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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach the number of contacts he has had with the Northern Ireland First Minister or Deputy First Minister since 1 January 2021; and the dates and nature of same. — Brendan Howlin. [4678/21]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for and order of citizens' assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Thomas Gould. [5207/21]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a full list of the current Cabinet committees; the frequency of meetings for each; and the membership and function of each. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5869/21]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a full list of the current functions, units and divisions within his Department. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5870/21]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of pending publications from the NESC. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5871/21]

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

*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to introducing a scheme similar to that devised by the Scottish Government to assist workers in the wedding industry sector (details supplied) whose incomes have been devastated by the lockdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5947/21]

*7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the sale of children's shoes has been recognised as an essential service; the options available to parents for their children that have outgrown their shoes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [4992/21]

*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount provided to each bank through the future growth loan scheme; the amount loaned out by those banks under the scheme; the banks that are currently at the maximum and not at the maximum, respectively; and the amount banks have yet to loan out in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [5044/21]

*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the trading online voucher will be reverted back to 90% of a grant due to the fact that Ireland is in level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5081/21]

*10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses and primary farming producers in County Tipperary that have received and have been refused supports under the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme since September 2020, in tabular form; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that businesses and primary farming producers that have been refused loans through the credit guarantee scheme are now being directed to apply for loans directly from these lending institutions at a higher interest rate; his plans to address these issues being experienced by applicants to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5162/21]

*11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a dispute at a company (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [5219/21]

*12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of HSA inspections of meat processing plants that have been carried out for compliance with Covid-19 regulations since 10 September 2020; the number that were unannounced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5242/21]

*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the responsibilities of employers in cases in which an employee contracts Covid-19 in the workplace; the duties of care in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5243/21]

*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for the resumption of click and collect services for non-essential retail due to the disproportionate impact on smaller Irish based independent retailers during level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5272/21]

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the €2 billion allocated to the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme is in the account of the SBCI; if not, if the funds are drawn down by the bank in smaller amounts as required; if so, the location of same; and his plans for the balance of the fund if at the end of June 2021 there is a remaining amount from the €2 billion. — Catherine Murphy. [5292/21]

*16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if local authorities can exercise discretion in cases in which applicants failed to lodge applications for the business restart grant due to ill health, ill health of a family member or other exceptional circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5357/21]

*17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to a tailored support package available to the weddings industry in Scotland (details supplied); and his plans to introduce a similar package here. — Catherine Murphy. [5367/21]

*18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if energy grants are available for the development of a derelict site to set up a new business in a premises in the town centre of Thurles, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5445/21]

*19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available to small hairdressing and salon businesses which are closed due to level 5 restrictions and struggling to meet non-payroll related costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5463/21]

*20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason for the reduction in funding under the trading online voucher from 90% to 50% funding at the end of December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5502/21]

*21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to seek an extension to the redundancy moratorium set to end on 31 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5527/21]

*22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps being taken to ensure security of steel supply for Irish companies in view that there is a fear in the sector of a shortage of supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5513/21]

*23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the value of approvals made under the future growth loan scheme to date. — Pearse Doherty. [5645/21]

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the value of lending permitted under the future growth loan scheme by each lender accepting loan applications for the scheme. — Pearse Doherty. [5646/21]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the basis on which permitted total lending per lender was decided or allocated under the future growth loan scheme. — Pearse Doherty. [5647/21]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the remaining capacity for lending under the future growth loan scheme disaggregated by each participating lender. — Pearse Doherty. [5648/21]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider reallocating the remaining capacity under the future growth loan scheme in order that fully subscribed lenders are in a position to lend under the scheme to business customers who wish to avail of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5649/21]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Companies Registration Office will be extending the deadline for annual returns and accounts in view of the extension of the current level 5 lockdown. — Louise O'Reilly. [5706/21]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if concerns have been relayed to his Department by pharmaceutical companies regarding shortages of ingredients or medicines due to the new post-Brexit trading arrangements. — Louise O'Reilly. [5708/21]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a matter will be addressed in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5728/21]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the provision of financial supports to drink wholesalers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5798/21]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the plans in place to enable businesses that have been closed for extended periods of time due to Covid-19 restrictions

to reopen in a manner that takes into account their changed financial situations; his plans to assist these businesses to reopen in a manner that will meet the changed business landscape that will result from the impact of the virus; his plans to avoid a cliff-edge withdrawal of supports once it becomes appropriate for them to reopen; his further plans to provide them with advice and supports on changing their business model if needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [5816/21]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA visits made to each county in tabular form; his plans for IDA visits given current restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5838/21]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider providing direct financial supports to essential businesses that have remained open during the pandemic but whose turnover is down by more than 50% and whose viability in the current restrictions is now threatened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [5915/21]

*35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will examine the request by an organisation (details supplied) in December 2020 to add this profession to the critical skills occupation list for employment permit purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5946/21]

*36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on claims that there is no need in modern trade deals for the investor court system proposed under CETA; if it is the case that recently concluded international trade agreements such as EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; the EU-Singapore Free Trade and Investment Agreement and EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment have not included an investor-state dispute settlements element or have even removed them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [6023/21]

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

*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the savings made by the EEOS by type of customer, that is, commercial, private and energy poverty; and the social impact analysis and the average efficiency gain per customer, that is, average depth of retrofit. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5993/21]

*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the impact of the EEOS on customer bills. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5995/21]

*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an annual update on the implementation on the Strategy to Combat Energy Poverty was made between 2016 and 2019; if so, if a copy will be provided; and if not, the reason. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5996/21]

*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the social policy and public service reform division received annual progress updates from Ministers responsible for energy poverty between 2016 and 2019; if so, if a copy of same will be provided; and if not, the reason. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5997/21]

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his engagements with a company (details supplied) in relation to the acceleration of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5037/21]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his engagements with National Broadband Ireland in relation to delays to the National Broadband Plan due to Covid-19; the details of measures to mitigate delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5038/21]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the expenditure priorities of Ireland for the EU Just Transition Fund in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1390/21]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the impacts of Covid-19 on energy poverty and lack of access to working-from-home communications infrastructure are being evaluated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1391/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason an Eircode was deactivated at a property (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [5147/21]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [5220/21]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered expanding the criteria for free home energy grants to those who are not eligible for the fuel allowance or other assistance but unable to pay for the upgrade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5265/21]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the burning of peat briquettes will cease. — Robert Troy. [5271/21]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of the correct Eircode for Steeple House, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5298/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the budget allocated to each retrofit scheme (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5353/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a maximum amount a person or household is allowed claim in various grants from the SEAI in one year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5354/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount each of the top ten persons and households claimed from the SEAI using various grant schemes in each of the years 2016 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5355/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons and households that claimed more than €20,000 in various grants combined from the

SEAI in each of the years 2016 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5356/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of engagements he and or his officials have had with ComReg and the EU Commission in respect of the extent to which his Department and National Broadband Ireland is intervening in the intervention area in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [5359/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the price per connection paid to National Broadband Ireland in respect of connections made in the intervention areas; and the capital subsidy in addition to the fee per connection. — Catherine Murphy. [5360/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount paid to private operators offering wholesale broadband services inside the intervention areas in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [5361/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter in relation to retrofitting in the home of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5437/21]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if customers will be paid for the energy that they create themselves in relation to the proposed microgeneration support scheme; if so, the cost; if there is a surplus generated by the customer, if the surplus will be sold back to the grid; if so, the cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5446/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which is it open to local authorities to remunicipalise domestic waste collection services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5459/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if it is open to local authorities to use franchising to remunicipalise domestic waste collection services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5460/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the bodies and organisations that will be consulted in the establishment of a deposit and return scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5488/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 57 of 20 January 2021, if he will state his explicit commitment to legislate for a ban on oil and gas exploration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5489/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding in Budget 2021 which has been set aside for the establishment and resourcing of the national retrofit delivery office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5490/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the potential for carbon capture and storage technology to facilitate the decarbonisation of the

electricity generation sector; the engagement his Department has had in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [5494/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the additional measures he is considering to facilitate long-term working from home in addition to legislating for the right to work from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5519/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is grant aid available for the installation of air to water heating systems in new domestic builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5541/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an area (details supplied) will avail of high-speed broadband . — Robert Troy. [5542/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated timeframe for broadband to be made available in a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [5543/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps his Department is taking to improve and expand the remit of cybersecurity across Government. — Cormac Devlin. [5546/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of cybersecurity attacks and breaches there has been across each Department over the past five years. — Cormac Devlin. [5547/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the celtic interconnector proposal as of 31 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5629/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to delays for applicants of the warmer homes scheme; if he has been in touch with the SEAI; the action being taken to tackle these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5650/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if gold prospecting is defined as essential work during the current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5668/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the urgent need for the rapid roll-out of broadband in view of the fact that more persons are working and learning from home (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [5724/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the provision of broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5726/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications received by SEAI for the better energy warmer homes schemes in 2019 and 2020; the

average timescale of work being completed once approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5737/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the work being carried out to speed up the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in view of the fact that some persons have reported that their jobs may be on the line due to their subpar internet access in rural areas. — Cathal Crowe. [5789/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress of implementation of a nationwide ban on smoky coal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5829/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the forecasted completion date of high-speed broadband roll-out to premises in County Tipperary; and the current status of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan including promised properties and delivered properties in County Tipperary. — Mattie McGrath. [5912/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to implement the recommendations of a report (details supplied) in relation to post offices. — Sean Sherlock. [6024/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport the contact he has made with Bus Éireann regarding the planned cessation of X8 expressway bus links in County Tipperary; his views on this decision in the context of plan to reduce carbon emissions; his views on this decision in view of the poor level of rural transport available to persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [5016/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered implementing measures to reduce the price of electric cars to give buyers a wider variety of options given that the importing of used cars from the UK is no longer economically viable due to VAT increasing the price of second-hand cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5031/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport the contact he has made with Bus Éireann regarding the planned cessation of X12 expressway bus links in County Tipperary; his views on this decision in the context of his plan to reduce carbon emissions; his further views on this decision in view of the poor level of rural transport available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [5047/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken by his Department to provide support to the aviation sector in the current environment given the effect of Covid-19 on the sector and the thousands of employees who rely on this sector for their livelihood; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5066/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the N5 Ballaghdereen to Scramogue project; when it is anticipated that construction will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [5079/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driver licence will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); when the matter will be successfully concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5092/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the pilot programme by the RSA to examine whether theory tests can be taken online remotely; if this programme was successful; and when applicants will be allowed to sit their driver theory test online in view of the fact that there are thousands of persons on a waiting list to get a slot for same. — Chris Andrews. [5097/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of incoming passengers at Dublin Airport since 16 January 2021. — Patrick Costello. [5101/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of UK licences for drivers living here that were not exchanged before the deadline of 31 December 2020; the steps drivers with Northern Irish licences need to take in relation to same; if the Road Safety Authority and National Drivers Licence Service communications strategy will be evaluated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1382/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the continuing forced ownership of cars for persons in County Donegal as detailed in the research paper Identifying Hotspots of Transport Disadvantage and Car Dependency in Rural Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [1383/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport if alternative public transport options are being considered regarding the decision to cease the Bus Éireann X12 route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [5117/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of inspections for cabotage activity of foreign HGV operators carried out by the Road Safety Authority in each of the years of 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of prosecutions arising from such inspections. — Paul Donnelly. [5120/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of additional buses across all networks for Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann during level 5 restrictions; and the services in Dublin 7 and Dublin 15 that received additional buses during this current level 5 lockdown. — Paul Donnelly. [5126/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 150 of 13 January 2021, if an additional query (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5132/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport if the scheme currently in place for drivers aged 70 years of age and over will be extended to facilitate drivers who are immunosuppressed or in a vulnerable health category to renew their driver licence by post if they cannot attend at a NDLS centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5137/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport when an essential worker (details supplied) will receive their licence after passing their test in November 2020. — Sean Sherlock. [5149/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be issued with a heavy goods vehicles' driver test appointment; if this case will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5152/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport the mechanism for a person to travel who has recovered from Covid-19 but who would still test positive to a PCR test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5153/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NDLS will grant an extension of time to a person (details supplied) in respect of a driver license renewal pending their appointment with the immigration services in order to receive their GNIB card; if the difficulties that have arisen due to the Covid-19 pandemic will be taken into account and the extension of time granted to allow the person sufficient time to be provided with a GNIB card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5155/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport when heavy goods vehicle driver tests will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5156/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport if the retendering of bus routes will cease for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5159/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he had with local authorities in relation to developing priority cycle routes along existing tertiary roads and available roadside space; if funding will be provided for the development of such routes; if a pilot programme will be considered to gauge the effectiveness of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5163/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the northern ring road; and if this will be progressed further when a decision is made on the M20 route in 2021. — Thomas Gould. [5209/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost and timeline of the M20. — Thomas Gould. [5210/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a driver test; the number that are essential workers; the number waiting for driver theory tests in tabular form; and his plans to provide funding to ease the backlog once level 5 restrictions are eased. — Thomas Gould. [5218/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the development of a walkability study that would assist local authorities in ensuring their areas are accessible for those with disabilities. — Thomas Gould. [5223/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the additional personnel in local authorities working on cycling infrastructure; the number of personnel needed to implement the school streets initiative; the projected funds needed per local authority to roll out the initiative across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5305/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts being made to address the delays being experienced by learner drivers in accessing the driver theory test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5312/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider amending S.I. No. 527/2007 - Road Traffic (Recognition of foreign Driving Licences) Order 2007 to include territories that secured a

swap for a UK licence that would allow a driver to continue driving in this State. — Sean Sherlock. [5314/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a driver licence application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5365/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport if Ireland has achieved the required reduction of 6% in greenhouse gas intensity as required under the EU Fuel Quality Directive as mandated by the end of 2020; if not, the penalties being imposed on fuel suppliers that have not complied with the reduction in greenhouse gas intensity requirements; and the estimated likely return to the Exchequer from these penalties in 2021 and subsequent years until compliance is achieved. — Robert Troy. [5370/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to move the CPC course (details supplied) to an online platform similar to the UK in order to reduce the risk for participants during level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5400/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport if learner permits which are due for renewal during this period of public health restrictions will be extended until restrictions are lifted; if so, the extended period proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5461/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has put in place facilities for essential workers awaiting theory tests and driver tests in order that they can qualify to drive to their place of employment; if it is possible to do theory tests online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [5485/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NCT is deemed an essential service; the rationale for its change of status since the first lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5528/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of CIÉ pension holders in 52 scheme negotiations; if the pension holders will receive an increase in their pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5534/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether all future provision of urban-style bus services should use electric buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [5558/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional funding will be made available to secure provision of an urban-style bus service in Carlow town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [5559/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport if an interim and safe measure will be devised to allow the primarily young cohort of persons to practice driving within the confines of public health and road safety guidelines given the recent extension to the level 5 restrictions and the significant backlog that exists for driver theory testing (details supplied). — Malcolm Noonan. [5560/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied with the level of engagement between his Department and Bus Éireann following a decision by Bus Éireann to suspend the X12 expressway route between Dublin and Limerick and the X8 expressway route between Dublin and Cork; if he is

satisfied there is an alternative level of connectivity on other transport networks which commuters can access with ease when the X12 and X8 expressway routes are fully suspended; his views on the removal of the X12 and X8 expressway routes; if the X12 and X8 expressway routes have previously or are currently in receipt of funding through the public service obligation subsidy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5596/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the MetroLink development as of 31 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5628/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport the uptake of the bike to work scheme from its launch to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5630/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport the uptake of the-bike-to-work scheme from its launch to 2020; the percentage of uptake in each sector of employment such as agriculture, service and industry in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5631/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to further enhance the-bike-to-work scheme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5632/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports his Department will provide to the airline industry in view of the tighter travel restrictions. — Peadar Tóibín. [5637/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the road traffic (miscellaneous provisions) Bill; when the legislation will be brought before Dáil Éireann; the way in which this legislation will address the use of e-scooters on the roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5669/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) considered an essential worker can apply for a professional driver licence. — Duncan Smith. [5701/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of state aid provided to date or planned to provide support to the aviation sector due to the economic impact of Covid-19; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5746/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the introduction of the road traffic (miscellaneous provisions) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [5777/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport if grants for wheelchair buses or taxis are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5787/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV grants awarded by the SEAI for each model of eligible EV listed on its website in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5804/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the provision of a new road (details supplied) in County Kildare. — Duncan Smith. [5809/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport if a further extension to driver licences that have expired or are due to expire in the coming weeks is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [5810/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to provide funding to complete the northern ring road in Athenry, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5839/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport if mechanisms have been put in place to ensure continuity of the provisions of the sixth Motor Insurance Directive 2009/103/EC allowing persons resident here who are injured in road traffic accidents which occur in Northern Ireland to bring legal proceedings in this jurisdiction; if so, the details of those mechanisms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5842/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to roll-out the community involvement scheme for local authorities in 2021; the funding that will be provided for the repair of semi-public roads through Cork County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5876/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers arriving into Ireland on a weekly basis since 11 January 2021, by country of departure including seaports and airports in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5882/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the sign off on the completion of the delivery of the Coonagh-Knockalisheen Road, County Limerick has been delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5889/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of intervention he will take in respect of State airports in the context of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; and his plans to introduce another round of financial assistance to State airports in 2021 and 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [5900/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of intervention he will take in respect of airlines in the context of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; and if he plans to offer a financial assistance package to carriers. — Catherine Murphy. [5901/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the issuing of speeding fines to be based on a driver's income rather than a fixed penalty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5916/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport the level at which driver tests are operating; the estimated backlog or missed tests due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5928/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus stop will be erected at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5931/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of each of the recommendations made by the Aviation Recovery Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5937/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 168 of 8 December 2020 and 46 of 25 November 2020, if his officials have now conducted a thorough consideration of the comprehensive and substantial submission; when he received this submission; the number of staff and former staff involved; if he has sought a response from the Irish Aviation Authority; the process and timetable for the examination of the submission; when he will refer the matter to the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5958/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport if travellers coming into the country via ports or airports and who have to restrict their movements will be provided with secure transport from the airport to their residence or accommodation in order not to risk the spread of Covid-19 on public transport. — Martin Browne. [5960/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who arrived into airports and ports by country of departure in Ireland in each week of January 2021; the number that arrived by the country of origin based on the country that issued their passport; if the figures as published cover charter flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5983/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport if matters raised by a person (details supplied) in correspondence will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5998/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport the airlines that have in 2020 and 2021 sought financial support as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; the amount of financial support sought by each airline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [6004/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional and specific supports he will put in place for workers in the aviation sector in response to the increased restrictions on international travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [6005/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which he plans to use the proceeds of the sale of the State's shares in a company (details supplied) now contained in the connectivity fund to protect and enhance Ireland's air connectivity given the damage the pandemic will have in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [6006/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport when a learner permit will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6007/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport if an exemption under the Air Navigation (Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Orders 1973 and 1989 was granted by his Department in respect of an aircraft on contract to the US military (details supplied) which landed at Shannon Airport at 11.27 am on 28 January 2021, remained at Shannon overnight and took off again at 09.28 am on 29 January 2021; the number of US military personnel on board this aircraft; if the aircraft was carrying weapons or munitions given that the aircraft remained overnight, if the aircraft crew and military passengers were accommodated in a local hotel; if all persons on board this aircraft were required to produce a negative Covid-19 test on arrival in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6022/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will upgrade the R624 Cobh to Carrigtohill road to a national route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [6027/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will carry out a viability study at Bellvelly Bridge, Cobh, County Cork in order to assess if a new bridge is needed to facilitate the rising number of vehicles crossing daily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [6028/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a number of accidents on Bellvelly Bridge, Cobh, County Cork which prevented emergency vehicles from accessing Cobh on a number of occasions in which the emergency vehicles had to turn around and drive back towards Cork city and use an alternative river ferry to access Cobh Island; his plans to upgrade the R624 Cobh route and Bellvelly Bridge in view of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [6029/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will upgrade the R624 route to Cobh, County Cork to a national route and also upgrade the Bellvelly Bridge to maintain the only land access route to Cobh Island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [6030/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if the R624 Cobh, County Cork road will be upgraded to a national road in order to facilitate the Ballynoe urban expansion area on the island of Cobh and also protect the connectivity to the island from the mainland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [6031/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance if a response will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5130/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason support from his Department by way of short-time work support is not taxable when support from jobseeker's support casual dockets is taxable given the impact on workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5917/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason wax type 494 used in the making of wax melts is on the prohibited list for importation from the UK; if this restriction is as a result of Brexit; if there are plans to counteract the restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [5979/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance when a VRT reimbursement will be paid to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6008/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the help-to-buy scheme into 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [4990/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the Covid restrictions support scheme as it is limited and excludes many businesses that have been directed to shut due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [4991/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will request banks to provide a moratorium on loans without imposing penalties or affecting the credit rating of the businesses involved during the Covid-19 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5014/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason an application by a person (details supplied) for the Covid restrictions support scheme was refused; the other supports available for a person in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5021/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of ATMs operated by a company (details supplied) here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5032/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered banning ATMs (details supplied) here as has been done in Amsterdam due to large hidden fees and misleading information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5033/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance if donations to non-SIPO-registered far-right political entities through online crowdfunding platforms are counted by the Revenue Commissioners as taxable income; the income that has been declared to the Revenue Commissioners by non-SIPO-registered far-right political entities since 2016; the amount the Revenue Commissioners have collected from taxable income in the form of donations to non-SIPO-registered far-right political entities since 2016; the initiatives which have been or are being taken by the Revenue Commissioners to collect any such tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5034/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance the precise measures in legislation here which ensure adherence to article 28 of the Mortgage Credit Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5043/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Covid restrictions support scheme will be made available to caravan and camping parks in order that they can remain in business when the recovery occurs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [5059/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a business (details supplied) was not eligible to apply for the Covid restrictions support scheme; and the other supports available to this business to keep it afloat during the pandemic. — Chris Andrews. [5091/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance if a refusal of the temporary wage subsidy scheme and employment wage subsidy scheme can be appealed to the Revenue Commissioners and also to the Revenue Appeals Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5096/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures being put in place to calculate benefit-in-kind during the pandemic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5103/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance if calls by the local community in Carlingford County Louth to reinstate the ATM will be supported given the lack of other alternatives for older and vulnerable persons to access cash within their five kilometre Covid-19 restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5114/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance if concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of insurance claims in Ireland will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5128/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance if the criteria for the Covid restrictions support scheme can be reviewed to enable service providers (details supplied) directly affected by hospitality closures be allowed to qualify. — Michael Ring. [5131/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons who claimed remote working relief from the Revenue Commissioners in the most recent tax year for which data is available; the amount of relief provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5151/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance if the €250 SUSI rebate given in November 2020 will not be taxed. — Sean Sherlock. [5164/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid by the National Asset Management Agency to firms carrying out receivership work for the agency in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and the individual amounts received by each named firm for its work for each year in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [5178/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid by the National Asset Management Agency to legal firms and or companies in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and the individual amounts received by each named firm for its work for each year in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [5179/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding a customs decision in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [5198/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance if employees' resident in Northern Ireland are eligible employees under the employment wage subsidy scheme in cases in which their employers are resident here. — Pearse Doherty. [5275/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the terms of reference of the strategic review by a bank (details supplied) in Northern Ireland; if his Department has held talks with the bank on the issue; his views on whether it would be good practice for the bank to discuss the detail of a strategic review with staff representatives prior to decisions being made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5303/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance if the definition of a first-time buyer under the help-to-buy scheme will be clarified; if a first-time buyer includes applicants who are separated or divorced if they meet certain conditions as set out in a similar scheme, namely the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5366/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance if there will be a further extension to the reduction in VAT from 23% to 21%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5377/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if assistance will be provided to a person (details supplied) in relation to the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5383/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of home repossession cases taken by banks and equity funds due to mortgage arrears in the past 12 months; the number of cases which were refused; the number which were successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5388/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that charities have seen their income disseminated and while retail charity shops were a once valuable source of income these shops have remained closed due to Covid-19 restrictions; if the decision not to allow charity retail outlets to apply for the Covid restrictions support scheme will be reconsidered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5405/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the employment wage subsidy scheme for the early years sector beyond the current end date in view of comments made in the media (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5438/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect access to the Covid restrictions support scheme for the travel and tourist industry will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5462/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Covid restrictions support scheme can be amended to support a seasonal business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5465/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in terms of customs charges, duty and VAT associated with an individual importing power tools on a non-commercial basis from the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5466/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to call on insurers to reimburse drivers due to the underuse of vehicles as he did during in April 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5496/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional revenue if the VAT exemption on the management of specified and special investment funds was removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5497/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if an employee enrolled on the wage subsidy scheme in 2020 who has continued to work full-time throughout the pandemic will face a reduction in their income due to the calculation of the scheme as a percentage of an employee's previous net weekly earnings rather than gross weekly earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5505/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to a scheme similar to Covid restrictions support scheme for businesses that do not have a fixed premises; if not, if consideration will be given or to amend the qualifying criteria of the existing scheme in order that these businesses that are also significantly affected by restrictions introduced to combat the Covid-19 pandemic can avail of the support to cover their ongoing expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5535/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications for a scheme (details supplied) from businesses in County Mayo; the number of applications approved; the amount of support paid out to those businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5610/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) has not received VRT quotes; when the situation will be improved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5653/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason an employee (details supplied) who was on the temporary wage subsidy scheme recently received a tax bill for 2020; if it is open to them to query this bill given their circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5666/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will undertake to discuss with the major banks the possibility of allowing a special provision for mortgage payment breaks for those working in the aviation sector given the severe impact on that sector as a result of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5747/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered issuing a commemorative coin to honour front-line workers as has been done in Italy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5814/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the employment wage subsidy scheme beyond 31 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5820/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if the interim benefit-in-kind measures for employees who have a company car or van will be extended into 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5822/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if the spend and save scheme is to be extended past its current termination in April 2021 given the current restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5837/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if the six-month reduction on the respective VAT rates will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5844/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a company (details supplied) that is unable to trade as a result of Covid-19 was refused the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5866/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures his Department is taking to help persons that are shopping online and are being charged exorbitant 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. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5879/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 224 of 27 January 2021, if the sale of the horse by the farmer in question is exempt from income tax when it is with a registered handler rather than a registered trainer given it is with a registered trainer and the sale of the animal is exempt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5906/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter raised in correspondence regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5930/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the proposals there are to improve the conditions applicable to the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6032/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance if new applications are being accepted and if existing applications are being processed for the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6033/21]

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

*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the percentage of the 2014-2020 cohesion policy funds for energy efficiency in buildings that have been spent. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5994/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of a project (details supplied); the number of submissions recently received during the public consultation process; the process of assessing these submissions; the next steps in this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [5080/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the length of service requirements for a civil servant to avail of the preserved pension benefits for an officer who served between 1 June 1973 and 1 June 2002. — Mairéad Farrell. [5181/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the restrictions that apply to companies with unlimited status from being awarded contracts as part of the public procurement process. — Mairéad Farrell. [5416/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the restrictions that apply to companies registered in jurisdictions that are listed on the EUs blacklist from being awarded contracts as part of the public procurement process. — Mairéad Farrell. [5417/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the restrictions that apply to companies using anonymous trustee ownership structures from being awarded contracts as part of the public procurement process. — Mairéad Farrell. [5418/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the restrictions that apply to companies that use a bearer share ownership structure from being awarded contracts as part of the public procurement process. — Mairéad Farrell. [5419/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of unlimited companies that were awarded public procurement contracts in each of the years 2016 to 2020. — Mairéad Farrell. [5420/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether companies in receipt of public procurement contracts should adhere to the EU Code of Conduct for Business Taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5421/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether aggressive tax planning by a company should be grounds for exclusion from a public procurement process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [5422/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to carry out a review of 60 major charities which receive €4.2 billion funding and 1,500 non-profit organisations which receive €1.7 billion; his plans to rationalise the number of State agencies which dispense public funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5643/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a review (details supplied) will be complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5654/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date on which a Bill that will provide for the transposition of EU Directive (EU) 2019/1937 also known as the EU Whistleblowing Directive will be introduced; if he will embark on pre-legislative scrutiny of the Bill; and if this will occur in advance of the deadline for the transposition of this directive which is 17 December 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [5826/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the time window of time for the consultation process given to the public to make submissions on EU Directive (EU) 2019/1937 was limited by his Department to just a five week period between 8 June and 10 July in 2020; and his plans to accept further submissions. — Catherine Murphy. [5827/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will honour commitments made by his predecessor to restore or loan artefacts originally from Athenry Castle and currently with the National Museum back to the castle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5840/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 256 of 27 January 2021, the number of all State and semi-State board appointments made by him since taking office; the name of the board or agency; the remuneration level associated with the board position in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5860/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 257 of 27 January 2021, the reason the Department website states that 13 boards are under the aegis of the Department but the reply only provided information on two boards; if he will provide a complete list of all State and semi-State boards that fall under the aegis of his Department; the level of potential remuneration being paid to each board member including chairpersons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5861/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the situation on flexible working arrangements in the public sector will be clarified; the reason various Departments and authorities do not allow those working from home to have the option of flexitime whereas those who work in the office are given this option (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [5957/21]

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

*231. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an féidir cóip de dhialann an Phríomh-Aoire, a bhaineann leis an tréimhse ó ceapadh é mar Phríomh-Aoire agus Aire Stáit an Spóirt agus na Gaeltachta i mí Iúil 2020 go dtí an lá inniu, a chur chugam; agus an gcuirfear dialann an Phríomh-Aoire ar fáil go poiblí ar líne as seo amach. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [4996/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the review of the Children's Commercial Communications Code will be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [5254/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be examined. — Sean Sherlock. [5307/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to business owners in the tourist sector who do not own rateable premises that are facing into a second peak season under Covid-19 restrictions; and if further financial supports are being considered. — Steven Matthews. [5386/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration will be given to establishing a grant aid scheme similar to the operational programme for tourism 1994-1999, to assist marine tourism operators to reinvigorate their 20-year old fleets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5520/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has engaged with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the latest announcements from Japan stating its concentration and committed efforts to ensure the occurrence of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5626/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has engaged with the Government of Japan to ensure the safety of the Irish Olympic team if the team is to travel in summer 2021 to participate in the planned Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5627/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports her Department will provide to the tourist industry in view of the tighter travel restrictions. — Peadar Tóibín. [5637/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has implemented the €92 million industry activation fund; the position regarding same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5696/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has discussed changing the stay and spend tourism scheme with the Minister for Finance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5697/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has undertaken a comprehensive review of Ireland's tourism product to identify strengths, gaps and opportunities as recommended by the Tourism Recovery Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5698/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has met with the Tourism Recovery Taskforce since October 2020; if so, the dates of these meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5699/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of the recommendations of the Tourism Recovery Taskforce that have commenced; the number due to commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5700/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the further action that will be taken to support the domestic economy and to protect the long-term viability of 260,000 tourism jobs in the hospitality and tourism sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5753/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason such a high number of players of an organisation (details supplied) have been given elite athlete status and granted exemption while so many Olympic hopefuls have not received the same exemption. — Chris Andrews. [5757/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason the players of an organisation (details supplied) are currently able to book sports facilities for individual training sessions while athletes training for the upcoming Olympics are denied access; and the scientific reason for same. — Chris Andrews. [5758/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if Olympic athletes will be allowed to use facilities relevant to their sport given the high level of importance facilities play in the preparation for athletes training for the upcoming Olympics. — Chris Andrews. [5759/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if new criteria will be established for the classification of athletes on the Covid-19 restrictions list, for example, that in athletics the top ten athletes on the national rankings lists will be granted exemption from restrictions and allowed train and compete. — Chris Andrews. [5760/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the high-performance director of a sport power will be granted the power to decide on the training partner requirements needed for preparation for the upcoming Olympics. — Chris Andrews. [5761/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to create a permanent exhibition remembering An Gorta Mór. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5799/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the French rugby team will be quarantined on their arrival into Ireland before their game against Ireland on 14 February 2021. — Chris Andrews. [5850/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the protocol in relation to quarantining for visiting sports teams and athletes. — Chris Andrews. [5851/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current entitlement of native Irish speakers to access State services through the medium of Irish; and the status of the publication of a new Irish language Bill. — Michael Creed. [5936/21]

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

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the construction of an attic conversion and extension is deemed essential in cases in which it is to help provide for the educational needs of a child with additional education needs; and if this work can take place under level 5 restriction or the next phase of restrictions. — Paul Donnelly. [5127/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has estimated the number of persons who continue to cut turf on bogs here for domestic heating or the number of individual private holdings on bogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5375/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to extend the exemption given to housing construction in cases in which such works were scheduled to be completed by 31 January 2021 as detailed in Statutory Instrument No. 4 of 2021. — Neasa Hourigan. [5792/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Covid-19 restrictions will be reviewed; and if he will consult with NPHET with regard to the possibility of restarting work on individual housing one off projects. — Brian Stanley. [5013/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans for Housing First to be rolled out by Roscommon County Council as part of the national roll-out; if Roscommon County Council has been engaged with regard to this homeless assistance approach; the way in which this process works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5046/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the report he requested from the Residential Tenancies Board on the eviction on Berkeley Road, Dublin 7 has been received; if so, if a copy will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5057/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will allow for the refurbishment or construction of single private houses that are in progress to continue beyond 1 February 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5064/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to affording more flexibility to single parents in order to access the affordable housing shared equity scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5110/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding submissions for development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5158/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a matter (details supplied) in relation to future elections will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5171/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the uptake of a scheme (details supplied) by Mayo County Council; the number of applications approved; the

amount of funding allocated by year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5182/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding given to provide accommodation to those sleeping rough in Cork city in 2020 by month. — Thomas Gould. [5205/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the publication date of an affordable housing plan committed to in the Programme for Government. — Thomas Gould. [5206/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to significant delays and issues with the Rebuilding Ireland home loan programme in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [5208/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a statutory instrument (details supplied) relating to hare coursing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5232/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a report by an organisation (details supplied); and his views on the findings of the report with particular reference to the findings relating to affordability. — Holly Cairns. [5235/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities are required to provide a report on HAP inspections to his office. — Thomas Gould. [5246/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if co-living developments can be granted permission if a local authority deems the development necessary as per their housing need and demand assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5262/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason there has been no annual reports produced by the DRHE since 2016; if the practice of producing annual reports will be reintroduced; the level of accountability his Department requires of the DRHE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5263/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the oversight his Department has to ensure there is fair competition and consistent standards being applied by all providers that are awarded contracts for emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5264/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on Prospect Hill, Dublin 11 specifically in relation as to the length of time it has been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5317/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of funds allocated to the Urban Regeneration Development Fund by county in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [5343/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of heritage funding from his Department in each of the years 2012 to 2020, inclusive; and the funds allocated and delivered by county in each of those years in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [5345/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an organisation (details supplied) and its members will be instructed to immediately release all hares currently in captivity for the purposes of hare coursing in view of the High Court ruling that hare coursing should not resume during level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5392/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the length of time that hares may be held in captivity for the purposes of hare coursing. — Paul Murphy. [5393/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the changes made to section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to give effect to the Flemish Decree following the European Court of Justice Ruling in 2013 and the Ministerial guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5397/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the functions of the built environment advisory unit within his Department; the number of staff; the role of each; the work the unit undertakes with regard to the promotion of building standards including informing the building industry and building control authorities of the current building regulations and the updating of those regulations; if the unit has functions or powers to inspect construction sites; and if so, the basis and purpose. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5433/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the failure of successive Governments to place the construction industry register on a statutory footing; his further views on whether this failure affects the strength of the 2014 building control reforms; and if a commitment will be given to introducing the Bill at second stage in 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5434/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the budget allocation to each local authority for their building control functions in each of the years 2013 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of staff employed in each local authority funded through this budget allocation; and the mechanisms in place within his Department to ensure that building control authorities are adequately resourced, trained and conducting onsite inspections to fulfil both the spirit and the letter of the 2014 building control reforms in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5435/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless persons in counties Kildare and Laois; his plans to provide homes for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5448/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the affordable housing Bill 2020 will be brought before Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5450/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review on household income limits in order to apply for social housing will be completed; the stage at which this review is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5457/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the exemptions to Covid-19 restrictions in relation to construction works on private homes that are practically complete and scheduled for habitation will be extended to 5 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5467/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to allowing private home construction to recommence under the latest Covid-19 restrictions announced on 26 January 2021; if houses currently at second fix stage will be allowed to recommence and be completed; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that such homes have already been subject to two lockdowns timeframe setting back completion dates by a minimum of three months; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the owners of such homes are as a result of the lockdowns and delays are paying both rent and a mortgage repayments on that part of the mortgage already drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [5468/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the derogation process under Article 9(1)(a) of the EU Birds Directive for the Control of Wood Pigeons. — Sean Sherlock. [5487/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 202 of 20 January 2021, if he will provide the quarter in 2021 the wildlife crime unit will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5491/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline Ireland's explicit commitment to meet the target for both the protection of 30% of land and 30% of marine areas; if he will further outline Ireland's commitment to strict protections for both 10% of land and 10% of marine areas; the strict protections it will entail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5492/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all of the hares under the control of an organisation (details supplied) have been released given the decision of the High Court in relation to the Covid-19 restrictions and hare coursing; if not, when they are due to be released; and if there is a time limit for the length of time the organisation can keep a hare in captivity. — Paul Murphy. [5562/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if existing planning permissions that have already been granted a five-year extension of duration but which are due to expire in 2021 will benefit from a further extension of time due to current restrictions on construction activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5577/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will allow the reopening of construction sites for the delivery of houses in the private sector in line with the exemption for social housing sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5578/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities can use CPOs to purchase burial grounds given that it is the responsibility of local authorities to provide burial grounds; the criteria for which this process can be used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5616/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the move towards the creation of a single water utility; and if legislation will be forthcoming from his Department in 2021 on this matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5681/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the last national conditions survey of local authority social housing stock took place; the findings of the survey; the action taken since to address the findings of the survey; and when the next survey is due. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5684/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to facilitate greater tenant participation in community development, empowerment and estate management within local authority housing estates. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5686/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a query raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5730/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons and families currently on the housing assistance payment at the end of Q3 2020, by county. — Thomas Gould. [5738/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are specific time periods during which local authorities can apply for funding to restore voids; and the number of such opportunities in 2019 and 2020. — Thomas Gould. [5739/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to carry out revisions to the septic tank grant scheme to enable those who did not register to do so; if access to the associated grant scheme can be applied for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5743/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if public realm improvement works can proceed in level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5802/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual contribution to local authorities over the past five years by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5834/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason there has been a chief executive in an interim position only in Galway County Council for seven years; when a chief executive will be appointed to Galway County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5835/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when provision will be made to upgrade water pipes and ensure connectivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5836/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the affordable housing scheme in Kinsale, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [5846/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new build houses and apartments recorded in each of the past 12 months to the end of January 2021, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5855/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to ensure that persons who applied 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. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5880/21]

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

*309. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the plans for St. Patrick's Day trade missions. — Sean Sherlock. [6021/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the level of support through bilateral development aid and multilateral development funds and instruments being provided to developing countries and least developed countries in order for same to obtain and dispense the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [4986/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which Ireland's seat at the UN Security Council can advance the formation of a Palestinian state in line with the votes of Dáil and Seanad Éireann. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5006/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which Ireland's seat at the UN Security Council can assist with the humanitarian crisis in the Tigray region of Ethiopia and towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict there. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5007/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 654 of 3 November 2020, the amount of aid allocated to each of the NGOs mentioned in tabular form; the amount drawn down by these active organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5011/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which Irish diplomats are being encouraged to apply for European external action service posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5035/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the presidential election which took place in Belarus in August 2020 was not free and fair; if he will condemn the arrest and imprisonment of peaceful protesters in Belarus subsequently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5106/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a person (details supplied) was granted an Irish passport. — Cathal Crowe. [5291/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland as a member of the EU and the UN Security Council will encourage the UNHCR and the international community to do more to protect Syrian refugees based in Lebanon and to prevent their forced return to Syria which can be considered a violation of international humanitarian law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5327/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will encourage the EU to have member states increase resettlement and family reunification places for Syrian refugees based in Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5328/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a condition can be put in place on any allocation of Irish and EU aid to Lebanon to the effect that Lebanon must not force Syrian refugees to return to their homeland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5329/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Irish and EU humanitarian assistance for Syria can be provided directly to Syrian and non-Syrian humanitarian and human rights organisations in order that priority will be given to projects that will enable Syrian refugees sustain themselves long-term and defend their rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5330/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of his engagement with the Chinese Government in relation to the treatment of the Uighurs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5407/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of his engagement with the Chinese Government in relation to the protests and arrests that took place during and after the 2019-2020 Hong Kong pro-democracy protests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5408/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of his engagement with the Belarusian Government in relation to the ongoing human rights abuses and the regular mass arrests of political opposition members that have been taking place over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5409/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress in the meetings of the UN facilitated Constitutional Committee in Geneva; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5410/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to engage with the UN Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Mark Lowcock, regarding the pending risk of large-scale famine in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5411/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with Her Excellency Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason on her work as chair of the Somalia Sanctions Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5412/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of negotiations with the UK Government in relation to asserting the rights of Irish fishers to fish with the 12-mile limit around Rockall. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5464/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the commitment of Ireland to recognise the state of Palestine will be honoured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5451/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a new recruitment campaign for the rapid response roster will be carried out by the end of quarter 1 2021. — Barry Cowen. [5512/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to a recent letter signed by organisations (details supplied) calling on the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the international community to protect Syrian refugees from refoulement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5673/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he is taking to insist that international organisations and the international community prevent Syrian refugees from being forcibly returned to Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5674/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he is taking to insist the European Union and the United States of America increase resettlement and family reunification of Syrian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5677/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he is taking to ensure Syrian refugees in Lebanon are not being forced to return to Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5678/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he is taking to ensure the international community provide direct humanitarian assistance to organisations assisting Syrian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5679/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of Ireland's overseas aid commitments; if these commitments have been impacted as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5878/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when passport applications for first-time applicants will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5881/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if travellers coming into the country via ports or airports and who have to restrict their movements will be provided with secure transport from the airport to their residence or accommodation in order not to risk the spread of Covid-19 on public transport. — Martin Browne. [5961/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*338. To ask the Minister for Defence the breakdown of the 529 Irish troops serving in UN peacekeeping operations by the location they are stationed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5413/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Permanent Defence Forces as of 31 December 2020; if he will provide a breakdown of all ranks across the three services and the gender breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5521/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces as of 31 December 2020; if he will provide a breakdown of all ranks across the three services and the gender breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5522/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits to the Permanent Defence Forces in 2020 with regard to all three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5523/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits to the Reserve Defence Forces in 2020 with regard to all three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5524/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of overseas missions in which the Defence Forces are currently involved; the number of personnel involved in each mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5525/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the involvement of the Permanent Defence Forces in the Covid-19 vaccination programme; the number of personnel involved; the locations they provided support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5530/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the involvement of the Reserve Defence Forces in the Covid-19 vaccination programme; the number of personnel involved; the locations they provided support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5531/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Defence the maximum number of recruitment applications the Defence Forces can process in a year for the Reserve and Permanent Defence Forces, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5687/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Defence the elements of training, administration or duties that have been carried out remotely since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5688/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of personnel within the Defence Forces who are currently working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5689/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Defence if there are plans to sell off military property or installations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5690/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel who have contracted Covid-19 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5691/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason current recruitment structures mean that the Permanent Defence Forces and Reserve Defence Forces must compete for the resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5692/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Defence if there are allowances for reservists to travel to training or courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5693/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Defence if operational requirements have been postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5694/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Defence the measures being taken to specifically attract and recruit information technology personnel from the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5695/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Defence if there is scope to strengthen the presence of the Defence Forces in the Gulf of Guinea off the coast of west Africa to ensure that Ireland plays a larger role in global maritime security as the EU launched the first pilot of the new Coordinated Maritime Presences on 25 January 2021. — Neale Richmond. [5815/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*356. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a pension entitlement transfer request by a teacher (details supplied) was not answered or processed; if this request can now be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5008/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will liaise with Bus Éireann with a view to changing the nearest school criteria for the school transport scheme in view of the fact that many pupils cannot attend their closest school due to capacity issues. — Cathal Crowe. [5009/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a survey by a student (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5028/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being considered for children who have developmental language disorder that have lost out their allotted class time for targeted speech and language service due to Covid-19 restrictions; if consideration will be given to prioritise these children for intensive therapy supports when they finish their school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5049/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider designating February 2021 as an official school holiday month and extend the academic year by a further month as a response to the current closure of schools due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5062/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of the distribution of the €100 million in grant funding to schools to address their ICT needs during 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [5071/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education if the option to extend the school year has been considered as an alternative to the challenging efforts to deliver remote learning over an extended period of temporary closures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [5134/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will receive funding under the July provision transport scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [5142/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on the building of a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); the status of the tendering process; and the timeframe for the completion of the build. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5184/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education the costs of providing prefabricated accommodation for a school (details supplied); the length of time she expects the teachers and students to be

accommodated in the prefabricated buildings; and the reason there has been a delay in providing a permanent school building for the school. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5185/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education the number of prefab units in situ at primary and post-primary schools in County Roscommon as of 22 January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5191/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has established minimum standards of engagement required by schools when home-schooling; if the matter has been the subject of negotiation and dialogue between her and the teaching unions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [5234/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a report by a union (details supplied); and her views on the results of the report with particular reference to student opinions on the junior and leaving certificate exams. — Holly Cairns. [5244/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the negotiations with a trust (details supplied) for land for a school building. — Thomas Gould. [5247/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria which will be used when deciding whether to reopen schools; if the R number and the number of daily Covid-19 cases will be taken into account; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5325/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education the actions schools should take given the fact that SENO officers are not accepting applications due to a new system being rolled out that is preventing schools planning for September. — Robert Troy. [5333/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 209 of 21 January 2021, when the independent review of the design and implementation of the calculated grades process will be completed; if the review will be published; if she is waiting on the findings of the report before making a decision on calculated grades for 2021 leaving certificate students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5403/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education when recruitment for leaving certificate oral and practical examiners which usually closes in December, will take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5449/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education the current and projected capacity of schools in an area (details supplied) including the Portarlington area of County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5458/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education if the National Council for Special Education has completed and submitted its policy advice report on education provision in special classes and special schools; and when she will publish this report. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5563/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to close the existing four reading schools for children with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5564/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education when the results of the leaving certificate held in November 2020 will be available; the reason for the delay in finalising same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5607/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the commitments made to open a national school (details supplied) in Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5618/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) is waiting so long to be switched to a juniper box; if it will be switched as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5658/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education when additional funding will be provided for a classroom and additional teacher for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5682/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary schools which provided the option to the leaving certificate applied programme; and the percentage of students completing post-primary education who have chosen leaving certificate applied in 2019 and 2020. — Gary Gannon. [5779/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary schools which provided the option to study the leaving certificate applied programme by DEIS and non-DEIS school categories over the past five years in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [5780/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education the deadline for students who completed the leaving certificate written examinations in November 2020 to receive their results; if there is a foreseeable delay with the results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [5781/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education if urgent clarity will be provided regarding the details for students studying leaving certificate applied particularly in relation to student tasks given the first group that will have their State certified exams have been affected by school closures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [5782/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education if the minimum requirement of 90% attendance will be examined for subject modules for leaving certificate applied students which has not been altered allowing for disruptions caused by the pandemic; if she will consider lowering the requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [5783/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied with the current section 29 appeals system for schools; the number of appeals made in 2020; the number of appeals that were made and successful in 2020, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5805/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that additional capacity has been created on this particular school transport service. — Michael Ring. [5806/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education when results from the leaving certificate exams sat late in 2020 will be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5824/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which the citizens' assembly on the future of education will be established pursuant to the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5890/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education if provision will be made for an ASD unit in the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5939/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on an application by a school (details supplied) for change of status to co-ed from junior infants; the timeframe for a final decision; and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [5954/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to make the transition from primary education to post-primary education easier (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5982/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs in primary, post-primary and special schools in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5999/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education the number of SNAs employed in primary, post-primary and special schools in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [6000/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education when a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage in view of the urgent need to provide additional permanent accommodation at the school; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that classes are held on a number of sites which is far from satisfactory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [6034/21]

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

*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pension appeal will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [4998/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if paid social insurance contributions will be awarded to recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5027/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on whether the pandemic unemployment payment is to be included in the means test assessment for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [5030/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending carer's allowance to be available to care recipients of dependent personality disorder given they are not currently deemed eligible despite meeting requirements regarding requirements for continual supervision as set out under section 179(4) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5052/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of referrals from the Residential Tenancies Board to the MABS dedicated line under part 3 of the residential tenancies of the Planning and Development, and Residential Tenancies Act 2020; the value of the rent arrears notified to MABS on foot of these referrals; the length of time arrears of rent remain outstanding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5058/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of childcare workers who are in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment on a weekly basis from 21 December 2020 to 25 January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5082/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5111/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5112/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5113/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5116/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce a support allowance payment for those who are already in receipt of a payment from her Department and who may be experiencing increased costs due to broadband connection issues arising as a result of living in an area which is deemed to be less commercially serviceable under the terms of the National Broadband Plan; if not, if an increase in the telephone support allowance payment will be considered for those in such a position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [5135/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the terms of payment for the fuel allowance will be extended in 2021 given the recent cold weather and the difficult circumstances that persons are experiencing due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5157/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget allocation for the youth employment support scheme in 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5192/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5255/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5256/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5257/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5259/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5260/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5261/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the ongoing engagement she has had with the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to progress a form of application to be made available to persons looking to apply or avail of the additional three weeks benefit under parent's leave and benefit announced in Budget 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5287/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to reintroducing the mortgage interest supplement for the duration of the Covid-19 crisis to prevent persons from falling into mortgage distress. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5293/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an emergency supplementary social welfare payment can issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5352/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider a temporary change in the conditions for participants on community employment schemes by granting an additional year to current participants who cannot undertake a training programme due Covid-19 restrictions and given the difficulties experienced by scheme operators in recruiting new participants during this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5363/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long to have an appeal for a carer's allowance finalised. — Niamh Smyth. [5391/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the additional two weeks week parent's leave benefit will come into effect; and the way in which applications will be processed and the leave administered. — Emer Higgins. [5398/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status in respect of the payment of a State pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5431/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if home carers credits will be adjusted for the pension of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5439/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received for a PPS number in 2020; the number approved and processed; the number refused; the number currently being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5456/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be awarded credit contributions for the period they have been a qualified adult on a disability allowance payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5539/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of social protection applications by persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5589/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the increased cost to recipients of the household benefits package in relation to the electricity price increase which came into effect on 1 October 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5601/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if receipt of Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit is accrued as part of standard illness benefit allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5617/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility for the fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5619/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the date on which the Social Welfare Appeals Office began oral hearings by telephone and online; the number of oral hearings by phone and telephone held each month since they were introduced; the benefits and allowances being appealed; and the number of appeals heard by phone or telephone in which there was a favourable decision for the applicant. — Claire Kerrane. [5638/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of oral hearings held by the Social Welfare Appeals Office each month during 2020. — Claire Kerrane. [5639/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently waiting for an oral hearing for an appeal to the Social Welfare Appeals Office; and the current waiting time. — Claire Kerrane. [5640/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has examined the introduction of an appeals process for the pandemic unemployment benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5641/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department provides written decisions to claimants in which a payment they have been receiving has been suspended. — Claire Kerrane. [5642/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has sought to implement additional income supports for those working in the aviation sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5748/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance claim by a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [5762/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a domiciliary care allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [5763/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the degree to which the processing of various applications for social welfare payments continues to be in line with best possible waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5764/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the degree to which she and her office continue to ensure the making of a basic payment to applicants of social welfare payments while the primary application is being processed in order to alleviate any hardship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5765/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which waiting times for payments in respect of means-tested applications compare with contribution related payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5766/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which emergency access to a payment is available to persons in challenging circumstances with particular reference to the ongoing impact of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5768/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the appropriate level of pandemic unemployment payments continue to remain available to qualified applicants; if the list of qualified applicants is or can be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5769/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the availability of exceptional needs payments in order to alleviate exceptional needs situations that have arisen in the context of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5770/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a facility can be found and arranged for expeditious oral hearings online or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5771/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the State pension (contributory) currently in hand and awaiting a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5772/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which due process and natural justice remains paramount in the context of dealing with social welfare recipients whose cases come under review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5774/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare appeals being determined on a weekly basis; the number of appeals arising each week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5775/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied) in County Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5808/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the case of a person (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [5811/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment beyond 31 March 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5819/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the budget for her Department to meet increased demand arising from Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5825/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the payment rates for all participant workers of the community schemes; if she is considering increasing the rates of pay for community scheme workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5854/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for the household package. — John McGuinness. [5886/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an extension can be granted to a person (details supplied) on a community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [5891/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if self-employed persons will receive PRSI credits while in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5929/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a PPSN application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6009/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the duration of community employment schemes due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6010/21]

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

*457. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an organisation (details supplied) will be recognised as the representative body to implement the Irish Sign Language Act 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5703/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on funds being made available for the erection of memorials for mother and baby homes. — Richard O'Donoghue. [6017/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the extension of parental leave from two weeks to five weeks will be legislated for; when parents can apply for five weeks parental leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [4989/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for an increase in paid parental leave from two to five weeks for each parent of all children born or adopted on or after 1 November 2019 as committed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [5063/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women and children who have been referred to the parent and infant unit in Bessborough for residential support and assessment in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [5084/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of units for residential support and assessment for parents operational nationwide; the location of each facility; and if Tusla refers women and or children to Northern Ireland or overseas for parental assessment or support. — Peadar Tóibín. [5085/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women who have availed of and been through parental assessments that have subsequently had their children placed in State care; and the number of women who have retained custody of their children. — Peadar Tóibín. [5086/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who have been taken into State care in each of the past five years by age and birthplace of the children by county or region. — Peadar Tóibín. [5087/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women who have been subject to parental assessment by the State in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [5088/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify crèche guidelines in relation to children under a year old (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5102/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a large cohort of parents who are not classed as essential workers by their employer but who are being informed by their crèche that they are eligible to access crèche services as essential workers; if no guidance has been issued to private crèches in relation to refunding parents who are not availing of childcare service during level 5; if his attention has been drawn to the financial pressure on parents who have to take parental leave as the result of not being issued an essential worker letter to travel to work (details supplied); if there is a mechanism to support crèches and parents to ensure children do not lose their places and that crèches can remain solvent in order to keep their places; the instructions or guidance that has been offered to crèches regarding refunds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [5108/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated timeframe as to when legislation will be introduced to extend parent's leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5115/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount paid to commercial firms to accommodate persons seeking international protection and privately-owned direct provision centres in each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and to the date in 2020 on which responsibility was passed to his Department; and if he will provide a schedule of and the number of firms and or companies over that duration that received and if he will provide a schedule of and the number of firms and or companies over that duration that received differing amounts (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [5172/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of firms and or companies that received payments directly related to the services associated with direct provision in each of the years 2017 to 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [5173/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons seeking international protection that were being accommodated in direct provision centres in each of the years 2017 to 2020; the number broken down by gender and if they were minors or adults in direct provision centres at the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5174/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residents in direct provision centres who contracted Covid-19 in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5175/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residents in direct provision who have secured refugee status but remained at direct provision centres at the end of 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [5176/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new direct provision centres opened in 2019 and 2020. — Catherine Murphy. [5177/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when details for the resumption of the full ECCE programme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5180/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration will be given to the circumstances regarding ECCE in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5288/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of services (details supplied) in Killorglin, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5289/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the circumstance in which an essential worker has to continue to pay for childcare even if they are not using it at present during the level 5 lockdown; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5311/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of his plans to resettle Syrian refugees currently based in Lebanon in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5326/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if private nursing homes were included in the remit for the recently published mother and baby homes report including a home (details supplied); if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5337/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the effects the current Covid-19 restrictions are having on the training and pairing of guide dogs; his plans to ensure the pairing of guide dogs with their forever family can

resume as soon as circumstances allow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5339/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if children who qualified for ECCE and who missed the opportunity to participate in preschool due to Covid-19 will be allowed to qualify for a second year of support. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5376/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if having an elderly and high risk person in the household is considered for force majeure permission with regard to the non-reopening of a childcare centre that is also a primary residence given the ongoing pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5385/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the roll-out of the baby box scheme as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5414/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a further pilot scheme for the baby box programme is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5415/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of his engagement with the Minister for Health regarding the provision of childcare for front-line workers during the level 5 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5424/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when legislation to increase parental leave from two to five weeks will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5426/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the guidelines under the current level five restrictions for parents visiting vulnerable children in residential centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5429/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to a mother and baby home site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5436/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the increased parent's leave will be implemented in view of the commitment to increasing paid parent's leave in Budget 2021. — Robert Troy. [5533/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital funding opportunities that will arise for a facility (details supplied) in County Mayo; if there are plans to allocate dormant accounts or other funding for 2021; if so, the timeline to be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5544/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current position in respect of support for crèches in cases in which they are providing care for children of those who are essential workers but are now finding that they are in receipt of insufficient funding to keep the crèches open; if additional support will be provided for these key services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5557/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if additional supports will be made available to crèches (details supplied) in order that they can meet their costs during this difficult period; if the Covid restrictions support scheme will be made available to them as a support mechanism whilst their income has been reduced; if so, if the scheme can be claimed retrospectively for the period of restrictions; if these supports will apply to all crèches in similar circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5571/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a hard copy of the final report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes provided that hard copies have already been made available to those who gave evidence to the Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5667/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is honouring commitments made on the number of Syrian refugees to be resettled here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5675/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of social workers that have left Tusla from June 2020 to date in 2021. — Denise Mitchell. [5680/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding direct provision. — Niamh Smyth. [5705/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a scoping exercise and report his predecessor commissioned into forced and illegal adoption practices in Ireland; and when he plans to release its findings. — Kathleen Funchion. [5715/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his predecessor consulted with Tusla and the Adoption Authority of Ireland on the scoping exercise and report into forced and illegal adoption practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5717/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the sample size used to carry out the scoping exercise and report into forced and illegal adoption practices in Ireland; and the methodology deployed. — Kathleen Funchion. [5718/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare and early years facilities that are open for front-line workers. — Kathleen Funchion. [5719/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will request Tusla to further investigate forced and illegal adoption practices in Ireland in view of the overwhelming evidence that emerged from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes testimonies that this practice was widespread. — Kathleen Funchion. [5720/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding is available for the European Youth Parliament which is hosting a virtual conference in County Cork in the coming weeks. — Thomas Gould. [5786/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to concerns raised in relation to the Final Report of the Commission of Investigation into

Mother and Baby Homes in numerical order (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5788/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role of childcare committees; if it is within their remit to control and put in place an upper limit on the number of childcare places in a particular area to ensure the viability of existing providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5791/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the additional three weeks parental benefit for parents of children born after 1 November 2019 will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5793/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a reply will issue to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5823/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will bring forward legislation on the Programme for Government commitment to extend parental leave by three weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5907/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if clarity will be provided on issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the mother and baby home report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5933/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the announced extension to parental leave will come into effect as per Budget 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [5941/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding funding streams and or low interest streams available for a new crèche business start-ups, particularly those which are being established in close proximity to new housing developments and provide an obvious amenity and important local service to increasing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5953/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he will take to ensure that at least one bound copy of the final report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes is available for public reading and reference in each public library in line with envisaged reopening due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Sorca Clarke. [5966/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has read a survey by a union (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [6018/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the new funding model and workforce development plan for the early childhood education and care sector. — Sean Sherlock. [6019/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken to date to progress the establishment of a joint labour committee in the early childhood care and education sector. — Sean Sherlock. [6020/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [6035/21]

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

*517. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will investigate the possibility of paying the once off €250 grant for PhD students now as is the case for SUSI recipients and final year students who do not have any outstanding fee payments as opposed to paying the grant upon graduation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5952/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the protections being provided for students in the 2021-2022 academic year in relation to the payment of accommodation on or near campuses; if students who are required to pay for accommodation in advance will have their payments refunded if the accommodation cannot be availed of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [5022/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who have dropped out of college to date in the 2020-2021 academic year. — Peadar Tóibín. [5073/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place for social care students who undertake placements as part of their courses (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [5075/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to an increase in the number of first year students dropping out of college in the 2020-2021 academic year. — Peadar Tóibín. [5076/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who opted to defer their year of studies in the 2020-2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5078/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to city and guild courses delivered through institutes of further education (details supplied) that have to date not been able to transfer their examinations online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5095/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps social care students (details supplied) should take in relation to completing the academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5107/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered additional financial supports for PhD students in receipt of a scholarship that do not benefit from the €50 million once-off Covid-19 payment scheme for third-level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5109/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention had been drawn to the taxable nature of the €250 SUSI rebate given in November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [5165/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students that drew down the €250 SUSI rebate by county and educational institution. — Sean Sherlock. [5166/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the €250 SUSI rebate will be considered income for SUSI applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. — Sean Sherlock. [5167/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will publish his correspondence with Revenue Commissioners on the taxable nature of the €250 SUSI rebate payment he authorised in November 2019. — Sean Sherlock. [5168/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a list will be provided of higher education institutions that continue to charge repeat exam fees for modules taken during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5170/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are plans to assist the large number of third-level students who paid for student accommodation and were subsequently directed to stay at home under Government guidelines (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [5425/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to waive the fee for an institute (details supplied) for medical professionals that studied in the UK in view of the fact that mutual recognition of qualifications is an EU competence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5430/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student enrolled in a graduate entry medical course can secure a loan for their fees if they do not have parents in a financial position to guarantee the loan; if he will provide details of the other options available to a student struggling to afford the €16,000 fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5526/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding the inclusion of a special policy for biomedical research into myalgic encephalomyelitis and other under investigated conditions in the first work programme of Horizon Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5507/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to assist students who are required to complete a certain number of weeks of lab work in order to progress in their degree but are unable to due to restrictions on access to labs by universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5573/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will revise the current proposals by the Higher Education Authority and SOLAS to clear the backlog of apprentices which proposes finishing a job block by teaching on evenings and weekends; if he will consider allowing apprentices finish the required number of weeks to complete the job block in normal teaching hours given that apprentice students work full-time; if he will engage with the representative organisation (details supplied) on its proposals for teaching arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5594/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to protect the access of Northern Ireland applicants to the Erasmus programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5623/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with his UK counterpart and relevant EU officials offering a pathway back into the Erasmus+ programme for students in Scotland, Wales and England; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5633/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if plans are in place to ensure that third-level students will have access to the Erasmus+ programme in the academic year 2021-2022 despite Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5634/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of third-level students who have availed of the Erasmus+ programme in the 2020-2021 academic year; the number of third-level students who abandoned their plans to avail of the Erasmus+ programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5635/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if provisions will be made for third-level students that planned to avail of the Erasmus+ programme in the 2020-2021 academic year but subsequently abandoned their plans to study abroad due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5636/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 288 of 21 January 2020, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the inability of SOLAS to provide apprenticeship placements under current circumstances is resulting in delays of 15 plus months to apprentices receiving the necessary qualifications and that as a result of their earnings are being severely affected (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that SOLAS is insisting on paying third-year apprentices the second-year rate of payment due to the delay in attaining the previous year's placements and qualifications; if he will request SOLAS to rectify this payment rate and ensure all third-year apprentices receive the hourly rate they are entitled to when on placements; the number of third-year apprentices in the various trades who are currently receiving lower rates of payment than they would ordinarily receive; his plans to address this loss of income for apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5722/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average rent per student in purpose-built student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5723/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on in-person testing assessments under level 5 restrictions in further and higher institutions; his views on whether the practice is in line with public health advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [5784/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of providing the once-off €250 student payment to students in one-year pre-university access courses and foundation courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [5785/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the allocation to each of the 23 higher education institutions in respect of the fund announced on 22 January 2021 to assist students with disabilities; the computational method used to determine allocations in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [5872/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will request that CORU give leeway or offer alternatives on the requirement for social care students to complete their 400 hour mandatory work placement given students are struggling to find appropriate places due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5873/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will liaise with CORU to resolve the difficulties of students in level seven degrees where practical placements have been greatly disrupted by HSE agencies' closure to them due to lockdowns, resulting in their being required by CORU to make up these hours in summer 2021 without any term-time alternative offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5948/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of tuition fees; if these fees have been finalised for Irish students considering their options to take up third-level education in a UK university for the 2021-2022 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [5967/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his position on social payments for students who will have to complete course appointed work placements during the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [6001/21]

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

*551. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will permit onsite viewings in respect of house sales and purchases in order to prevent future problems in the housing market; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5065/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will permit physical home viewings in adherence with public health guidelines. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5266/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will fast-track legitimate citizenship applications by front-line workers who have come here and are contributing to the fight against Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5068/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for leave to remain in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5069/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of not detected PCR tests, officials have checked and registered at Dublin Airport since 16 January 2021. — Patrick Costello. [5098/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has identified fraudulent PCR results presented at Dublin Airport; and if so, the number. — Patrick Costello. [5100/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Justice when a Garda station will be provided in Ratoath, County Meath in view of the fact that Ratoath is the largest town without a Garda station. — Peadar Tóibín. [5193/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the engagement of the Minister for State with responsibility for Law Reform with an organisation (details supplied); and if a temporary funding stream has been found. — Thomas Gould. [5211/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to progress legislation on alcohol licensing in view of the upsurge in drink deliveries due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [5212/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions and arrests under legislation regulating learner drivers in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [5215/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions and arrests under legislation regulating the supply of a vehicle to a person with a learner permit to drive unaccompanied. — Thomas Gould. [5216/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions and arrests relating to the supply of a vehicle to a person under 16 years of age. — Thomas Gould. [5217/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of road traffic collisions involving underage drivers in each of the years 2010 to 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [5221/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of road traffic collisions involving learner drivers in each of the years 2010 to 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [5222/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fines and sanctions issued to employers for breach of Covid-19 guidelines by month to date in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [5226/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice the training provided to gardaí on horse welfare and licensing requirements; and her plans to improve this. — Thomas Gould. [5227/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) has used their Irish passport to enter Ireland for any period of time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [5290/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [5294/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Justice the dialogue there has there been with the coroner whose jurisdiction includes Tuam, County Galway with respect to the holding of inquests for those bodies found at the Tuam Mother and Baby Home as provided for under the Coroners Act 1962; if there have been requests for inquests; if so, the number; the way in which they have they been responded to; if the coroner has informed her of conclusions they have reached under S1.7-F33(1); if not, if she will seek their views; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5300/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of the pending cases taken by the European Court of Justice against Ireland; and if she will itemise the daily fines pending or being currently levied. — Patrick Costello. [5301/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedures in place for checking the Covid-19 negative tests of persons entering this country from abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5323/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5374/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of home repossession cases in the courts system in the past 12 months; if the number of such cases before the courts has increased or decreased since May 2020 (details supplied); the number of refusals to allow repossession; the number of successful applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5387/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 661 of 17 November 2020, the reason a coroner's certificate, interim or otherwise, has still not been issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5402/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of coroners or deputy coroners that have been appointed or deputised since the introduction of new legislation allowing same. — Pa Daly. [5404/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount collected in fines for breaching public health restrictions since the start of the public health restrictions; and the breakdown per county and the area in which the funds generated from the fines are being allocated in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [5442/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Justice the EU directives not yet transposed into law; the deadline imposed by the EU for the transposition of same; the estimated date for transposition into law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [5504/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the processing of applications for permission to remain; the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5506/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation to the Garda air support unit in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Barry Cowen. [5511/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applicants waiting for a decision on naturalisation; the average wait on a decision; and the top five nationalities that have applied for naturalisation in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [5516/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of and the timeline for the citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [5567/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protection orders, safety orders and barring orders granted by the courts by court area in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5579/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of courts and the location of each in which audio-visual technology was installed in 2020 to facilitate remote hearings; the spend involved; the payments to companies that installed the technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5580/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice if visas are being granted under the umbrella of exceptional circumstances at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5587/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is possible to apply for a study visa at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5588/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice the training undertaken by members of An Garda Síochána who are armed in dealing with persons facing mental health emergencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [5657/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the increase of knife crime in the Dublin 17 area; the number of community Gardaí deployed in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5672/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will provide more family reunification places under a new humanitarian admission programme for Syrian refugees and their families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5676/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice if the review into the use of anti-spit hoods by An Garda Síochána has been completed; if so, when the review will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [5778/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a matter regarding citizenship applications by persons (details supplied); and the timeline for completion. — Kieran O'Donnell. [5790/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is Garda policy to leave the engines of Garda vehicles running while at checkpoints; if the effects of the emissions of these vehicles on the occupational health of members of An Garda Síochána, the health of the public, the cost of fuel to the State and the damage to the environment is assessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [5797/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5817/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice the proportion of incoming travellers that complied with the request to have a PCR test. — James O'Connor. [5832/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice the rationale for the decision taken on five different occasions to extend the scoping exercise being undertaken relevant to the enquiry into the death of a person (details supplied); if she will request that the exercise being completed by 1 March 2021; if she will give consideration to the demand for a full wide ranging public enquiry as supported by Dáil Éireann in June 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [5867/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to regularise the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5918/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice the legal position in relation to the carrying of a weapon (details supplied); her plans to update the regulations in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5922/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1048 of 13 November 2020, if the establishment of the new complaints process within the Irish Prison Service was completed by the November 2020 timeframe. — Pa Daly. [5924/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice the dates from when she was in receipt of each of the various Prison Visiting Committee Annual Reports 2019; and when each was published on the website of her Department. — Pa Daly. [5925/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5926/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5927/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of court houses that have been closed nationwide in each of the years 1997 to date in 2021, by county; if replacement court houses were constructed; if so, the companies contracted to build same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5971/21]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the community-based CCTV grant aid scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [5977/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*603. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the pilot programme for the community crime impact assessment led by the community and voluntary sector to Dublin 9 and 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5146/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health the sanctions available to gardaí to regulate employers who are in breach of the Covid-19 guidelines. — Thomas Gould. [5224/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the sanctions available to gardaí to regulate employers who are in breach of the Covid-19 guidelines but have no premises, for example, those in construction. — Thomas Gould. [5225/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to provide additional powers to An Garda Síochána to prevent persons travelling to airports for the purpose of going abroad for non-essential reasons such as holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5318/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the definition of essential international travel under the current Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5670/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made by his Department to replace or provide alternatives to the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant schemes that it was decided to close in 2013 on foot of the reports of the Ombudsman in 2011 and 2012 regarding the legal status of both schemes in the context of the Equal Status Acts; and the timeframe for a new scheme to come into operation. — Mattie McGrath. [5862/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the full range of medical services and staff currently operational in the Kilcock primary healthcare facility, County Kildare; his plans for expanding the range of medical service available at the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [4994/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of the fair deal scheme will be complete; if there will be a change to the way land value is considered; and if other changes are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [4995/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be implemented to improve the delivery of health services in counties Cavan and Monaghan; if consideration will be given to the issues outlined in correspondence (details supplied); the estimated timescale for an improved range of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [4997/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if persons from the Republic of Ireland currently staying in Northern Ireland and unable to return home due to Covid-19 travel restrictions can have their GMS prescription costs in Northern Ireland reimbursed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5004/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify and address the fact that persons with cerebral palsy have been listed by the HSE in the high risk category in relation to Covid-19 but are not appearing as a high priority group in the vaccination schedule; if it will be ensured that persons with cerebral palsy will receive priority in the roll-out of vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5012/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health if essential travel for medical needs will be permitted to continue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5015/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer diagnoses in 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5017/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer patients who saw a consultant in 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5018/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who saw a consultant in 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5019/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer procedures and surgeries conducted by type in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5020/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in respect of the actions of debt collection agencies following inpatient charges will be receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5023/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health if persons providing care within a support bubble are entitled to travel outside five kilometres to provide such care given the confusion between members of the public and gardaí on the subject; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5025/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to commence section 53 of the Regulated Professions Health and Social Care (Amendment) Act 2020 as it relates to pharmaceutical assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5026/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the refusal to fund gambling addiction specific programmes given the latest published data shows 8% of persons here suffer with problem gambling.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [5041/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health when the various sections of the national survey on drug and alcohol use in Ireland conducted by the Health Research Board will be published; the reason for the delay; and if he has received a draft copy of the survey to date. — Thomas Gould. [5042/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if community prison links workers can be included in the section 39 pay restoration process. — Patrick Costello. [5045/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Programme for Government undertaking (details supplied) on hospital car park charges for patients and visitors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5055/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the contract with a company (details supplied) to provide the aggregated mobile phone data to the CSO to facilitate its staying local indicator; the controls that exist to ensure no personal data is provided; and the contract term and value. — Emer Higgins. [5060/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health if the Covid-19 vaccine will be administered to UK citizens, EU citizens and non-EU citizens living here in accordance with the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5067/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health if carers who are family members are considered key workers as part of the Covid-19 vaccine programme given the invaluable and irreplaceable role they play in protecting vulnerable members of society (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [5070/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding regulations to enforce the wearing of face coverings in busy outdoor spaces in which many persons gather; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5083/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an anomaly in the practice nurse scheme whereby registered midwives are not recognised under the scheme thereby preventing general practices from availing of the practice nurse subsidy to recruit a midwife into the practice; the steps he is taking to enable registered midwives to progress into primary care and the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5089/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if a person currently in London collecting the ashes of a relative must have a Covid-19 test before they return; and if they must isolate for 14 days if they receive a negative test. — Robert Troy. [5094/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to determine if PCR test results are real and not fake. — Patrick Costello. [5099/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct HSE hospital management to reduce the car park charges at UHG for cancer patients given that it is an additional burden on them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5104/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reduce the charge for hospital inpatient charge of €80 for cancer patients who do not have a medical card; if he will cease the practice of issuing debt collection letters at a time when cancer patients are under severe stress due to their illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [5105/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be guaranteed for the Dublin south east breastfeeding support group programme and the lactation consultant role in the public health nurse office that accompanies it (details supplied) given that Ireland has the lowest breastfeeding rates in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [5118/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cervical smears and B12 injections are being cancelled through the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [5119/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time epidermolysis bullosa outreach nurses working in Connolly Hospital in each of the past two years. — Paul Donnelly. [5123/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of a full-time permanent consultant metabolic with a special interest in lysosomal storage disorder for Children's Health Ireland Temple Street. — Paul Donnelly. [5124/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that currently have free Wi-Fi in public areas of each hospital in tabular form; and the estimated cost of ensuring free Wi-Fi in public areas in hospitals that currently do not have Wi-Fi. — Paul Donnelly. [5125/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to remove the age restriction of 21 years of age on access to FreeStyle Libre for diabetes patients; the rationale for this age restriction; if this application for blood glucose monitoring will be covered under the HSE reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [5129/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if staff and patients in hospice settings are in the top categories for vaccination; and if they have all been included in a first round of vaccinations at this stage. — Richard Bruton. [5136/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review being conducted into the midwifery led unit in Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5139/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered providing financial assistance to the most vulnerable including those who continue to have to go out to work as essential workers with the cost of face masks; if he will engage with the Minister for Social Protection on the possibility of making such a payment available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5144/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties being experienced by vulnerable persons including cancer patients in meeting the cost the recommended high quality face masks they are advised to wear; if the matter will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [5145/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the reason dentists have been excluded from the vaccination roll-out programme given the average dentist administers far more vaccines on a daily basis than a general practitioner. — John Lahart. [5148/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 583 of 17 December 2020, the reason the HSE has refused to disclose the location of the 18 ambulatory carer hubs; if his Department has been provided with locations for some or all of these hubs; if so, the location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5150/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health if a mechanism is available for older persons to seek a waiver for prescription charges in cases in which a substantial bill has accumulated because the person was too ill to collect the medication in person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5154/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the status of and position in relation to a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5161/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health if a site has been identified for a facility (details supplied); if so, the stage this project is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5169/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an audiology appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5183/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on providing abortions and associated services to date; the steps taken with regard to the human remains when an abortion takes place; the counselling services offered by the State, voluntary sector and so on for women with unplanned pregnancies; the amount being spent on the provision of counselling services for mothers with unplanned pregnancies; the way in which the economic, social and other issues are being addressed in the context of a woman with unplanned pregnancies wishing to keep or adopt their baby; and the amount spent on the provision of these specific services. — Peadar Tóibín. [5186/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health if the analysis of PCR tests has changed in line with new WHO guidelines issued on 21 January 2021 (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [5187/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health when works on a new 50-bed unit in St. Patrick's Community Hospital, Carrick-on-Shannon will commence; the estimated cost of the project; the estimated completion date of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5188/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received for counselling in primary care in County Roscommon; the number of counselling sessions offered in the county in 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5189/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost including staffing of providing five additional ICU beds at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5190/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 393 of 3 June 2020, if HR circular 037/2019 has been fully implemented; if the review to examine whether it has been applied to all affected individuals has been completed; if so, the findings of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5194/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 394 of 3 June 2020, if HR circular 027/2019 has been fully implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5195/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the reason PCRS is insisting on medical card applicants obtaining documentation that cannot be provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5196/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the checks and processes in place to ensure that information that is submitted is acted on (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [5197/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if measures will be put in place to protect taxi drivers from Covid-19 who are carrying patients and samples from hospitals and between hospitals given that they are not being provided with PPE; the position of taxi drivers who are providing patient transfers on the vaccination programme list in terms of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [5199/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider bringing forward legislation to make period products such as sanitary pads and tampons available for free to persons that need them similar to that signed into law recently by the Scottish Parliament; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5201/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if he will support the passage of opposition legislation similar to that signed into law recently by the Scottish Parliament to make period products such as sanitary pads and tampons available for free to persons that need them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5202/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the promised elective hospital for Cork; and if this will include an accident and emergency department. — Thomas Gould. [5203/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken to support the HSE to reopen SouthDoc Blackpool and Listowel. — Thomas Gould. [5204/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if further Covid-19 funding will be provided to local and regional drug and alcohol taskforces. — Thomas Gould. [5213/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the services funded to support those with alcohol-related brain injury. — Thomas Gould. [5214/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports of a breach of Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions at a residential care facility (details supplied) in County Cork,

which has allegedly resulted in a cluster of cases arising from the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5230/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reported Covid-19 cases found in meat plant workers between 1 January 2020 and 26 January 2021, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5241/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the most recent national treatment purchase fund figures show that 5,545 persons were on the University Hospital Limerick outpatient eye care waiting list which is an increase of over 1,000 since the end of 2019 and 2,754 are now waiting more than 18 months at the hospital, an increase from 2,191 at the end of 2019; if he will extend the successful Sligo scheme in the north west to UHL in view of these extremely long waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [5245/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information on a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [5248/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider reviewing the prioritisation of the 1,100 persons with cystic fibrosis under the National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme: Implementation Plan sequencing table, page 9, due to their high risk of susceptibility to respiratory infection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5249/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some general practitioners are charging medical card holders a fee for blood tests; the steps the HSE is taking to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [5250/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review arrangements in relation to medical cards in post-operative situations such as in the case of a person (details supplied); if an extension of the medical card will be considered in such circumstances; if the management of such cases will be improved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [5252/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech therapists and occupational therapists in the HSE who are redeployed to contact tracing or other Covid-19-related posts; the details of all other HSE staff redeployed from their usual post for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5253/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for a refund of phlebotomy charges incorrectly incurred by medical card patients in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; the number that were approved and refused, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5258/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will provide regular updates to the public on vaccination numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5267/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the position of veterinary staff on the schedule for Covid-19 vaccination; if they will be given greater priority given their essential services and engagement with the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5268/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the vaccination plan for those in residential care facilities such as a facility (details supplied) whose residents may be under the age of 65; if it is envisaged they will be vaccinated when the vaccination team is on site; when the vaccination team will be on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5269/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider giving greater priority to high-risk persons with cystic fibrosis for vaccination such as the UK which has categorised high-risk persons with cystic fibrosis fourth on its priority and all others with cystic fibrosis sixth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [5270/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals of adults and children that have been made to community specialist eating disorder teams from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5276/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children who were referred to community specialist eating disorder teams from hospital medical or community mental health teams from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5277/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children by gender who were referred to community specialist eating disorder teams from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5278/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were referred to community specialist eating disorder teams from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5279/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children who were assessed and had case consultations on community specialist eating disorder teams from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5280/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children referred to community specialist eating disorder teams that had other mental health conditions who had self-harmed and who had a medical diagnosis from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5281/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children referred to acute hospital who were referred for inpatient mental health care from community specialist eating disorder teams from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5282/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children referred to community specialist eating disorder teams who were assessed within one, four and eight weeks from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5283/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children referred to community specialist eating disorder teams who had waiting times from assessment to treatment started within four and eight weeks from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5284/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the expansion of the adult eating disorder team in St. Vincent's University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5285/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist eating disorder staff and community eating disorder staff employed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5286/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a primary care centre on Booth Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5295/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a primary care centre in Adamstown, Lucan, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5296/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a primary care centre in Rolagh, Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5297/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who had dental screening in second, fourth and sixth class in primary school in each of the years 2016 to 2020, by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5304/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5306/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to make Covid-19 antigen tests available in non-clinical settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5308/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated for mental health services by CHO area in each of the years 2016 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5309/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive occupational therapy and physiotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [5310/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if he considered piloting a 24/7 mental health ambulance service similar to Sweden to assist with suicidal behaviour and other mental health incidents within communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5315/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if he has concerns in relation to the efficacy and efficiency of the vaccine produced by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5319/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to impose restrictions on movements by persons from Northern Ireland to the Republic of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [5324/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health if locations other than those in the city of Cork will be considered in the event of a mass vaccination programme for County Cork to ensure that persons from west, north and east of the city will be accommodated for vaccinations within their geographical areas. — Sean Sherlock. [5331/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health if staff at a service (details supplied) will be contacted regarding the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [5332/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of the health budget that is dedicated to mental health provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5334/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the specific mental health services available to persons who do not have English as a first language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5335/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the exact details of the contract entered into with a company (details supplied) for data sharing information of its customers; the monetary value of the contract; the way in which the information is being used; the other State organisations which his Department shares the information with; if it complies with GDPR data legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [5336/21]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to raise awareness of the risk of ovarian cancer to women who might have undiagnosed cancer; the availability of zejula and niraparib as a treatment for ovarian cancer here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5338/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health if drive-through vaccination clinics under the roll-out of the national vaccination programme are being considered for Limerick city and county; if so, the number and location of these clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [5340/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of the mass Covid-19 vaccination centres in Dublin and the surrounding counties of Wicklow, Kildare, Meath and Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5347/21]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mass Covid-19 vaccination centres that will be located in Dublin and the surrounding counties of Wicklow, Kildare, Meath and Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5348/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to involve private optometrists in the provision of eye care for those awaiting appointments and treatment under the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5349/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll-out the Sligo model of eye care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5350/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to tackle the increasing waiting list for eye appointments and surgery as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5351/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health if St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary is due to close (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [5358/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE National Service Plan 2021 will be published; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5362/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lactation consultants in each CHO; the number of CHOs which plan to advertise posts for dedicated lactation consultants in the next three months; and if there are plans to remove any lactation consultants from CHOs in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [5364/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to reconsider the proposed sequence of Covid-19 vaccinations especially in relation to persons with certain conditions (details supplied); if there are plans for an individual appeal mechanism in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5368/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health if persons (details supplied) will be included in the replacement for the Cross-Border Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5369/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health if scheduled cervical screening appointments for persons based in an area (details supplied) have been fully reinstated under current level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5371/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons (details supplied) based in County Dublin cannot access screening services via their general practitioner practice; when these services will resume; if alternative screening services are available to persons in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5372/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting appointments under the National Counselling Service in County Laois; the waiting times for each service for CAPA, CIPC and counselling for former residents of mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5378/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting appointments under the National Counselling Service in County Meath; the waiting times for each service for CAPA, CIPC and counselling for former residents of mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [5379/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the position of patients of a company (details supplied) given the recent positive announcement regarding the CAP and the funding for medications under the scheme; if an application has been received for the company to be part of the CAP scheme; if so, if there have been issues outstanding regarding its inclusion; if not, if an application will be made in the future; the information in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [5380/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider regulations in relation to the recognition of PCR Covid-19 tests by airlines and at the Border by Irish officials; if it will be ensured when drafting these regulations that tests issued by competent bodies in public health systems are recognised, that passengers will not be obliged to take a test with a certain private operator tied to

the airline or otherwise and that measures are taken to recognise or to verify tests with results in languages other than English or Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [5381/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns in relation to places on the list of priority for vaccine roll-out for persons with cystic fibrosis who are particularly vulnerable due to the fact their illness affects their lung capacity and respiratory system; and the steps he will take to resolve the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5389/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to all childcare and early educators workers that are working during the pandemic and the risks in their workplace; and if they will be added to the vaccine roll-out programme as a priority, in particular the group 4 category of childcare workers. — Gino Kenny. [5390/21]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will provide specific guidelines in relation to Covid-19 for private dental practices in terms of personal protective equipment, cross-infection and which aerosol-generating procedures are deemed essential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5401/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the supports available to a child (details supplied) whose rare condition is such that they do not currently fall under the criteria to access certain therapies and other supports from the HSE; if he will review the criteria to include the rare condition in question that is currently excluded from same; and the specific supports that are available to the family in question. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5406/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements his Department has had with the HSE regarding the representation rights of paramedics; if there was discussion with an association (details supplied) as per the direction of the previous Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [5427/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives he has undertaken to support and acknowledge the work of paramedics within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [5428/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to medicinal cannabis licensing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5432/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered clinical guidance for BreastCheck in relation to notifying women of breast density during routine mammograms; if he will take into consideration a mandate to require BreastCheck to notify women in cases in which dense breasts are detected during routine mammograms given the difficulty the condition can cause in identifying cancer by obscuring and masking breast cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5441/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol with regard to control and restraint training during level 5 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [5447/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for CAMHS services in an area (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [5469/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for adult mental health services in an area (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [5470/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of acute beds in an area and current levels of occupancy. — Paul Donnelly. [5471/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of CAMHS, AMHS, PoL and rehab and recovery teams in an area (details supplied); and the staffing levels of each. — Paul Donnelly. [5472/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the variance between A Vision of Change and staffing figures in an area (details supplied) for CAMHS teams, AMHS teams, PoL and rehab and recovery teams. — Paul Donnelly. [5473/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for primary care psychology services in Dublin west. — Paul Donnelly. [5474/21]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for counselling in primary care services in Dublin west. — Paul Donnelly. [5475/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the current Covid-19 related staff redeployment figures from primary care mental health services in Dublin west. — Paul Donnelly. [5476/21]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the current Covid-19 related staff redeployment figures from CAMHS, AMHS, PoL and rehab and recovery teams. — Paul Donnelly. [5477/21]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which staffing figures for CAMHS and AMHS in January 2021 compare to January 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [5478/21]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels for primary care psychology services in Dublin west. — Paul Donnelly. [5479/21]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner referrals to primary care psychology services in Dublin west by month from 2019 and 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [5480/21]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner referrals to counselling in primary care services in Dublin west by month from 2019 and 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [5481/21]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner referrals to CAMHS, AMHS and PoL for 2019 and 2020. — Paul Donnelly. [5482/21]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the role he envisages for antigen testing in his strategy for managing the Covid-19 crisis. — Richard Bruton. [5483/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health when works to construct a second catheterisation laboratory at University Hospital Waterford will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5495/21]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding booster vaccines for children; if supply issues previously referred to have been resolved; if there is a plan for a catch-up programme;

the locations parents can access a booster vaccine for their children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5498/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some general practitioners are not filling out forms that require a medical certificate, such as carer's allowance applications; the alternative methods of completing application forms; if he has considered issuing guidance to general practitioners on the processing of forms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5499/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health the most up-to-date guidance and regulations with regard to outbound travel; the list of essential reasons a person can depart from an air or sea port; the legal ramifications for persons not adhering to the guidance and regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [5501/21]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in the dental treatment services scheme in 2019 by LHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5529/21]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting ten additional full-time permanent critical care and intensive care nurses for Mullingar Regional Hospital. — Barry Cowen. [5508/21]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting ten additional full-time physiotherapist posts for CHO8. — Barry Cowen. [5509/21]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of magnetic resonance imaging scanners in Portlaoise Regional Hospital; the number of scans carried out from Monday to Friday; and the number of scans carried out at the weekends. — Barry Cowen. [5510/21]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health his views on claims from pharmacists that they have been side-lined from the Covid-19 vaccination programme of persons aged over 70; and if the vaccination of patients over 70 years of age is to be carried out exclusively by general practitioners. — John Lahart. [5514/21]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek and share a detailed report on the causal factors that led to the disposal of 22 vials of a vaccine in the Louth Meath midlands community health area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5517/21]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health if the five-day mandatory quarantine only applies to persons who do not have a negative PCR test in relation to the recently approved mandatory quarantine rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5518/21]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will be examined; if funding opportunities will be provided in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5532/21]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Immunisation Advisory Committee has completed its review of the BCG immunisation programme; if so, the outcome of the process; his plans for the future provision of BCG vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5536/21]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 41 short-term recommendations in the policy Sharing the Vision, A Mental Health Policy for Everyone which have been fully implemented since it was launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5537/21]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 446 of 10 December 2020 and 931 of 13 January 2021, the number and category of staff to be recruited to serve Dublin 9 and 11 (details supplied); the expected timeframe for recruitment of these staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5538/21]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health if all persons administering the vaccine under the current Covid-19 vaccination programme have received the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5540/21]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to give a definitive date of when its health technology review which was promised in April 2019 will be published and consideration given to expanding those eligible for the FreeStyle Libre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5548/21]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health the number of diabetic retina screen tests conducted in each year since the introduction of the National Diabetic Retinal Screening Programme 2014–2020, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5549/21]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of the multidisciplinary teams for diabetic foot; the number of staff employed in each team by region in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5550/21]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health the annual statistics in relation to the diabetes cycle of care since 2015. — Cormac Devlin. [5551/21]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health when a national diabetes register will be created and available to those across the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [5552/21]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health if a plan exists for dealing with residents in nursing homes who were away from their nursing home on the day the other residents received their first dose of the vaccine. — Peadar Tóibín. [5555/21]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health if hospital staff who have been deemed close contacts of those who have tested positive for Covid-19 are being tested; the number of hospital staff nationwide who are close contacts currently awaiting tests; and the average wait time for same. — Peadar Tóibín. [5556/21]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be examined. — Sean Sherlock. [5561/21]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 568 of 20 January 2021, if his Department has a list of the locations of the animal testing laboratories; and if the list will be published. — Paul Murphy. [5565/21]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the body with responsibility for the inspection of laboratories involved in animal testing and the treatment and condition of animals within those laboratories; and the regime of inspection. — Paul Murphy. [5566/21]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which a comprehensive public information campaign will be launched to focus on the incidents and causes of type 1 and type 2 diabetes, the simple procedures that might be followed and the seriousness of the particular condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5568/21]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the launching of a major campaign to identify and treat type 1 and type 2 diabetes throughout the country with a view to eradication much in the same way tuberculosis was eradicated notwithstanding the stress of Covid-19 on the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5569/21]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health if agency healthcare workers will receive the Covid-19 vaccine with HSE healthcare workers; if not, when can they expect to receive the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [5570/21]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will take to ensure persons with cystic fibrosis (details supplied) are better prioritised on the vaccination allocation sequencing schedule, currently group seven; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [5572/21]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health if an application has been made for the participation of a company (details supplied) in the CAP scheme; if so, the status of the application; and if not, if an indication has been given that an application will be made in future. — Thomas Gould. [5576/21]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to ensure patients who are currently being prescribed products produced by a company (details supplied) will be able to continue to receive same and not incur further additional expenses, for example, couriering or personal collection of prescribed products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5581/21]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health if all patients who were receiving reimbursement for their cannabis product prescription costs prior to 21 January 2021 will continue to be reimbursed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5582/21]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to expanding the permissible products list of the Medical Cannabis Access Programme to include cannabis flower (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5583/21]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health if the qualifying list of conditions of the Medical Cannabis Access Programme will be expanded to include chronic pain, migraines, arthritis, endometriosis, anxiety, dementia and depression; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5584/21]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the implementation of an online cannabis education programme for clinicians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5585/21]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken in order to ensure that cannabis patients who have had to emigrate (details supplied) can return to Ireland and legally and affordably access their medicine here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [5586/21]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of palliative care beds in County Tipperary; if palliative care services in the county are being expanded in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5590/21]

*787. To ask the Minister for Health the definition of essential international travel (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [5591/21]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health the status and timeline for the construction of an acute hospital in Cork as promised in the National Development Plan. — Thomas Gould. [5592/21]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health if the ambulatory elective hospital intended for Cork and promised in the National Development Plan will include an emergency department; and if an updated timeline on delivery of the hospital will be provided. — Thomas Gould. [5593/21]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to a national requirement that high-standard FFP2 masks be used in all healthcare settings, not just basic surgical masks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [5599/21]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health if an increased number of FFP2 masks have been provided to hospital staff given the high level of Covid-19 in hospital settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [5600/21]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding made available for the provision of eating disorder services within the HSE in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively; the amount of the allocated funding used in each year, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [5602/21]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to ensure that there is adequate general practitioner cover for all residents in County Wexford; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many persons find it impossible to be accepted on a general practitioner's list in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [5595/21]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Tipperary who have been admitted to the department of psychiatry services in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny since 2012; if all recommendations made by the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment Report 2020 will be implemented at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5603/21]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health when search and rescue crew can expect to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [5604/21]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken to address the backlog in dental treatment for public patients; and his plans to clear the backlog. — Martin Browne. [5608/21]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many families are unable to get dental treatments such as braces through the public systems due to extraordinary

waiting lists (details supplied); and the supports available for those facing private medical bills as a result of the failure of the public healthcare system. — Martin Browne. [5609/21]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure the current and future access of the HSE to stockpiles of N95 masks; his plans to ensure the provision of N95 face masks to all staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [5613/21]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to categorise family carers as healthcare workers in front-line services caring for the most vulnerable for the purpose of the Covid-19 vaccine. — Mary Lou McDonald. [5614/21]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a paediatric diabetes nurse in Tullamore and Mullingar hospitals; and when this service will resume in either hospital (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [5615/21]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide adequate and effective healthcare for persons suffering from life-changing conditions due to the after-effects of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5620/21]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide nationwide long Covid clinics; when he expects these to be open; if there is a current waiting list for such clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5621/21]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide upskilling to general practitioners to give them the adequate skills to diagnose, treat and understand the myriad side effects from long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5622/21]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners that will be called upon to administer the Covid-19 vaccine by local electoral area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5624/21]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to ensure that Covid-19 vaccine vials are not unused or stored incorrectly and expire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5625/21]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health if IVF treatment abroad will be considered essential travel for parents beginning their IVF journey and those who are already in the process of same. — Cathal Crowe. [5644/21]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which those with medical conditions which put them at high risk of severe disease will be selected and contacted to receive the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5651/21]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health the amount general practitioners will be offered per hour to administer the Covid-19 vaccines in mass vaccination centres; if this will be extended to groups who are qualified to administer the vaccine such as general practice nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5652/21]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health the action that will be taken to ensure patients who are currently being prescribed the products produced by a company (details supplied) will be able to continue to receive them and not incur further additional expenses such as couriering or personal

collection of this prescribed product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5659/21]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health if all patients who were receiving reimbursement for their cannabis product prescription costs prior to 21 January 2021 will continue to be reimbursed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5660/21]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to expanding the permissible products list of the medical cannabis access programme to include cannabis flower (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5661/21]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health if the qualifying list of conditions of the medical cannabis access programme will be expanded to include chronic pain, migraine, arthritis, endometriosis, anxiety, dementia and depression; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5662/21]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the implementation of an online cannabis education programme for clinicians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5663/21]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health the actions taken to ensure that cannabis patients who have had to emigrate can return to Ireland and legally and affordably access the medicine here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [5664/21]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health when further student nurse placements will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5671/21]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by his Department in responding to the collective complaint brought to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg regarding conditions in local authority properties; and the breakdown of those costs by type including legal fees, communications, research and any other category that may be relevant. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5685/21]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting their CORU registration number; the number that have been waiting up to 16 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5702/21]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population size of each of the provisional vaccine allocation groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5704/21]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the situation of medicines in view of the new post-Brexit trading arrangement; if supply chains for medicines are holding up; and if there are concerns regarding medicine shortages. — Louise O'Reilly. [5707/21]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health if concerns have been relayed to his Department by pharmaceutical companies regarding shortages of ingredients or medicines due to the new post-Brexit trading arrangements. — Louise O'Reilly. [5709/21]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to suspending non-routine medical card reviews until after lockdown given the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions posing

difficulties for persons to acquire the necessary evidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5710/21]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute mental health units in Dublin that are closed due to outbreaks of Covid-19; and the number of units that are full due to the increased pressure on the remaining units. — Peadar Tóibín. [5711/21]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarity regarding suicidal persons or persons with mental illness who require psychiatric admission in the Dublin area; and if such persons are being admitted to hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [5712/21]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatric beds available in the Dublin region. — Peadar Tóibín. [5713/21]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health the average and expected wait time for a psychiatric bed in the Dublin region in the week of 25 to 31 January 2021; and the contingency plans that have been put in place to deal with the crisis. — Peadar Tóibín. [5714/21]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health when the working group assessing antigen testing is due to report; the plans in place to roll the test out in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5721/21]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health when a residential care home (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5725/21]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health when full contact tracing will resume given the reducing number of daily cases of Covid-19; if full contact tracing will resume when cases reach a certain level; if so, the level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5727/21]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which a CORU registration will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5731/21]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he will take to ensure persons (details supplied) with intellectual disabilities of all ages are appropriately prioritised on the vaccination allocation sequencing schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [5732/21]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health if musical accompaniment is permitted during the webcasting of religious services at level 5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [5735/21]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who have successfully sued the HSE in relation to cervical cancer screening in each of the years since 2018. — Peadar Tóibín. [5741/21]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the category under which a group (details supplied) falls under the Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5742/21]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health when full contact tracing will resume given the reducing number of daily cases of Covid-19; if full contact tracing will resume when cases reach a certain level; if so, the level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5745/21]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the current contracts with a hotel and a centre (details supplied); the timelines and costs for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5749/21]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health if a hotel (details supplied) is still in use as an isolation facility; the number of persons who have used the hotel as an isolation facility in each of the past ten months; the capacity of the hotel as an isolation facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5750/21]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health if a centre (details supplied) is still in use as a field hospital or allergy testing centre; the details of the current usage of the centre; the medical procedures for which the facility is being used; the number of persons who have been treated at the facility in each of the past ten months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5751/21]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the CORU registration process for psychotherapists under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005; when he will indicate his plans to give proper and meaningful priority to the Shared Vision recommendations on access to counselling services in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5752/21]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of Healthy Ireland funding allocated to local authorities; the level of oversight by his Department to ensure associated infrastructure was provided; the amount of funding that was carried forward from these years that was unspent; if funds were returned by local authorities in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [5754/21]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 186 of 23 September 2020, the most recent update (details supplied) regarding access to the drug dupilumab for persons with eczema; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [5755/21]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary medical certificate applications at hand at present; the number of applications waiting to be assessed; if the applications are being processed in date order; the number of applications that have been processed in the past four months by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [5756/21]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the projected shipments and deliveries of Covid-19 vaccines for each producer currently factored into timeline estimates on the provisional delivery schedule; the expected target numbers of roll-out per week, month and quarter to reach the provisional targets set for September 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5794/21]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider using ivermectin and colchicine in the treatment of Covid-19. — Peadar Tóibín. [5803/21]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the mental health supports being provided to persons during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [5807/21]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to the State in legal fees since late 2018 in defending the 115 court cases brought by parents whose children did not receive an assessment of need in a timely manner set out in the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5812/21]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5818/21]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health when a final decision will be made on an application for the reimbursement of the drug dupilumab; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5828/21]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the monitoring practices in place to track the spread of variants of Covid-19 in other countries (details supplied). — James O'Connor. [5830/21]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the preventions in place to monitor the Covid-19 variant spreading to countries which travel restrictions are not currently in place therefore entering through a third-party country (details supplied). — James O'Connor. [5831/21]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be put in place to prevent those that quarantine at home and household members from spreading the virus to others outside the household. — James O'Connor. [5833/21]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that medical card patients are being refused dental treatment due to their card ownership and that some medical card patients are unable to avail of dental work given that their dental services providers have withdrawn from the scheme due to issues with HSE funding for PPE; his plans to create a central dental practice for medical card holders only; the services medical card holders can currently avail of in dental practices under level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [5841/21]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health when x-ray services will be reinstated in Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5848/21]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider rolling out rapid antigen testing to all sectors of the economy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5852/21]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 694 of 27 January 2021, the reason the South African dentistry qualification is not comparable to Irish and European dentistry under the respective qualification frameworks. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5853/21]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a comprehensive report on the mental health budget for 2020; the budget allocated; the way in which it was spent; the services it was spent on; the details of overspends or underspends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5858/21]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a facility (details supplied) has not received Covid-19 vaccinations given that the facility is a long-term residential centre in cohort 1 of the vaccination schedule; if he will now arrange for vaccination as an urgent priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [5859/21]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the practice of nursing homes charging an Alzheimer's premium for residents with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's and that this

premium is not covered in the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5863/21]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychotherapists employed directly in the HSE; the educational criteria required for psychotherapists to work for the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [5864/21]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the pandemic intersectoral and international policy unit in his Department; when this unit was established; the number of staff in the unit; the aims and actions of the unit; the cost of the unit; if minutes are available to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5865/21]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the cost per individual service user on an annual basis for persons with a disability who attend services (details supplied) in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5874/21]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide airline staff travelling back and forth to the UK with an official Government headed letter outlining that they are exempt from PCR testing requirements in cases in which they are travelling in the course of performing their duties (details supplied); if not, if arrangements will be put in place to provide PCR testing for airline workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [5875/21]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health the level of compliance in filling out the passenger locator forms on a weekly basis from 4 January 2021; the number of forms which were correctly and incorrectly completed on a weekly basis, respectively; and the number of persons that refused to fill out the form on a weekly basis in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [5883/21]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health the number of follow-up calls made to incoming passengers on a weekly basis since 4 January 2021; and the number of calls which were successfully answered on a weekly basis in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [5884/21]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there is need for the return of the modular cath laboratory at University Hospital Waterford as an interim measure given that the completion of the second cath laboratory is likely to be 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [5885/21]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health the seven EU member states represented on the EU joint negotiation team to negotiate with Covid-19 vaccine suppliers in relation to advance purchase agreements; the name of the seven experts appointed by the relevant member states to the joint negotiation team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [5887/21]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health if a high-concentrate free supply of vitamin D will be provided to categories of persons (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [5892/21]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health if the Food Safety Authority of Ireland will be instructed to examine whether or not vitamin D supplements in excess of the strength currently recommended for protecting older persons bones are advisable for the entire population in order to build resilience against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [5893/21]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health if an independent expert working group will be convened which includes specialist expertise in the relevant medical and other clinical specialities to

comprehensively evaluate if vitamin D supplementation at doses greater than those currently recommended to Irish adults for musculoskeletal health is now advisable to the Irish adult population in order to build their resilience against Covid-19 infection and severe Covid-19 disease. — Emer Higgins. [5894/21]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health if he will appoint an independent expert working group which includes specialist expertise in medical gerontology and the other relevant medical and clinical specialities to comprehensively evaluate whether vitamin D supplementation at doses greater than those currently recommended to Irish adults aged over 65 years of age for musculoskeletal health are now advisable to the Irish adult population aged over 65 years of age in order to build their resilience against Covid-19 infection and severe Covid-19 cases. — Emer Higgins. [5895/21]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health if an independent expert working group will be appointed which includes specialist expertise in medical gerontology and the other relevant medical and clinical specialities to comprehensively evaluate whether vitamin D supplementation at doses greater than those currently recommended to Irish adults and to Irish adults aged over 65 years of age for musculoskeletal health is now advisable to Irish adults with underlying medical conditions in order to build their resilience against Covid-19 infection and severe Covid-19 disease. — Emer Higgins. [5896/21]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will ensure that PPE equipment will be delivered to the 700 plus private dentists that registered their interest for this equipment with the HSE following a commitment by his Department to deliver this equipment in June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [5897/21]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an imminent plan to cut a community lactation consultant position in south-east Dublin; the rationale for the proposed cut; if he will reconsider the decision given the increasing demand for lactations service in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5898/21]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health if there was a breach of the Covid visiting policy at the HSEs Clonakilty Community Hospital on 30 December 2020, in which a group of eight persons allegedly visited a resident in the hospital, as indicated in a report in the media (details supplied) on 16 January 2021; if four of the group of eight visitors subsequently tested positive for Covid-19; if the resident who was visited by the group was moved into isolation on foot of the visitors' Covid-19 test results; if that resident subsequently tested positive for Covid-19; his views on the implementation of Covid-19 visiting regulations for public and private hospitals and residential care facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [5899/21]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health if Irish citizens are permitted to travel to the UK for family reunification purposes; if partners are considered family; if family reunification is considered essential travel; if An Garda Síochána accept that this is essential travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [5902/21]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) will be addressed.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [5905/21]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to engage the services of general practitioner practice nurses who are skilled in the inoculation of patients to play a part in the programme in view of the engagement of general practitioners to assist in the community roll-out of the national

Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [5908/21]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no funding was allocated to the National Eating Disorder Treatment Plan in 2020; the reason none of the €1.6 million allocated in 2019 was spent in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [5914/21]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health the date for the finalisation of the HSE review of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system in view of the prevailing public health situation and HSE advice that if diabetes patients become infected with Covid-19 they are more at risk of serious complications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5919/21]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications that have been made to the HSE for access to the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring devices other than children and young adults four to 21 years of age by consultant endocrinologists or a member of their team in each of the years 2017 to 2020; the number of applications that were deemed successful in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [5920/21]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who has received the Covid-19 vaccine in full and is in receipt of proof of same is exempt from public health Covid restrictions and can move beyond designated travel distance barriers; and if they are allowed to leave the State for non-essential reasons. — Catherine Murphy. [5921/21]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health when consideration will be given to making the Covid-19 vaccine available for funeral directors and undertakers in view of the nature of their work in the context of the distribution of vaccine nationwide. — Charles Flanagan. [5923/21]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines for front-line healthcare workers who are currently pregnant and carrying out their roles in hospitals; if they are being rostered to areas in which there is a reduced exposure to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [5932/21]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a senior clinician (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5935/21]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the status of implementing antigen testing for specific community mass testing centres; the settings in which antigen testing is being considered in tabular form; the guidance which recommends antigen testing in those settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [5938/21]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the date for the reopening of a service (details supplied) given the critical role it plays in sexual health for members of the LGBT+ community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5942/21]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will issue clear instructions to those attending Covid test centres that public transport must not to be taken to the site given the threat of virus spread to fellow passengers and public transport workers; if alternative arrangements can be made for them in cases in which persons are dependent on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5943/21]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to prioritise vaccination for those living with serious conditions such as CF and end-stage renal disease, classified as very high risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5944/21]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to accede urgently to the request by a society (details supplied) to the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment in December 2020 to add this profession to the critical skills occupation list for employment permit purposes given the deficit in physiotherapist numbers, the treatment backlog and the disease impact of both Covid-19 and long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [5945/21]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cardiac diagnostic assessments and cardiac procedures for each carried out at University Hospital Waterford in the cath lab at the hospital and at a clinic (details supplied) on behalf of UHW for each month of 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5949/21]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health the number of PPCI procedures carried out at University Hospital Waterford for the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5950/21]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health the average numbers waiting and time spent on waiting lists each for a cardiac diagnostic assessment and for a cardiac procedure at University Hospital Waterford by month by 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 months and over one year in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and for 2021 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [5951/21]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to a contact tracing and management system similar to that in Taiwan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [5955/21]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who lives greater distances than the five-kilometre restriction and lives alone can be in a support bubble with their relative or partner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [5956/21]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health if travellers coming into the country via ports or airports and who have to restrict their movements will be provided with secure transport from the airport to their residence or accommodation in order not to risk the spread of Covid-19 on public transport. — Martin Browne. [5959/21]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health if the CEO of the HSE has been vaccinated against the Covid-19; if other members of HSE management have been vaccinated in particular those who form part of the HSE senior leadership team and those who are members of the HSE board; if staff members at the HSE headquarters at Dr. Stevens' Hospital building have been vaccinated; and if so, the number (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [5962/21]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been vaccinated against Covid-19; and if members of the Cabinet have been vaccinated (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [5963/21]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) has been vaccinated against Covid-19; and if any members of the management of his Department have been vaccinated. — Joan Collins. [5964/21]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the priority of pharmacy staff in the vaccine roll-out plan; if he will consider utilising pharmacy staff as a resource in the vaccination teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [5965/21]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health when a student (details supplied) in County Cork who is on the public waiting list for orthodontic treatment will receive an appointment. — Michael Creed. [5980/21]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who arrived in Ireland in each week of January 2021 who did not have a PCR test 72 hours before departure; the number of completed passenger locator forms; the number who received a follow-up call and the nature of the follow-up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5984/21]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health if persons arriving at airports and ports here will be subject to a Covid-19 PCR test; if there will be a five-day follow-up PCR test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [5985/21]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the requirements for pharmacists who participate in the administration of the Covid-19 vaccine; if those whose CPR training is not up to date can self-declare; if provisions have been made to supply them with additional adrenaline autoinjectors for use in the event of adverse reactions; if consideration has been given to the disposal of items used during or as a consequence of the administration programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [5987/21]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health if pharmacist assistants and other staff members who will be involved in the programme of Covid-19 vaccine administration will be vaccinated alongside pharmacists. — Martin Browne. [5988/21]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or the HSE will be providing pharmacists with a standard operation procedure for the Covid-19 administration programme; if not, if they will be asked to devise it themselves or individually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [5989/21]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health the storage provisions that will have to be made available to the pharmacists involved in administering the Covid-19 vaccine. — Martin Browne. [5990/21]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the cost of going to the doctor for persons who do not qualify for the medical or general practitioner visit cards. — Martin Browne. [5991/21]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health if the impacts of energy poverty on health are monitored by his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [5992/21]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an application by a person (details supplied) for registration is not yet completed in view of the need for suitably qualified and registered nurses in Ireland at this present time and considering that the application was submitted several months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [6002/21]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health when chartered physiotherapists will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [6003/21]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will have an ASD assessment before they reach 18 years of age in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6013/21]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for St. Vincent's Hospital; if they are on the routine or urgent waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6014/21]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was released from Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6015/21]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect an appointment in Sligo University Hospital neurology department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6016/21]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [6026/21]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reopening of the Annalee Respite Centre, County Cavan; the timeframe for same; the number of families that can be catered for at the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [6036/21]

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

*916. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts he has made to secure a share of the bluefin tuna for Irish fishers for 2021 through engagements with the EU Commission and ICCAT; and the details of the outcome of engagements in relation to the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [4999/21]

*917. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 662 of 27 May 2020, the outcome of the report drafted by the marine engineering division on the construction of road approximately 400 metres in length along the foreshore of Lough Foyle at Clar, Redcastle, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5000/21]

*918. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it will be ensured that all sectors of the fishing industry including the producer organisations, fishing co-ops, inshore fishing organisations and islands fishing organisations are represented on the taskforce that he has announced for the industry. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5001/21]

*919. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the review of the decision to not proceed with the sea survival centre at the Fisheries School at Greencastle, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5002/21]

*920. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the review of the request from Donegal County Council to centrally fund the completion of the breakwater at Greencastle Harbour, County Donegal and the development of the harbour to increase the potential for fisheries and tourism. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5003/21]

*921. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions a person (details supplied) should take in view of the fact they cannot obtain a herd number due to Covid-19. — Niamh Smyth. [5029/21]

*922. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recorded landings by UK registered vessels at each harbour nationwide in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5053/21]

*923. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider extending the landing times for UK registered vessels at some designated ports nationwide from Monday to Friday to seven days a week with regard to the safety of fishers and the limitations of the weather that impacts on their livelihoods. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5054/21]

*924. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will seek an update on the legal advice submitted to the Office of the Attorney General by organisations (details supplied) with respect to the derogation provided for in article 105(4) of Regulation EU 2019/6 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5061/21]

*925. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5090/21]

*926. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a 2020 ANC payment in respect of a person (details supplied) has not been paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [5140/21]

*927. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 513 of 21 January 2021, if it is his Department's policy not to facilitate applicants in this particular category; if the forestry in question is likely to be harvested in the normal way in view of its maturity and the shortage of timber and timber products and the applicant does not have the means to fund a NIS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5143/21]

*928. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for allowing greyhound racing to continue when hare coursing has correctly ceased during level five restrictions; the further reason for allowing an activity to continue in a confined space with persons travelling from around the country to various stadiums which is considered unsafe given the unprecedented high level of Covid-19 infections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [5160/21]

*929. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding available for calf welfare projects under the calf welfare scheme and TAMS; the specific topics covered for funding; the closing dates for these schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [5231/21]

*930. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding provided to animal welfare and rescue organisations by organisation in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5236/21]

*931. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to cases of Covid-19 in meat processing plants in County Cork between 1 December 2020 and 26 January 2021, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5237/21]

*932. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of recorded cases of Covid-19 in a meat plant (details supplied) in County Cork for the period 1 December 2020 to 26 January 2021, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [5238/21]

*933. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the measures in place to monitor the health and working conditions in meat plants to prevent further clusters of Covid-19. — Holly Cairns. [5240/21]

*934. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will release a full contact directory of roles and responsibilities within his Department for the marine sector including persons responsible for various roles to opposition spokespersons as other Ministers and Departments. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [5302/21]

*935. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to plans for the imminent restocking of a salmon farm (details supplied) by its operator; and if he has sanctioned or is prepared to sanction such restocking prior to the determination by the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board of an appeal by the operator against his Ministerial order of April 2019 that aquaculture operations at the site be discontinued. — Sean Sherlock. [5313/21]

*936. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the nature of plans to have the Naval Service board any of the factory vessels currently fishing for mackerel off the west coast to check them for compliance with the Common Fisheries Policy, recognising that all vessels landing mackerel at ports here are inspected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5316/21]

*937. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if matters raised in correspondence by a cooperative (details supplied) in relation to its serious and significant concerns on prawn fishing in the north-east will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [5373/21]

*938. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when badger culling will be ended; and if he will publish the scientific and veterinary advice regarding same. — Kathleen Funchion. [5384/21]

*939. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding that is to be made available for animal welfare organisations in 2021; and if this reflects the agreed doubling of funding for such organisations in the Programme for Government. — Steven Matthews. [5395/21]

*940. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage of sprat landed per port in Ireland from October to December 2020; and the amount of sprat exported to other jurisdictions including Northern Ireland in the same time period in tabular form. — Steven Matthews. [5396/21]

*941. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to introduce a draft Bill to outlaw fur farming given it is specified as a priority in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [5399/21]

*942. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on an appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5440/21]

*943. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Forestry (Amendment) (Number 2) Regulations 2020 do not provide for a transitional arrangement in respect of foresters who applied for planning permission prior to and received planning permission after the introduction of the regulations on 7 February 2020; his plans to address the absence of such a transitional arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [5444/21]

*944. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a felling licence will be issued to a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [5486/21]

*945. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason point-to-point racing which was designated elite sport status during the previous two lockdowns has been removed from the list of elite sports that can continue during the current lockdown. — Louise O'Reilly. [5500/21]

*946. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the formation of the fisheries taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [5515/21]

*947. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an applicant is precluded from receiving a grant in respect of the reforestation of a parcel of land if a grant was not obtained for the original afforestation of that land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5597/21]

*948. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if land counts as hectares in the folio number in cases in which land is under a permanent lake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [5606/21]

*949. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5611/21]

*950. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [5683/21]

*951. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the EU co-financed funding provided in 2015 and 2016 to the Irish dairy sector to address income volatility within the sector; the value of each measure introduced; the terms and conditions of each scheme; the level of compliance with the terms of each measure; the refunds sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5733/21]

*952. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a derogation from the 5% bovine livestock manure nitrogen on a holding that is locked up due to TB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5740/21]

*953. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if further funding will be allocated to this facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [5776/21]

*954. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the restrictions in place on the importation of honeybees; if there is a licensing regime; if his Department monitors the level of

compliance; the disease controls in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [5796/21]

*955. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons awaiting a place on a green certificate course by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5800/21]

*956. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of new green certificate places available for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5801/21]

*957. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a son or daughter taking over a family farm is not treated like a new entrant to the sheep welfare scheme given they are using the same herd number as previously held by a parent; if the rule will be reviewed based on the fact that the child may never have owned, bought or sold sheep under this herd number and their first transaction will be through the existing herd number; if his Department will engage with young farmers in such a situation; if relevant information such as current flock numbers will be taken into account when deciding on eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [5813/21]

*958. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will provide compensation to the farmers whose lands have been negatively impacted as a result of the landslide on Shass Mountain, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5845/21]

*959. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will allow farmers whose land has been negatively impacted as result of a landslide on Shass Mountain, County Leitrim to submit and claim ANC and BPS on these lands in their 2021 ANC and BPS applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [5847/21]

*960. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of course places available in each year since 2016 for green certificate qualification; the number of applicants for green certificate courses in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5856/21]

*961. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the figures used to predict demand for places on green certificate courses; the demand predicted for 2021; the predicted demand for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5857/21]

*962. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if concerns that the 5% nitrate reduction criteria of the BEAM scheme is generating significant concern among farmers particularly regarding their capacity to meet the reduction target before the 30 June 2021 deadline will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5909/21]

*963. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Ireland has conducted a census of agriculture in 2020 in line with the Integrated Farm Statistics Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1091; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5910/21]

*964. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the development of a successor scheme to GLAS as part of the 2021-2027 Rural Development Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [5911/21]

*965. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the taskforce on fisheries will be established further to the Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture and the Marine meeting of 22 January 2021; the timeframe for the taskforce to be operational; when an announcement will be made for participants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [5934/21]

*966. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the European Union basic payment scheme inheritance regulation 2017 ensures that when there is no provision for entailments made in a will that the entailments transfer with eligible land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [5940/21]

*967. 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. [5972/21]

*968. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when felling licences for a person (details supplied) will be approved; the status of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [5978/21]

*969. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the fisheries and harbours funding will open for applications in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [5981/21]

*970. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of approved FLAG applications for 2020; when such applications will receive offers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6011/21]

*971. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the FLAG programme will open to new applications in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [6012/21]

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

*972. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding streams available for an organisation (details supplied) seeking to build a new premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [5484/21]

*973. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department continue to address issues of urban and rural isolation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [5767/21]

*974. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding dog ownership; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [5970/21]

*975. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of remote working facilities at digital hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5039/21]

*976. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of broadband connection points per county; the number of those that are actively live; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5040/21]

*977. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital budget allocation for the town and village renewal scheme in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5121/21]

*978. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital budget allocation for the outdoor recreation and infrastructure scheme in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [5122/21]

*979. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an application by an organisation (details supplied) for a post will be successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [5141/21]

*980. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the community services programme Pobal grants will reopen for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [5299/21]

*981. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a copy will be provided of the European Commission communication to her Department in Spring 2020 regarding the verification of the reasonableness of administration costs of Leader in accordance with article 48(2)(e) of EU Regulation 809/2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [5341/21]

*982. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funds allocated to the Rural Regeneration Development Fund by county in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [5344/21]

*983. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she will take to ensure the robust and consistent enforcement of the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 to reduce the prevalence of puppy farms. — Steven Matthews. [5394/21]

*984. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be provided on a trial basis to the library service in County Kildare to fund delivery of a library lending service via the postal service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5452/21]

*985. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has considered establishing co-working spaces in rural areas of counties Kildare and Laois to facilitate persons working remotely within their communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5453/21]

*986. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the interdepartmental group set up within her Department to examine the remote working hubs and co-working spaces; when the group is due to report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [5454/21]

*987. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital funding opportunities that exist within her Department for an organisation (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [5545/21]

*988. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the process for communities, towns and villages wishing to set up a broadband connection point; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [5969/21]

*989. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration has been given to allocating funds available under the European Union Recovery Instrument funding for 2021 and 2022 of which €190 million is allocated to Ireland for the purpose of the Leader programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [6025/21]

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