol up to 0.3% in view of the current lack of legal clarity for shop owners selling cannabidiol products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [4581/21]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Health if private hospitals will be utilised to address the growing waiting lists in public hospitals due to the Covid-19 crisis; if contingency planning for the post-Covid-19 health crisis is taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4582/21]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Health if all staff involved in special education will be prioritised for Covid-19 vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [4588/21]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health the number patients in County Kerry referred for treatment under the treatment purchase scheme in 2020; the treatments provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4590/21]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health when social care workers working in children's residential homes will be vaccinated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [4591/21]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to maintain lactation consultancy services throughout the Covid-19 crisis and restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [4599/21]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant delays experienced by allied healthcare professionals in receiving their CORU registration; his plans to speed up the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [4603/21]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available to a voluntary organisation (details supplied) for the provision of autism workshops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [4622/21]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to help persons who are living alone to get the vaccine; and if there will be home visits. — Seán Canney. [4625/21]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing numbers for the HSE pest control services in CHO8; and if there are vacancies awaiting to be filled. — Brian Stanley. [4633/21]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment; the position of the child on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4639/21]



\*237. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for audiology appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway for children and adults; his plans to address the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4640/21]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Health when all staff in private hospitals will be offered the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [4645/21]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health the reason carers fall into different levels when it comes to the Covid-19 vaccination programme; the reason it was decided to treat them differently to others in the healthcare system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [4650/21]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health if the cost of bringing St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir up to the standard the HSE says it does not meet was identified before the decision to repurpose it was made; if so, if the relevant documents will be provided in relation to same; and if not, the reason a cost estimate was not compiled before it was deemed too costly to address. — Martin Browne. [4652/21]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of positive Covid-19 cases among residents in all nursing homes registered from 14 December 2020 to 17 January 2021; the number that have died; and the number admitted to hospital care and ICU hospital care. — Joan Collins. [4653/21]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 vaccine will be administered to a person (details supplied) who is at risk of infection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4661/21]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients seen by SouthDoc in Cork city in 2019 and 2020, respectively. — Thomas Gould. [4665/21]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Health the average time from triage call to a doctors' visit in SouthDoc, Cork city in December 2019 and December 2020, respectively. — Thomas Gould. [4666/21]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider moving patients on dialysis to the highest level in order to offer them the Covid-19 vaccine as quickly as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [4675/21]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Health when childcare workers will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if they are the classed as essential workers. — Martin Browne. [4676/21]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider moving patients with COPD to the highest level in order to offer them the Covid-19 vaccine as quickly as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [4677/21]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contacts he has had with the Northern Ireland Minister for Health since 1 January 2021; the dates and nature of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [4680/21]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health if passenger data for persons who are travelling to Northern Ireland via Dublin airport is being shared with the Northern Ireland Executive on public health grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [4686/21]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Health the number of meetings and contacts officials of his Department have had with their counterparts in the Northern Ireland Department of Health since 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [4688/21]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Health if sub-groups within category 7 of the national Covid-19 vaccination programme will be prioritised ahead of others in that cohort on the basis of urgent medical need; the way in which this will be achieved in practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4696/21]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a return of service arrangement for those studying graduate entry medicine allowing for a waiving of student fees in return for working in the HSE for a set period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [4714/21]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will consider the proposed vaccine buddy system for nursing home residents. — Cathal Crowe. [4717/21]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Health when the SouthDoc service in Blackpool, Cork is due to reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4722/21]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Health if workers at An Post and those working in An Post sorting offices are being considered for prioritisation in the Covid-19 vaccine groups given the roles undertaken by workers in face-to-face work with the wider public and the challenges posed in maintaining social distancing within sorting depots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [4727/21]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties tied up in the fair deal scheme; and the number of these homes that are currently vacant. — Eoin Ó Broin. [4728/21]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Health if the agreement with private hospitals includes a provision to maintain a specified amount of additional reserve capacity in the event that the 30% capacity is reached or exceeded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4737/21]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure the compliance of private hospitals with the maintenance of a 30% capacity for public use during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4738/21]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Health the limitations placed on the provision of non-essential medical treatment by private hospitals under the public use agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4739/21]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Health the total and monthly cost of the agreement with private hospitals to reserve capacity for public use; the amount paid to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4740/21]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Health when clarification will be provided to the medically vulnerable as to the category they will be included in under the vaccine roll-out programme. — Emer Higgins. [4745/21]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners will be permitted to fill out assessment forms for primary medical certificates in view of the difficulties some are having in getting their

applications in due to the pressure that Covid-19 is putting on the health system. — Cathal Crowe. [4748/21]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of a premises (details supplied) in County Tipperary; if the commitment to open it after Christmas has been realised; if the seven staff positions advertised have been selected and staff taken on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [4776/21]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered a mental health support plan aimed at business owners who face an uncertain future given the impact of the Covid-19 restrictions on their livelihoods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [4777/21]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure that a possible increase in persons developing mental health issues due to the Covid crisis is being adequately catered for given the pressure the health service is under; his views on the likelihood that there is an increased need for services at a time when the ability to provide those services is reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [4778/21]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a facility (details supplied) has not been advised to date when a Covid-19 vaccination will be available to it, has not been advised when the vaccine will be administered to residents and no contact has been made to make preliminary enquiries to secure informed consent; the date for inoculation in the facility; if the residents will be prioritised given that all fall within the most vulnerable category of persons requiring vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [4789/21]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE executive management team will consider the recommendations and decide on the approval for reimbursement of the drug dupilumab; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [4802/21]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Health the commitments he and the HSE have made to include patient, service user and public opinions in the design, planning and delivery of health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [4805/21]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds and ICU beds that make up the 30% of beds acquired from the private hospital sector. — Joan Collins. [4807/21]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Health when front-line nursing and care staff working within residential disability services at Cregg House Sligo and Cloonamahon Sligo and community houses linked to both will be offered and receive the Covid vaccination; the date for same; the process of determining the schedule; the reason the National Immunisation Advisory Committee has not been the body determining the priority list of when and who receives vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [4808/21]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Health if a nurse contracts Covid-19 and consequent associated illness prevents attendance at work, that following a period of 28 days the nurse in question must offset further or continuing absence due to Covid-related illness from sick leave days prescribed in their contract; if a nurse due to non-Covid-related illness which has or may require the use and exhaustion of prescribed sick leave days will not be financially disadvantaged and penalised due to Covid-related illness causing more than the 28 days currently prescribed as the maximum supported period for such absence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [4809/21]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons covered under the GMS for a medical card and general practitioner card, respectively including dependents between those under 70 years of age and those over 70 years of age; the estimated annual cost of the provision of these services by those under 70 and over 70 years of age, respectively and by general practitioner cards and medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4827/21]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of doubling the income limit for eligibility for both the full medical card and the general practitioner card for those under 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4828/21]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Health if therapeutic staff for children with complex needs will be redeployed in any capacity in relation to the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [4832/21]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Health the position of dialysis patients in the allocation group for Covid-19 vaccines given that they are regularly in hospital and the increased risk to them of the transmission of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4833/21]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Health if a product (details supplied) has been evaluated for reimbursement; if so, the status of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4834/21]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting psychiatric appointments in Letterkenny University Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [4835/21]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the significant delays being experienced by allied healthcare professionals in receiving their CORU registration resulting in many newly qualified occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and physiotherapists being unable to apply for available jobs and in some cases having to take up job offers abroad; if his attention has been further drawn to professionals who have returned to Ireland and are waiting on their registration to be processed; the steps he will take to rectify the matter given that these professionals are badly needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [4846/21]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Health if all CHO8 staff involved in Covid-19 testing and swabbing and specifically at the Mullingar and Longford test centres have received the Covid-19 vaccination; and if not, when vaccination is planned for same. — Joe Flaherty. [4848/21]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that his Department monitors and tracks the development of the new drug omaveloxolone which presents the first real breakthrough treatment for Friedreich's ataxia patients (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [4849/21]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the vaccination priority for transplant and dialysis patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4852/21]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve the use of pulse oximetry to detect early deterioration of patients with Covid-19 in primary and community care settings similar to the NHS in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [4859/21]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow general practitioners to deliver the Covid-19 vaccine to persons over 70 years of age as they have successfully administered the flu vaccine to this age group in the past; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4860/21]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Health if transplant recipients and patients undergoing dialysis are to be prioritised for Covid-19 vaccine; the vaccination group they are in; and when they can expect to receive a vaccination. — Sorca Clarke. [4870/21]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner referrals made to see a consultant for each month in 2020; the average per month in 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4872/21]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients seen by a consultant each month in 2020; the average per month for 2018 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [4873/21]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 336 of 14 January 2021, if additional measures will be introduced in co-ordination with the authorities in Northern Ireland to ensure that restrictions on travel are strictly implemented regardless of persons being ordinarily resident in this State or not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4900/21]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the travel restrictions which apply in law to citizens of the Republic of Ireland under regulations governed by the provisions of section 31A of the Health Act 1947 cannot as it stands, be applied and enforced to restrict the movements of, for example, Northern Ireland residents and others who are not residents of the Republic of Ireland; his views on whether the relevant regulations must be amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [4902/21]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Health the additional mental health supports available to front-line health workers given they are now in the midst of the greatest pressures they have faced since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic and while exhausted continue to persevere, despite high levels of stress and anxiety, to protect the public and keep the health service from collapse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [4907/21]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time before a person unable to attend a Covid-19 test centre in person is contacted by a community health team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4908/21]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outbreaks of Covid-19 in meat processing plants by county from 1 November 2020, in tabular form. — Matt Carthy. [4909/21]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff working at Mayo University Hospital vaccinated against Covid-19 during January 2021, by grade in tabular form; the number of staff yet to be vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [4927/21]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Health if the preferred bidder was awarded the contract to supply the information technology system for the vaccination programme; the criteria used in the bidding process; the scoring differences between the preferred bidder and the awardee; the reason behind

any decision taken to award the contract to a company other than the preferred bidder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4930/21]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions for eating disorders in each month over the past year; the projected impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on eating disorder prevalence; the reason the full spending allocated to eating disorders was not used in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [4931/21]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Health the specialist and dedicated diabetic services and personnel available in County Louth in the community, in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and in Louth County Hospital for patients with diabetes; his plans to increase availability and resources to treat such patients and to further improve services; if there are vacancies or gaps in the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [4933/21]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of a public health consultant grade; the number of posts that will be assigned to each HSE area in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4945/21]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that in cases in which maternity services know that distressing or potentially distressing information is being presented to patients in maternity services that patients will be allowed to have their partner or an accompanying person with them in the context of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4946/21]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Health if the current guidance from the National Women and Infants Health Programme will be made available to maternity hospitals and services regarding restrictions on partners and accompanying persons attending the labour and prenatal appointments in the maternity services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4947/21]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Health his views on putting in place the resources to extend the medical assessment unit opening hours in Bantry General Hospital to a 24/7 basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4948/21]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for elective surgery in each hospital in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4949/21]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting on a hospital based health waiting list by the speciality procedure they are on the list for; the length of time they have been on same by hospital at the end of December 2020 or the latest date available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4950/21]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the non-allocation of funding to the national eating disorder treatment plan for 2020 and the non-spend of the €1.6 million allocated in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4951/21]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Health the details of progress made in addressing the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders Goals 2019-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4952/21]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken since taking office to ensure the development of eating disorder treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4953/21]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the HSE withdrawing funding for a lactation consultant in Dublin south east and its anticipated impact on nursing mothers. — Holly Cairns. [4954/21]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lactation consultants employed by the HSE in each operational area; the ratio of consultants to mothers on which this number is based in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4955/21]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in meeting each of the objectives of Breastfeeding in a Healthy Ireland Health Service Breastfeeding Action Plan 2016-2021 as of 25 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4956/21]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken since taking office to ensure progress in reaching the objectives of the breastfeeding in a Healthy Ireland Health Service Breastfeeding Action Plan 2016-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4957/21]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 448 of 10 December 2020, the progress made to address the issues raised in relation to the care afforded to vulnerable prisoners notably those with a mental illness in the Council of Europe anti-torture committee's seventh periodic visit report on Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4958/21]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health if a PPSN is required to access the maternity and infant care scheme which provides for essential medical care during pregnancy. — Gary Gannon. [4971/21]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have applied for the HAA medical card; the number of rejected applications under this scheme; the reasons for rejection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4973/21]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health the details regarding the hepatitis C liaison officers that have rejected medical bills applied for through the HAA scheme. — Gary Gannon. [4974/21]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HAA cards which have been revoked or suspended; the reason for revocation and suspension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [4975/21]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on inpatient and outpatient waiting lists in Beaumont Hospital. — Denise Mitchell. [4978/21]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Covid-19 vaccination programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [4983/21]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health if the EU Cross-Border Directive is affected by Brexit for Irish patients seeking to have surgeries in the UK; and if so, the changes in this regard. — Gino Kenny. [4984/21]

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

\*317. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to protect native honey bees; the impact non-native honey bees are having on biodiversity in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [4913/21]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans and the steps he is taking to establish a mutual recognition of the sanitary and phytosanitary standards relating to the agri-food sector is reached between the EU and UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4943/21]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the monitoring of factory ships (details supplied) taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4697/21]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a GLAS penalty appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4631/21]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a calf investment scheme grant payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [4641/21]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the ban on craynet fishing and landing of crayfish off the county Kerry and Cork coasts from Loop Head to Mizen Head (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4684/21]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a series of issues in relation to the fishing and landing of crayfish (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4687/21]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a plan (details supplied) for the inshore sector was not adopted; the reason he has not engaged with fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4689/21]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding commercial fishing policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4690/21]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1142 of 13 January 2021, if he will provide the information requested, that is, the names of the greyhounds injured and killed at tracks and the cause of each injury and death including greyhounds destroyed by vets and greyhounds that died as a result of racing fatalities by greyhound track in tabular form. — Joan Collins. [4691/21]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the introduction of bans as a way of conservation instead of the sustainable management of fisheries (details supplied); the steps he will take to rectify the matter and a series of other matters in the fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4692/21]



\*328. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding inshore fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4693/21]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the fisheries sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4695/21]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4698/21]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fishermen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4699/21]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [4700/21]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the next generation EU funds will be allocated under pillar II of CAP for 2021, by line of expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [4711/21]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of fines and prosecutions made under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 by county in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4718/21]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is paying a retainer to Cork City Council for animal pounds and horse welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4719/21]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a review of the sentencing regime of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 has commenced as per the commitment in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4720/21]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide further information on his plans to develop an urban horse welfare programme to work with local authorities as committed to in the Programme for Government; his plans to legislate for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [4721/21]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if animals in laboratories are protected under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013. — Neasa Hourigan. [4749/21]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS 2020 payment for persons (details supplied) will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [4799/21]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consideration he is giving to providing further and substantial assistance to the oyster shell fish industry in view of the collapse

of the market for oysters due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4818/21]

\*341. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén dul chun cinn atá déanta le trí mhí anuas maidir leis an réamhobair i dtaobh calafort domhain a fhorbairt i Ros a'Mhíl; cén uair a bhfuiltear ag súil leis an réamhobair sin ar fad a bheith críochnaithe agus cead a bheith faighte tairiscintí a lorg le haghaidh na hoibre; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [4820/21]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will insist on the suspension of the student placement component as part of the certificate in agriculture QQI level 5 and QQI level 6 courses in view of the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [4874/21]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the intended timeframe for the establishment of a food ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4905/21]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of new places that will be provided on the organic farm scheme in 2021; the criteria that will apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [4906/21]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current policy in relation to the sale and importation of non-native Irish honeybees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [4912/21]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on introducing a new decommissioning scheme in view of the reduction in Ireland's fishing quota; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4935/21]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of landings of non-quota pelagic species including inter alia, sprat, anchovies, sardines and pilchards caught within Ireland's six nautical mile territorial limit between 1 January and 31 December 2020; the baselines in 2020; the percentage of these landings that came from vessels over 18 metres in length; the number of vessels in that category that contributed to these landings; the percentage of these landings came from vessels under 18 metres in length; the number of vessels in this category that contributed to these landings in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4937/21]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure there is an equitable level of representation of all sectors of the seafood industry on the task force he recently announced particularly the Inshore fishing sector which accounts for the majority of the wild capture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4938/21]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of active off-register or on-shelf replacement capacity tonnage and kilowatts in existence in the refrigerated sea water polyvalent general on vessels over 18 metres and polyvalent under 18 metres fleet segments; the way in which this replacement capacity could prevent the objectives of any decommissioning scheme; and the action he is taking to address the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4939/21]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if individual fleet segments will be targeted in the decommissioning scheme; the safeguards that will be put in place to prevent unsustainable investment in other fleet segments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4940/21]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on putting in place funding for farm-led trialling of organic protein crops that could be produced in Ireland to reduce reliance on imported soy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4941/21]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if research or analysis will be made available carried out by his Department or a body working with or on behalf of his Department on the impact of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada on the Irish agri-food sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [4942/21]

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

\*353. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there are plans to amend the community call documentation to explicitly include as a target group those being asked to isolate as part of test and trace and those being asked to restrict their movements on travelling here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [4713/21]